

**Offering our Talents, Time, and Treasure:** In response to the Good News of God's saving love in Jesus Christ, we are invited to give of ourselves and our resources. If you are seeking ways to share your time and your talents, please speak to one of the pastors. Financial contributions may be placed in the offering plate, or by scanning the QR code on the card in the pew rack, or by texting 704-228-7459.

**Large Print Hymnals, printed copies of the sermon, and a hearing assistance system are available. We have an AED Machine in the Narthex.** Please speak to an usher for assistance with any of these items.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

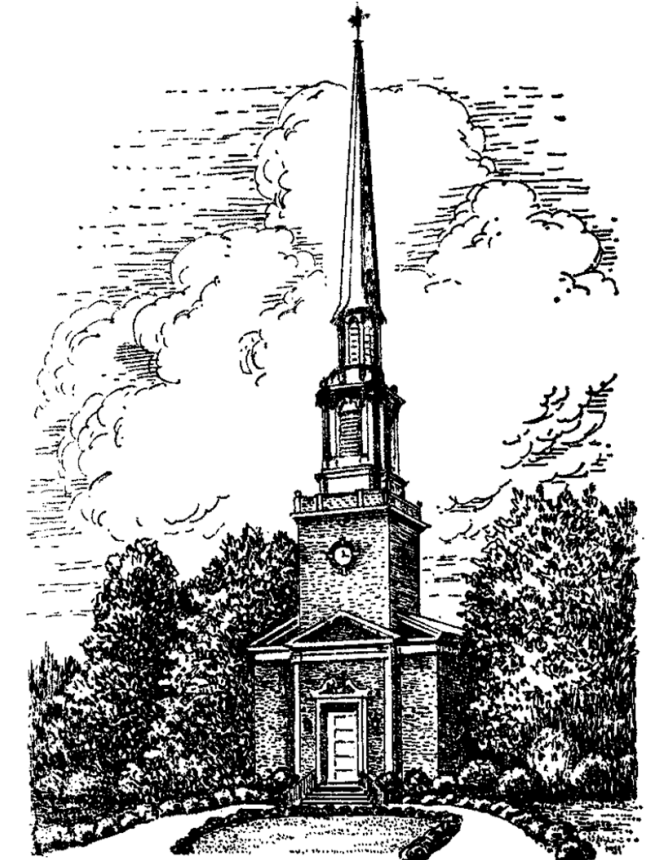
**Birth-** The rosebud in the chancel today is in honor of Charles Wesley Kenlon born on August 19, 2024. Parents are Peyton Bryant Kenlon and Kade Kenlon, grandparents are Nicki and David Bryant.

**Grace of Service** 1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." In this stewardship season, consider how we as individuals are called to service here. The deacons will host lemonade and cookies following the service in the churchyard. Come join us!

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Later Today</b>	12:00 PM 12:15 PM 2:00 PM 3:00 PM	Lemonade & Cookies (Front Lawn) Confirmand Meeting (FH sunroom) CROP Walk (off campus in Kannapolis) Circle 5 (Library Conference Room)
<b>Monday, October 14</b>	8:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	We Build Breakfast (Davis Hall) Circle 4 (off campus) Racial Equity Reads (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday, October 15</b>	9:00 AM 9:20 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Directory Photos (Senior High Room—Will Young) First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Ruth Cannon Garden Club (Davis Hall) Library Committee (Library Conference Room) PW CT (Library Conference Room) Al Anon (Commons) Boy Scouts (Senior High Room)
<b>Wednesday, October 16</b>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Directory Photos (Senior High Room-Will Young) First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Bible Study (Library Conference Room) Worship & Music (Journey Classroom) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday, October 17</b>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Directory Photos (Senior High Room-Will Young) First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Girl Scouts (2nd & 3rd floors Ed Bldg)
<b>Friday, October 18</b>	9:00 AM	Directory Photos (Senior High Room-Will Young) First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
<b>Saturday, October 19</b>		Directory Photos (Senior High Room-Will Young)
<b>Sunday, October 20</b>	9:45 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 PM	Sunday School Classes (Various locations) Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship (in person and live streamed) Blessing of the Animals (Front Lawn)

# Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**First Presbyterian Church  
70 Union Street North  
Concord, North Carolina**

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**



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CONCORD

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**Rev. Bryan Hovey, Parish Associate**  
**Dr. Jacqueline Yost, Director of Music and Organist**  
**Dr. Jeffrey W. Price, Choirmaster**  
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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As the music plays, you are invited to pause, reflect, and pray silently as we prepare for worship.

To be overwhelmed  
By powerful emotions  
Doesn't make you "a mess"  
All this life  
All this loss  
All this tangled love  
& unknown yearning  
It's more than any of us can hold  
~by David Gate

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Friendship Pad found on the center aisle of each pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

### VOLUNTARY

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*inspired by 1 Samuel 2*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: My heart rejoices in the Lord.

**People: The One who saves me and gives me strength to stand.**

Leader: No one is holy like the Lord.

**People: There is no rock like our God!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

### \*HYMN 390

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**When we think we can go it alone, O God, forgive us. When we insist that we or anyone else should be able to stand without help, forgive us. In your mercy, give us strength to offer you our honest prayers and our messy selves, trusting that your grace is sufficient for us and for all. Amen.** *[Time for silent confession follows.]*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Near to the Heart of God*

MC.AFEE

**There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

lay reader, Ben Lacy

### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 31: 9-10, 14-16

pew bible, page 506

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SECOND LESSON

1 Samuel 1:1-20

pew bible, page 244

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Ellen Crawford True

### MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN 800

*Sometimes a Light Surprises*

SALLEY GARDENS

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Bow Down Thine Ear*

Fatyeff-Tkach

(Sanctuary Choir)

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily; unto Thee do I lift up my soul. For Lord, Thou art great, and doest wondrous things; Thou art God whom all nations shall glorify, none like to Thee, O Lord. Teach me Thy way, that I may walk in Thy truth, and I will praise Thee, Lord, my God, with all my heart; for great is Thy mercy to me. Thou hast delivered me, O Lord; Thou art full of mercy and compassion, O Lord; Thou art plenteous in mercy; O turn unto me, have mercy on me. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy One, for your gifts of love, grace, and life abundant and good, we give you thanks. May all that we offer be a part of your work of repairing and restoring your world. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 846

*Fight the Good Fight*

DUKE STREET

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen in E*

Yost

### POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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**Worship notes: The Apostles' Creed:** "Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church...In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the [church]...By the eighth century, the creed had attained its current form." --from the preface to the Apostles' Creed in the PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*.

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!** We are so glad you are here. You are invited to join us for study, service, education, and fellowship in addition to worship. If you have questions or would like to learn more about this community, please speak with one of the pastors following worship.

**Sanctuary Safety**—In our ongoing efforts to care for all who work, play, and worship on our campus, we are being intentional about access to buildings throughout the week and on Sundays. All sanctuary doors are locked after worship begins on Sunday mornings, with the exception of the main doors leading to the narthex. Worshipers are free to exit by any of the doors at any time. To re-enter, please come through the doors to the narthex.

### Children are always welcome here.

We have a wonderful nursery and childcare for infants through preschool each Sunday in the Will Young Building. Worship bags for young children are available in the narthex near the front doors. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

**Pew Prep** - We invite any kindergarten and first grade children to attend Pew Prep after the Children's Message. Our volunteers will lead the children to the Children's Chapel on the second floor of the Education Building where they will engage in fun activities while learning about different aspects of worship. The goal of Pew Prep is to provide education that allows our young worshipers to understand and fully participate when they are in the sanctuary. Volunteers will bring the children back to the sanctuary during the Doxology and they will return to sit with their family.