

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

Our "Noisy" Offering received during the Message for Children will benefit the Backpack Program at Coltrane-Webb Elementary.

Grace of Gratitude 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 : "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". (NIV) Today, following the service, pick up your own personal gratitude journal. It is a small booklet in which you can track moments of gratitude and think about what God has done for you, as we continue our pilgrimage through stewardship season. (Start planning now for pot luck meal next Sunday!)

The Congregational Care Ministry Team warmly invites you to our Healing Support Luncheon on Wednesday, November 6, at 11:30 AM in Davis Hall. There will be a special guest speaker.

We each grieve in our own way. There is no timeline for grief. This luncheon is for anyone who has recently experienced the loss of someone dear and for those who know the dull ache of grief over time. Brief words about grief and prayers for healing will be offered, however, the focus is on sharing a meal with others who understand loss. You may invite any family, friends, neighbors, who have had losses of their own this year.
Please RSVP by October 31st to 704-788-2100 # 7

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later Today

12:00 PM	PW Fall Spiced Lunch (Davis Hall)
4:30 PM	Middle School Youth (Davis Hall)
5:30 PM	Youth Dinner (Davis Hall)
6:00 PM	High School Youth (Davis Hall)

Monday, October 28

9:00 AM	First Kids Scholastic Book Fair (Davis Hall)
10:30 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
4:00 PM	Book Buddies Mtg (Journey Classroom)
7:00 PM	Personnel & Admin (Library Conference Room)
	Racial Equity Reads (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 29

9:00 AM	First Kids Scholastic Book Fair (Davis Hall)
7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
7:00 PM	Al Anon (Commons)
	Boy Scouts (Senior High Room)

Wednesday, October 30

9:00 AM	First Kids Scholastic Book Fair (Davis Hall)
10:30 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
2:00 PM	Bible Study (Library Conference Room)
7:30 PM	Staff Meeting (FH Sunroom)
	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 31

9:00 AM	First Kids Scholastic Book Fair (Davis Hall)
6:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
	Halloween Trick or Treaters (Front Lawn)

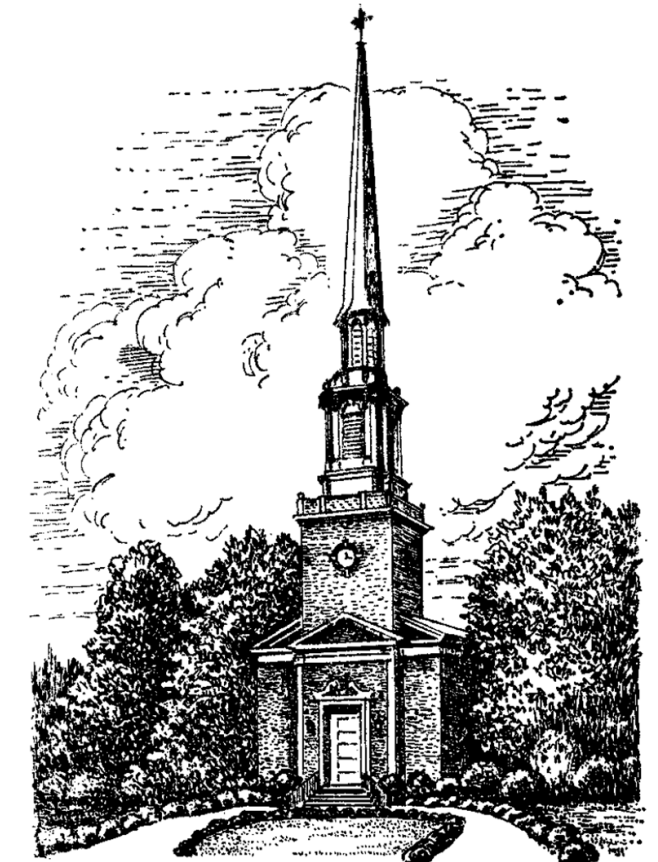
Friday, November 1

9:00 AM	First Kids Scholastic Book Fair (Davis Hall)
	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)

Sunday, November 3

9:45 AM	Sunday School Classes (Various locations)
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)
11:00 AM	Worship (in person and live streamed)
12:00 PM	Stewardship Pot Luck Lunch (Davis Hall)
4:30 PM	Middle School Youth (Davis Hall)
5:30 PM	Youth Dinner (David Hall)
6:00 PM	High School Youth (Davis Hall)

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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

Sunday, October 27, 2024



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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.

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

portions of Psalm 99

Leader: The LORD reigns! Let the people tremble.

People: He is enthroned between the cherubim.

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted above all the peoples.

People: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at the Lord's Temple. For the Lord, our God is holy.

All: *Let us worship God together.*

*HYMN 11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we confess to you our unfaithfulness, our divided loyalties, and our failure to accept the truth. We prefer the approval of our fellow humans, rather than turning to the One who reveals the path of righteousness. We are blinded by our own brokenness and do not hesitate to point to the failings of others. Open our hearts, clear our ears so we can respond to your word and see our call to serve. Hear our anguish and have pity on our weary souls. Be gracious to us O, Lord, and forgive our sins and fill our hearts with hope and joy.

[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

MCAFEE

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, Valerie Thomas

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:2-4

pew bible, page 631

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Noisy Offering

SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:27-30,41-43

pew bible, page 336

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Bryan Hovey

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

*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

Rain Down

arr. John Carter

(Sanctuary Choir, Scott Verner, soloist)

Refrain: Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life. (1.) Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust. God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth. **Refrain:** (2.) We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing. God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve. **Refrain:** (3.) God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in You. **Refrain:**

***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, giver of every good gift, we give you thanks. We pray, Lord, that this offering will be directed to fulfill your purpose in this community and the world. It is by the grace of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, that these gifts are made possible.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*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.