

IN OBSERVANCE OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, we recognize those in our congregation who have been raised into the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Day:

Tricia Iglehart <i>January 27, 2023</i>	Rhee Nelson <i>November 28, 2023</i>
Mary Anne Ritchie <i>December 7, 2023</i>	Buddy Leatherman, Jr. <i>December 22, 2023</i>
Sheila Hale <i>January 11, 2024</i>	Shirley Brannan <i>January 17, 2024</i>
Mary Ida Beaver <i>April 3, 2024</i>	Charles Brandon, Jr. <i>April 22, 2024</i>
Linda Barnett <i>May 31, 2024</i>	Betty Hill <i>August 10, 2024</i>
Carolyn Perry <i>August 23, 2024</i>	Robert Fulghum <i>September 3, 2024</i>
Jennie Bethune <i>September 27, 2024</i>	

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*. This morning's prayer of confession and prayer following communion come from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*.

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.

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 donated by texting 704-288-7459 or by using the "Give" button on the church's website (firstpresconcord.org).

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

Grace of Giving: II Corinthians 8:7: "But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

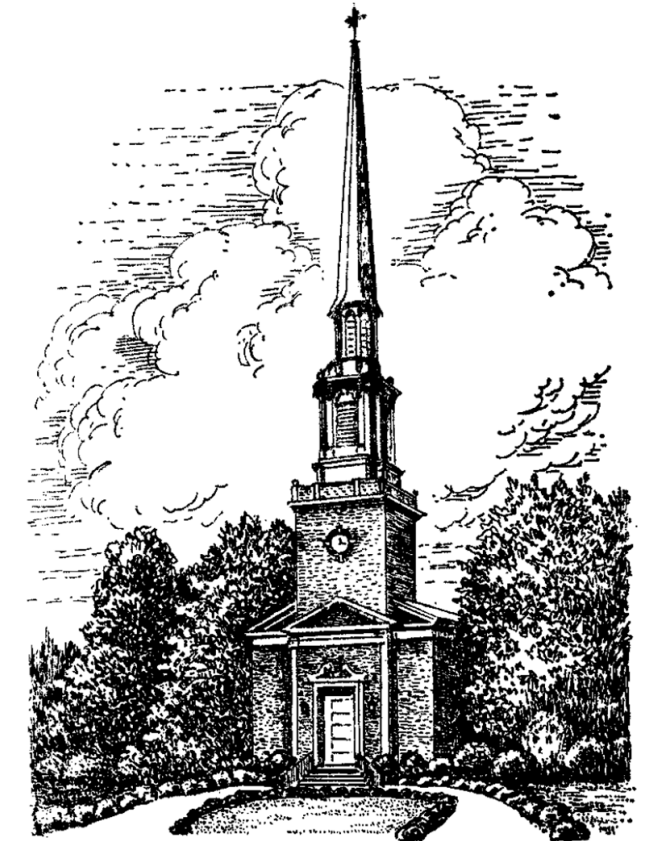
Pray about your response to this text during this season of stewardship. Plan on joining us at a potluck in Davis Hall following the service today!

Birth- The rosebud in the chancel today is in honor of Lillian Kate Niblock born on October 20, 2024 in Charlotte. Parents are Haley and Marc Niblock, Jr., grandparents are Lisa and Marc Niblock

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

LATER TODAY	12:00 PM 5:30 PM	Stewardship Pot Luck Lunch (Davis Hall) Combined Youth Group (Davis Hall)
Monday, November 4	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Circle 1 (Fellowship House) Racial Equity Reads (Zoom)
Tuesday, November 5	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Cub Scouts (Davis Hall) Boy Scouts (Senior High Room, Will Young) Al Anon (Commons)
Wednesday, November 6	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) VBS Art (FH Sunroom) Bible Study (Fellowship House) Healing Support Lunch (Davis Hall) Staff Meeting (FH sunroom) Buildings & Grounds (Library Conference Room) Board of Deacons (Library Conference Room) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, November 7	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Soup and Shop Set-up (Davis Hall) First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Thursday Connection (Library Conference Room) Girl Scouts (2nd & 3rd Floors, Ed Bldg) Deacon Social—off campus
Friday, November 8	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	CCM Meeting (Commons) Market for Missions Soup and Shop (Davis Hall)
Sunday, November 10	9:45 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Sunday School Classes (Various Rooms) Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship (in person and live streamed) Aldridge Reception (Davis Hall) Circle 5 (Library Conference Room) Combined Youth (off campus)

Sunday In Ordinary Time



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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.

God of all the faithful,
we rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love.
Work out your good purpose in us and help us in our weakness
as we await, with eager longing, the redemption of all things;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

~ PC(USA) *Book of Common 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

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

*HYMN 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised
in Jesus Christ. 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

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, Doug Phillips

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 146

pew bible, page 581

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 17, selected verses pew bible, page323

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 697

Take My Life

HENDON

*Presentation of Pledges

During the hymn, you are invited to return your pledge cards for 2025.

*Please bring them forward using the center aisle and return to your pew using
the side aisles.*

You are also welcome to submit your pledge by mail or online.

Prayer

*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.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

TEXT TO GIVE: 704-228-7459

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

arr. John Rutter

(Sanctuary Choir)

(1.) Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once
was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. (2.) 'Twas grace that
taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that
grace appear the hour I first believed. (3.) Through many dangers, toils, and
snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace
will lead me home. (4.) The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope
secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. (5.) Yea,
when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal like shall cease, I shall possess,
within the veil, a life of joy and peace. (6.) When we've been there ten
thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's
praise than when we first begun. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound.

***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 DEDICATION

**Holy One, God of all, we give you thanks for your abundant gifts. Bless all
that we offer both today and in the days ahead. Through our words, our
actions, and our prayers, may we give others a glimpse of your hope, your
wisdom, your justice, and your love. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...
And so, we join our voices with the faithful of every time and
place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in
joyful praise...

HYMN 562

Holy, Holy, Holy

The prayer continues and then ends with 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have
united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us
forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming
love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen in E

(Sanctuary Choir)

Jacqueline Yost

POSTLUDE

† *Our communion bread is gluten-free, so that all may share one bread. (1 Cor. 10:17)*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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