

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth, the rosebud in the chancel today is in honor of Oliver Henry Sadowski, born on December 20. Parents are Emma and Nick Sadowski. Grandparents are René and Chris Prager.

Usher Training : Are you interested in serving as an usher during service or recently started serving as an usher? Need an usher refresher? Please join us for a brief usher training immediately after worship today. This will take about 15 minutes. We will review the role of ushers and the usher responsibilities in worship. We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for serving our church in this ministry.

Middle School and High School Youth are invited to Davis Hall today at 4:30 PM for Movie Night!

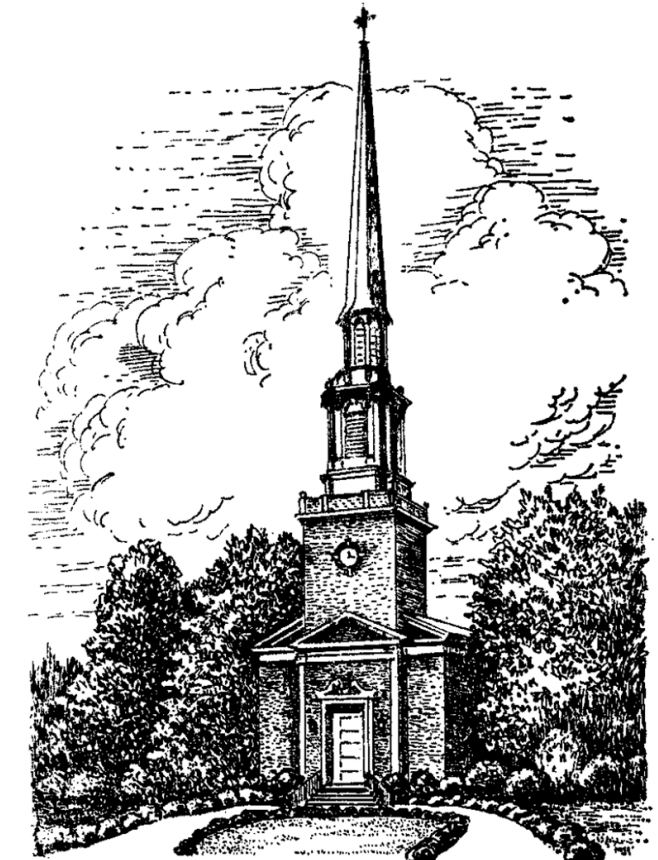
January Lunch Bunch: I would venture to say, EVERYONE in this church has donated to Cooperative Christian Ministries. Please allow yourself to listen to Ed Hosack, executive Director of CCM, as we lunch and learn of the 10.5 acre property of the Rebuilders Campus at Brown Mill Commons and Grace Place at Caremoor. Exciting, hopeful news, to improve our community and make us proud to live here. Join us Tuesday, January 28th, at 11:45 AM in Davis Hall. Call 704-788-2100, #7, to reserve your lunch, \$10 payable at the door. Reservations accepted through January 26th.

Our Habitat for Humanity Build Date is Wednesday, January 29 from 9:00 AM—3:30 PM. The volunteer sign-up link is in the Banner.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later Today 12:00 PM 4:30 PM	Usher Training (Sanctuary) Youth (Davis Hall)
Monday, January 20	Office Closed for MLK holiday
Tuesday, January 21 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Cub Scouts (Davis Hall) Al Anon Meeting (Commons) Boy Scouts (Will Young Senior High Room) PW CT (Library Conference Room)
Wednesday, January 22 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Bible Study (Library Conference Room) Staff Meeting Christian Ed Mtg (Fellowship House Sunroom) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, January 23 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Academic Learning Center (Library Conference Room) First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Thursday Connections Girl Scouts (2nd & 3rd floors, Ed Bldg) Books and Brews (off campus)
Friday, January 24 9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
Sunday, January 26 9:45 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School Classes (Various Rooms) Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship (in person and live streamed) Confirmand Meeting (Davis Hall) Youth Dinner (Davis Hall) Combined Youth (Davis Hall)

First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Sunday, January 19, 2025



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CONCORD

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Amy Woolwine, Clerk of Session
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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.

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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.

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Leader: When the winter winds blow,
when the summer breezes swirl,
People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Leader: Day to day,
Age to age,
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 806** *I'll Praise My Maker* OLD 113TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are eager to embrace your Word when it comforts us and quick to look past your Word when it unsettles us. In your mercy, forgive us when we do not do what you ask. Forgive us when we refuse to hear what you have to say. Give us courage and wisdom to embrace your Word and do your will for the sake of your beloved world. In Jesus' name, 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 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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 Luke 4:14-30 pew bible, page 61
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 169** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

***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 *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* Craig Courtney
(Sanctuary Choir)

(1.) Where shepherds lately knelt, and kept the angel's word, I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred; but there is room and welcome there for me. (2.) In that unlikely place I find Him as they said: sweet newborn Babe, how frail! and in a manger bed: a still small Voice to cry one day for me. (3.) How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, his prophecies fulfilled?

With pounding heart I stare: a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace--for me. (4.) Can I, will I forget how Love was born and burned its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned, to die, to live, and not alone for me?

***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

Gracious God, you have showered us with gifts of time, talents, community, and treasure, and you have graced us with the greatest gift in your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless what we offer in response. Use these gifts and the ones who give them for your saving work in your world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 662** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen* in f minor Jacqueline Yost
(Sanctuary Choir)

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.