

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

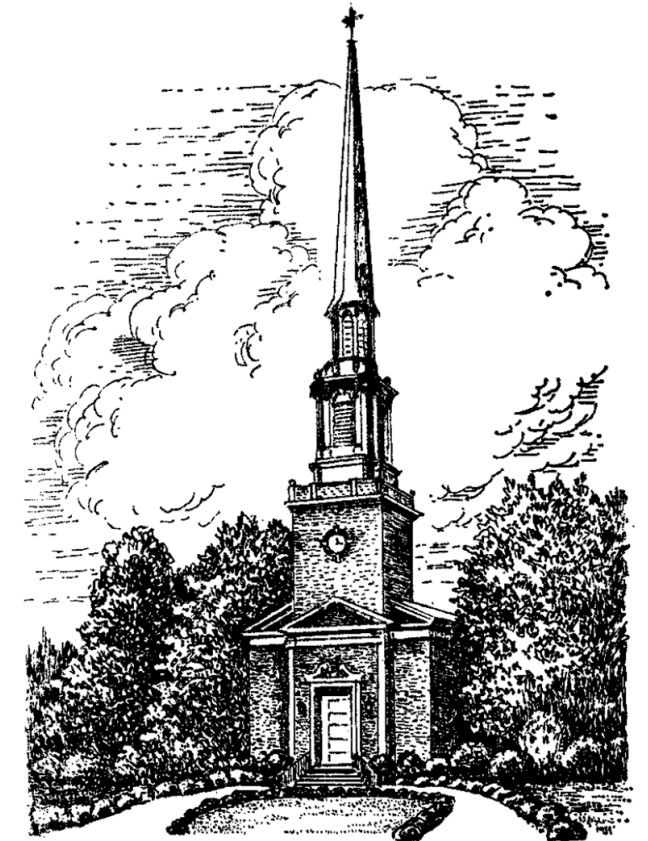
Lunch and Book Signing - On Sunday, February 23, 2025, we will welcome Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, an award-winning author, professor, public theologian, and student of life in all its messy beauty, as well as a much sought after speaker and workshop facilitator to First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Bussie will serve as our guest preacher in worship, and she will speak at a lunch and book signing event that day at 12:30 PM in Davis Hall. Lunch will be catered by Cabarrus Cooking Co. (formerly Table 11), and will feature their beloved build-your-own Peruvian Bowls. The cost for lunch is \$25/person and reservations are required by 4:00 PM on February 13. Use the link in the Banner to sign-up online or call the church’s reservation line: 704-788-2100 #7.

Intro to the Bible Class with our 3rd and 4th grade students will be on Sunday, February 9th, 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM, in the Fellowship House sunroom. Lunch will be provided. Please take a moment to let us know if your student can join us and if they have any food allergies by using the sign-up link that was in the Banner.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p>Later Today 4:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM</p> <p>Monday, February 3 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM</p> <p>Tuesday, February 4 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday, February 5 9:30 AM 10:30 PM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM</p> <p>Thursday, February 6 9:00 AM 11:50 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM</p> <p>Friday, February 7 9:30 AM</p> <p>Sunday, February 9 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Confirmand Meeting (Davis Hall) Youth Dinner (Davis Hall) Combined Youth (Davis Hall)</p> <p>First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) CCM (Commons) Circle 1 (Fellowship House)</p> <p>First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Cub Scouts (Davis Hall) Hospitality Team (Library Conference Room) Board of Deacons (Library Conference Room) AI Anon Meeting (Commons) Boy Scouts (Will Young Senior High Room)</p> <p>First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) Bible Study (Library Conference Room) Staff Meeting (Fellowship House Sunroom) NAMI (Commons) Building & Grounds (Library Conference Room) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p> <p>First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) First Kids Staff Training (Early Dismissal—Will Young Bldg) Thursday Connections Girl Scouts (2nd & 3rd floors Ed Bldg)</p> <p>First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)</p> <p>Sunday School Classes (Various Rooms) Called Session Meeting (Library Conference Room) Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room) Worship (in person and live streamed) Bible Class (2nd & 3rd Graders, Fellowship House Sunroom) Circle 5 (Library Conference Room) Confirmand Meeting (Davis Hall) Youth Dinner (Davis Hall) Combined Youth (Davis Hall)</p>
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**Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



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

Sunday, February 2, 2025



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CONCORD

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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 mercy,
grant that the Word you speak this day
may take root in our hearts,
and bear fruit to your honor and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
—*Book of Common Prayer* (1549)

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

based on Psalm 92

Leader: Morning has broken;
People: a new day has begun.
Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
People: to sing praises to God's name,
Leader: to proclaim God's loyal love in the morning,
People: God's faithfulness at nighttime,
All: and God's gracious saving ways every moment in between.

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, we confess that we are quick to divide your children up into good and bad, undeserving and deserving, right and wrong, enemy and friend. And we confess that we insist you do the same. Forgive us, God. Remind us of your determination to offer rest and healing to all and help us do the same 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, Clemi Hacker

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 92:1-4

pew bible page 548

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:1-16

pew bible, page 63

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 517

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

MORECAMBE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

Leader: We believe that at the Lord's supper the community of believers is renewed
People: by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again.
Leader: Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.
People: He offers us his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.
Leader: We accept his promises and gifts
People: and depend on his life to sustain ours.
Leader: In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death.
People: So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.
All: Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Believe

Mark Miller

(Sanctuary Choir, Mary Beth Eubanks and Cecilia Moneta Matthews, soloists)

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent. Oo.....

***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

Giving God, you have blessed us with gifts too abundant to name. Use us and all that we offer to share your grace, love, healing, and hope with all your children. 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

We will eat the bread and drink the cup together, after the pastor says, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The cup of salvation, poured out for you"

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Thank you, God. You have fed us at your table, and you have promised to guide us with your Spirit. Send us out with courage and faith to continue our pilgrimage with you in your world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen in f minor
(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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Worship Notes: This morning's affirmation of faith is drawn from "A Declaration of Faith," adopted by the Presbyterian Church in 1985 as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration.

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.