

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

We welcome Rev. Zimmermann to lead our worship today. Nikki Zimmermann was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, before heading to UNC-Chapel Hill for undergraduate studies. After college, she moved to Nashville, Tennessee as part of the 2016 Teach for America Corps where she taught 6th grade ELA. From Nashville, Nikki moved to Princeton, New Jersey, to begin her studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. For the past four years, Nikki served as the Pastoral Resident at Covenant Presbyterian Church. When she is not at church, Nikki can be found on a bike ride, a run, or at a thrift store.

Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our husband, father, and grandfather, Ronald F. Spitzer. Your laughter and love created lasting memories that will forever resonate in our hearts. Although you are no longer with us your spirit will continue to guide and inspire us every day. We will carry you with us always, cherishing the warmth of your affection and the joy you brought into our lives.

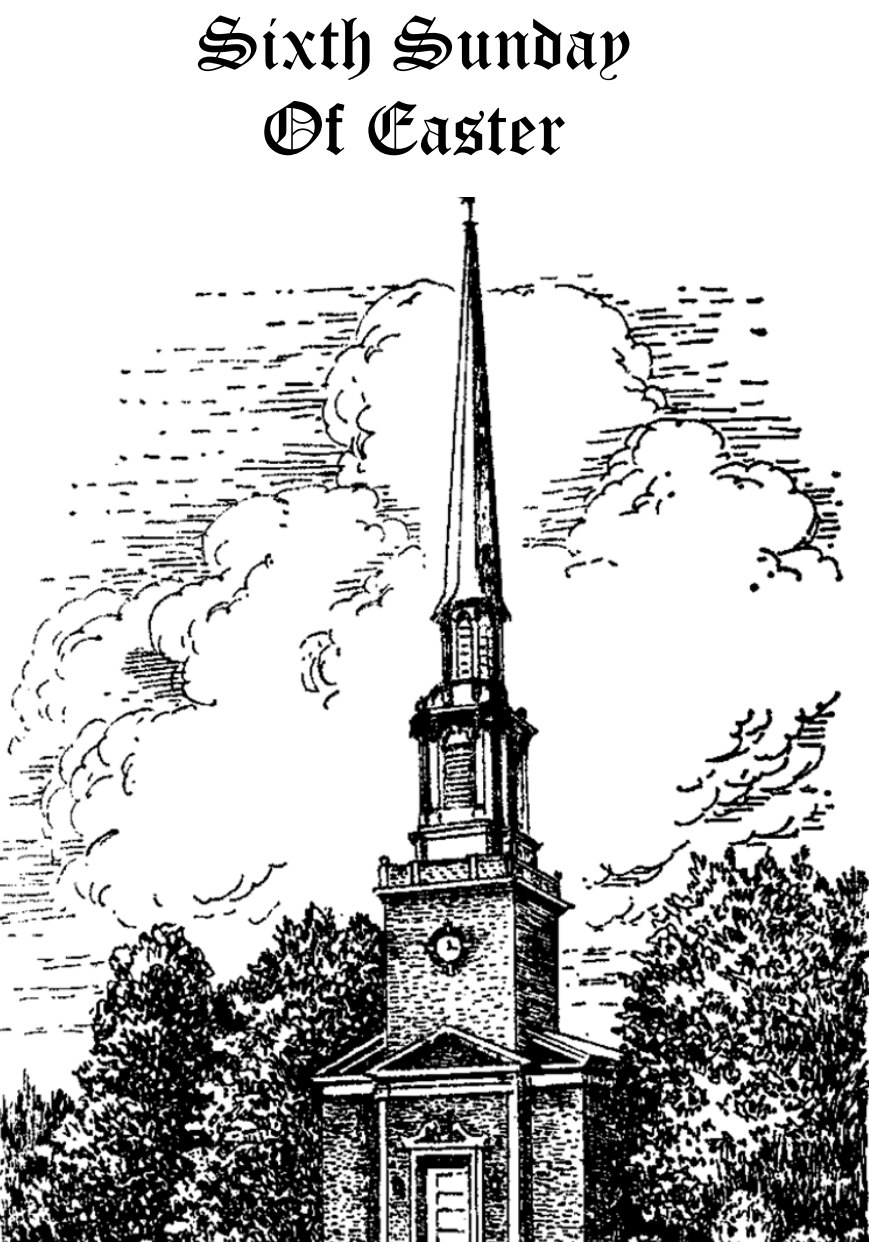
Birth, the rosebud in the chancel today is in honor of Lucas Neil Beam, born on May 8. Parents are Ashley and Matt Beam. Grandparents are Carol and Norman Beam.

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

Habitat for Humanity 2025 Update - We are in the third week of our campaign to raise \$15,000 to support the work of Habitat for Humanity in Cabarrus County. So far, we have raised \$6000 for Habitat, which is a great start! If you have not made your contribution yet we encourage you to give now since there’s only 10 days remaining in the campaign. There are several ways you can give: Write a check to FPC with Habitat for Humanity in the “For” line and drop it into the offering plate or mail it to the church office at P.O. Box 789, Concord, NC, 28026. Go to the church’s website at www.firstpresconcord.org, navigate to “Give Now,” and select Habitat for Humanity in the dropdown fund menu. Thank you for past and ongoing support of this important Christian mission.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 26		Office Closed for Memorial Day Racial Equity Reads (Zoom)
7:00 PM		
Tuesday, May 27		
11:45 AM		Lunch Bunch (Davis Hall)
7:00 PM		AI Anon Meeting (Commons)
7:00 PM		Boy Scouts (Will Young Senior High Room)
Wednesday, May 28		
6:00 PM		No bible study Christian Ed Meeting (Fellowship House Sunroom)
Thursday, May 29		
6:30 PM		Boy Scout Board of Advancement (Ed Bldg)
Sunday, June 1		
9:45 AM		S & D Class (Fellowship House)
10:00 AM		Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)
11:00 AM		Worship (in person and live streamed)



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Sunday, May 25, 2025



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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.

“One is obliged to “consider the lilies of the field,” not because they are lilies or because they are exemplary, but because they are fellow members and because as fellow members, we and the lilies are in certain critical ways alike.” – Wendell Berry, *Two Economies*

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is enough Jesus,
Enough God, enough Holy Spirit,

People: Enough love, enough grace,
Enough new life, enough sacred space—

Leader: Enough for you, enough for me,
Enough for friends and enemies—

People: Enough for all who are gathered here
And for everyone beyond these walls.

All: God’s love is more than enough,
From everlasting to everlasting!
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 681

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we’ve gotten stuck again. We’ve slipped back into familiar patterns— letting thoughts of inadequacy give rise to judgment. In our relationships, we return to old habits— turning inward in shame, and outward with blame. We confess the pain we’ve caused in the world because of the wounds we’ve left unattended. Forgive us. Remind us that you have not left us to wander alone. You meet us with mercy, and love us forward into the courage to begin again. 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 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 103:1-12

pew bible, page 554

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Noisy Offering

SECOND LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

pew bible, page 39

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

SERMON

Rev. Nikki Zimmermann

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTTGART

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted from the Larger Catechism 7.117-7.119)

Leader: What is God? God is a Spirit...

People: ...infinite in being, glory,
blessedness, and perfection;

Leader: all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable,
incomprehensible, everywhere present;

People: almighty, knowing all things,
most wise, most holy, most just,

Leader: most merciful and gracious,
long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.
Are there more Gods than one?

All: There is but one only, the living and true God
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
and these three are one true, eternal God,
the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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

O Worship the Lord

G. F. Handel
(Cecilia Moneta Matthews, Jeffrey Price, Jacquie Yost)

O worship, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*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 healer of Jairus and the unnamed woman, we give thanks that through your abundant love there is enough grace and grain for all. Use these gifts and our entire lives to feed, to heal, to house, and to raise a joyful noise throughout this community and all your creation. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWELL'S 148TH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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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. In order to comply with our Child Protection policy, we ask that a parent/caregiver accompany children under 12 to the sanctuary restroom.

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.