

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Baptism of Lillian Kate Niblock, by her family.

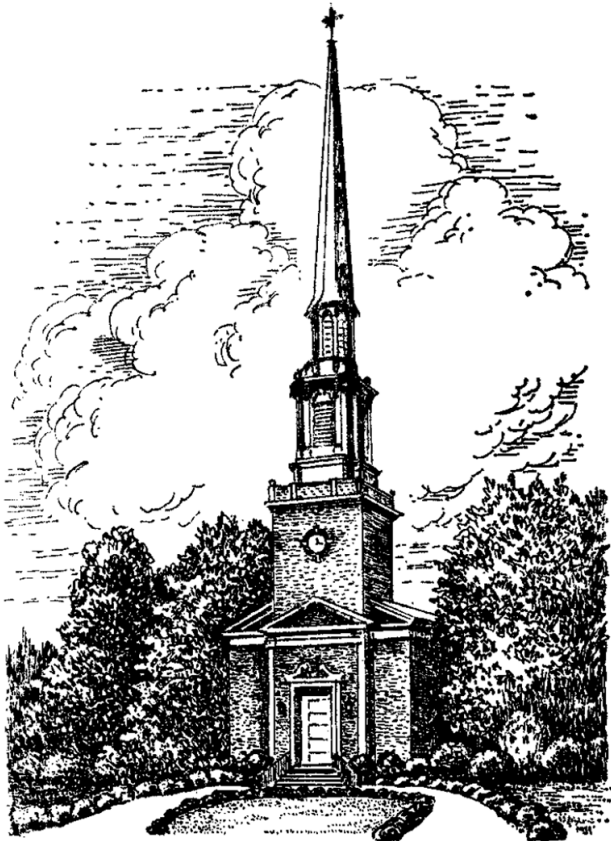
The Sacrament of Baptism will be offered this morning to Lillian Kate Niblock, daughter of Haley Wolfe Niblock and Marc Caldwell Niblock, Jr. We welcome Lillian into our fellowship and pray for God’s blessings on this family.

Parking Change for VBS Week, June 9 - 12. We will close the upper parking lot between the sanctuary and the Fellowship House next week, Monday through Thursday, until 1:00 PM each day. This space may be used for Vacation Bible School recreation space and for our children to travel between stations. Thank you for understanding.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, June 9	
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (Campus)
7:00 PM	Racial Equity Reads (Zoom)
Tuesday, June 10	
9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (Campus)
6:30 PM	Session (Library Conference Room)
7:00 PM	AI Anon Meeting (Commons)
Wednesday, June 11	
9:00AM	Vacation Bible School (Campus)
10:30 AM	Bible Study (Library Conference Room)
Thursday, June 12	
	Vacation Bible School Campus)
9:00 AM	CCM Meeting (Commons)
9:30 AM	
Saturday, June 14	
3:00 PM	Music Recital (Sanctuary)
Sunday, June 15	
9:45 AM	S & D Class (Fellowship House)
10:00 AM	Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)
11:00 AM	Worship (in person and live streamed)

Day Of Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church
70 Union Street North
Concord, North Carolina

Sunday, June 8, 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.

“You say you love the poor? Name them.” – Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP

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.

RECOGNITION OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do you not know?
The church is God’s temple:

People: God’s Spirit dwells in us
Among us, and beyond us.

All: Let us give thanks for the One
Who makes us, who saves us,
And who unites us to one another.

*HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not always choose your blessed way. We stick to the language or culture that we know well, and in doing so forget that we make up just one organ in the body of Christ. We sneer at those who, empowered by your spirit, build bridges beyond our comfort zones. Help us to remember our baptism, our calling, and your constant presence in our midst, that we might love our neighbors as you love us. 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 ILLUMINATIONlay reader, Susan Hannah

FIRST LESSONActs 2:1-13pew bible, page 119
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Vows of the Parents and Congregation
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing
Baptism and Welcome
Congregational ResponseST. CLEMENT

Accept, O Lord, our dedication
To fill with love the growing mind,
That in this church and congregation
The young a faith for life may find.

SECOND LESSON1 Corinthians 3:1-17pew bible, page 167
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMONRev. Casey Aldridge

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 285Like the Murmur of the Dove’s SongBRIDEGROOM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe 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 ANTHEMLord, I Stretch My Hands to YouJay Althouse
(Sanctuary Choir)

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh Lord. Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love. No other blessings do I need but those from you above. Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand. And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand. Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh Lord, oh Lord, I stretch my hands to you. Amen.

*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
We give you thanks, O Lord, for the gift of the church and the community it provides. Use these gifts and our whole lives to build up that community and to extend it outward to all. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 280Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among UsEBENEZER

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSEAmen in f minorJacqueline 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. 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 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.