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.

O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God,
a mind to meditate on you;
eyes to behold you;
ears to listen for your word;
a heart to love you;
and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
~Attributed to Benedict of Nursia (c. 480-547)

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: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: let all the faithful praise the Lord.

***HYMN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up saints, your beloved children set apart to do your holy work in your world. You count us among those saints, and yet too often we fall short of all you call us to do and be. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage and wisdom to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, we may serve you with faith, hope, and love. 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 637** *O Sing to the Lord* CANTAI AO SENHOR
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song. O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION lay reader, Susan Hannah

FIRST LESSON Psalm 111 pew bible, page 562
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON 1 Kings 3, selected verses pew bible, page 305
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**

***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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *In Remembrance* Red and Larson
(Sanctuary Choir)
In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done. In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in. Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you. In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look in your heart for God.

***DOXOLOGY 606** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings 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**
God of grace and wisdom, bless what we offer and use these gifts for your work of compassion, love, and justice, in Jesus' name. 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
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen in G* Yost
(Sanctuary Choir)

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

Bebe Grey	Christopher Lippard	
November 3, 2025	*June 6, 2026*	
Dale Nixon	Nancy Bibby	Kim Stamey
August 2, 2026	*August 4, 2026*	*August 13, 2026*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

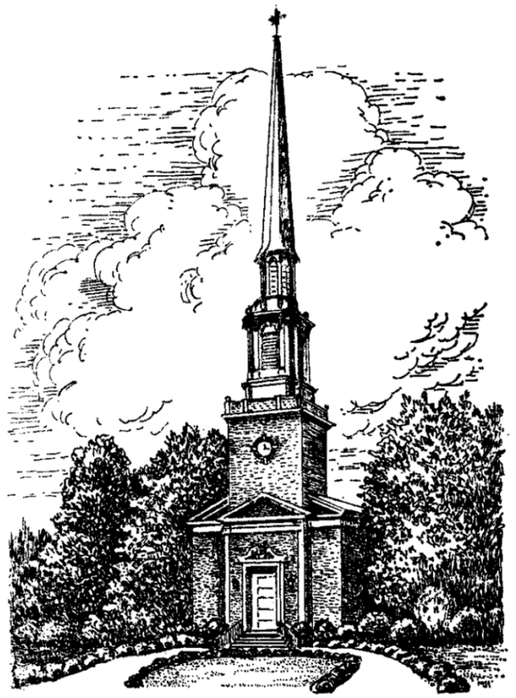
Campus Work Day. Plan to join the Buildings & Grounds Committee on Saturday, November 7 from 8:00 AM to Noon to help beautify our campus grounds for the holiday season.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later Today	
4:30 PM	Confirmation Class (Library Conference Room)
5:00 PM	Middle & High School Youth (Davis Hall)
6:00 PM	Youth Dinner (Davis Hall)
Monday, November 2	
7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (off campus)
9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
12:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (Commons)
6:00 PM	Cub Scouts (Davis Hall)
6:00 PM	Foundation Mtg (Library Conference Room)
6:30 PM	Circle 1 (Fellowship House)
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts (Youth Room)
Tuesday, November 3	
7:00 PM	Al Anon Mtg (Commons)
Wednesday November 4	
9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
10:30 AM	Bible Study (Library Conference Room)
12:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (Commons)
2:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Fellowship House Sunroom)
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, November 5	
9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
6:30 PM	Girl Scouts (Ed Bldg)
Friday, November 6	Office Closed
9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
12:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (Commons)
7:30 PM	Trombone Concert (Sanctuary)
Sunday, November 8	
9:45 AM	S & D Class (Fellowship House)
9:45 AM	Todd Hobbie Class (Davis Hall)
9:45 AM	Journey Class (Library Conference Room)
10:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
11:00 AM	Worship (in person and live streamed)
4:30 PM	Confirmation Class (Fellowship House Sunroom)
5:00 PM	Middle & High School Youth (Davis Hall)
6:00 PM	Youth Dinner (Davis Hall)

Rev. Ellen Crawford True, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Casey Aldridge, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Jodi Martin, *Associate Pastor for CE & Youth*
Rev. Bryan Hovey, *Parish Associate*
Dr. Jacqueline Yost, *Director of Music and Organist*
Dr. Jeffrey W. Price, *Choirmaster*
Amy Woolwine, *Clerk of Session*
Bill Poitevint, *Moderator, Board of Deacons*
For a comprehensive list of officers, visit the church website:
www.firstpresconcord.org

All Saints' Day



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