# 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.

*There's really no such thing as the "voiceless."*
*There are only the deliberately silenced*
*or the preferably unheard.*
– Arundhati Roy

**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: There is a prophet in Samaria,
**People: And a God who can heal.**
Leader: There is hope in strange places,
**People: For those who listen closely.**
***All:* *Let us listen for God's call!***

***HYMN 798** *All with Joyful Exultation* YISRAEL V'ORAITA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy 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 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**

**FIRST LESSON** Proverbs 31:8-9 pew bible, page 613
This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SECOND LESSON** 2 Kings 5:1-14 pew bible, page 307
This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. Casey Aldridge

**MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 816** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1976* (9.15-16)
Leader: God 's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
**People: By showing power in the form of a servant , Wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful human beings.**
Leader: The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world Discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord And Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.
**People: God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.**
Leader: In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder,
***All:* *The world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty And mystery of its Creator. 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** *Let Us Pray for Peace* Thomas Keeseeker
(Sanctuary Choir)
Let us pray for peace, for the healing of creation. May God's truth and justice mend every breach; may we learn to live as one. Let us pray for love, for the grace to offer mercy. May compassion guide our way in the world, may forgiveness heal division. May forgiveness heal us all. We pray for peace, we pray for understanding. Pray that hatred cease, and God's reign is known on earth. Hear our prayer for peace. Hear our prayer for love. Hear our voices, Lord, this day, we pray. You know our hearts; you know our selfish struggles. Take away our pride, and fill us all with you. Fill us with your peace, fill us with your love, fill us all this day, our Lord, we pray. May your will be done, here on earth as is in heaven. May your reign of love be known in our lives, may your will be done among us. May we do your will. Amen.

***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 THANKSGIVING**
**Servant Lord, accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude for your grace, and signs of our willingness to serve your children and your world in the ways you ask us to do. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 296** *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* WONDROUS LIGHT

***BENEDICTION**

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

**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 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

**Birth:** The pink rosebud in the chancel is in honor of Camille Corallie Brown, born on October 27, 2026, in Chicago to Anna and Stewart Brown. Grandparents are Francey and Mike Brown

**Circle 3** meets this Tuesday, November 10, at 11:30 AM in Davis Hall.

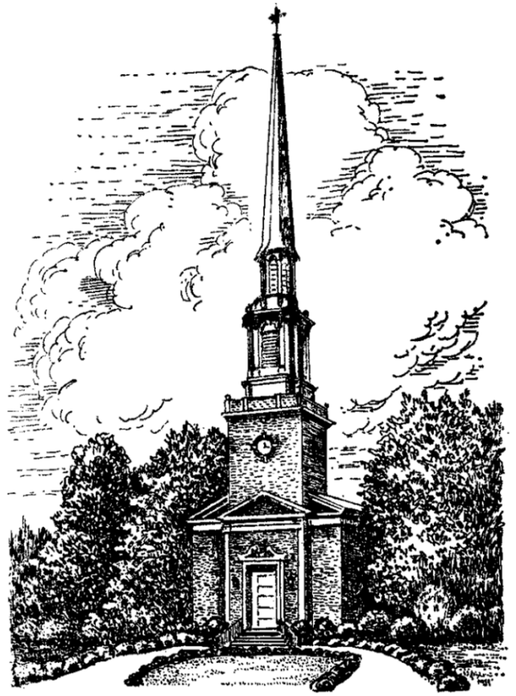
**Deacon's Social** this Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse at King's Crossing Subdivision 801 King's Crossing Drive.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| **Later Today** | |
| 3:00 PM | Circle 5 (Fellowship House) |
| 5:00 PM | Middle & High School Youth (Davis Hall) |
| 6:00 PM | Youth Dinner (Davis Hall) |
| **Monday, November 9** | |
| 7:30 AM | Men's Bible Study (off campus) |
| 9:00 AM | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) |
| 11:00 AM | Circle 4 (off campus) |
| 12:00 PM | Narcotics Anonymous (Commons) |
| 7:00 PM | Boy Scouts (Youth Room) |
| **Tuesday, November 10** | |
| 11:30 AM | Circle 3 (Davis Hall) |
| 6:30 PM | Session Mtg (Library Conference Room) |
| 7:00 PM | Deacons Social (off campus) |
| 7:00 PM | Al Anon Mtg (Commons) |
| **Wednesday November 11** | |
| 9:00 AM | Veteran's Day |
| 10:30 AM | Bible Study (Library Conference Room) |
| 12:00 PM | Narcotics Anonymous (Commons) |
| 2:00 PM | Staff Meeting (Fellowship House Sunroom) |
| 6:00 PM | Friendsgiving (Davis Hall) |
| 7:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| **Thursday, November 12** | |
| 9:00 AM | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) |
| 6:30 PM | Boy Scouts Boards of Advancement (Ed Bldg) |
| **Friday, November 13** | Office Closed |
| 9:00 AM | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) |
| 12:00 PM | Narcotics Anonymous (Commons) |
| **Saturday, November 14** | |
| 9:00 AM | Families First (Ed Bldg) |
| **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) |
| 1:00 PM | Families First (Ed Bldg) |
| 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*
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# Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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