# 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.

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?
~Micah 6:8

**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: Come and worship God,
**People: not with grand gestures,**
Leader: or splashy spectacles.
**People: Come and worship God**
Leader: with lives that bend toward justice,
**People: with hearts that beat with kindness,**
***All: and with steps that follow where God leads.***

***HYMN 766** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One, you have told us more than once what pleases you: justice, kindness, and walking where you do. Forgive us when we forget. Forgive us when we are dazzled by things that are not you. Forgive us and lead us as we seek to be who you have created and called us to be, 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 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, Robbie Sherrill

**FIRST LESSON** Matthew 9 :9-13 pew bible, page 8
This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SECOND LESSON** Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 pew bible, page 861
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 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

***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.**

**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** *Offertory* (Micah 6:6-8) John Ness Beck
(Sanctuary Choir)
With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come
before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my
firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your 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 THANKSGIVING**
**Bless these gifts, gracious God. May all that we offer today and every day be a part of your saving work in your beloved world. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 722** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* CANONBURY

***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

Red Cross Cabarrus VIP Blood Drive tomorrow in Davis Hall from 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM. There are whole blood and Power Red donation appointments available. Find a time and schedule an appointment to give at **https://www.redcrossblood.org/** or call the RedCross at 1-800-733-2767.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Later Today**

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| 3:00 PM | Families First (E201, E202, Lib. Conf. Rm) |
| 4:30 PM | Confirmation Class (Fellowship House SR) |
| 5:00 PM | Middle & High School Youth (Davis Hall) |
| 6:00 PM | Youth Dinner (Davis Hall) |

**Monday, November 16**

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| 7:30 AM | Men's Bible Study (off campus) |
| 9:00 AM | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) |
| 12:00 PM | Narcotics Anonymous (Commons) |
| 1:30 PM | Red Cross Blood Drive (Davis Hall) |
| 6:00 PM | Cub Scouts (TBD) |
| 7:00 PM | Boy Scouts (Youth Room) |

**Tuesday, November 17**

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| 9:00 AM | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) |
| 11:45 AM | Lunch Bunch (off campus) |
| 7:00 PM | Al Anon Mtg (Commons) |

**Wednesday November 18**

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| 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) |
| 5:30 PM | MG Board Mtg (Library Conference Room) |
| 7:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |

**Thursday, November 19**

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| 9:00 AM | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) |
| 9:20 AM | Preschool Committee Mtg (WYB 304) |
| 10:00 AM | CCM Prayer Day (Commons) |
| 12:00 PM | Third Thursday (Commons) |
| 6:00 PM | Girl Scouts (Ed Bldg) |

**Friday, November 20** Office Closed

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| 9:00 AM | First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg) |
| 10:30 AM | First Kids Friendsgiving (Davis Hall) |
| 12:00 PM | Narcotics Anonymous (Commons) |

**Saturday, November 21**

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| 9:00 AM | Families First (Ed Bldg) |
| 2:00 PM | Concord Christmas Parade (Front Lawn) |

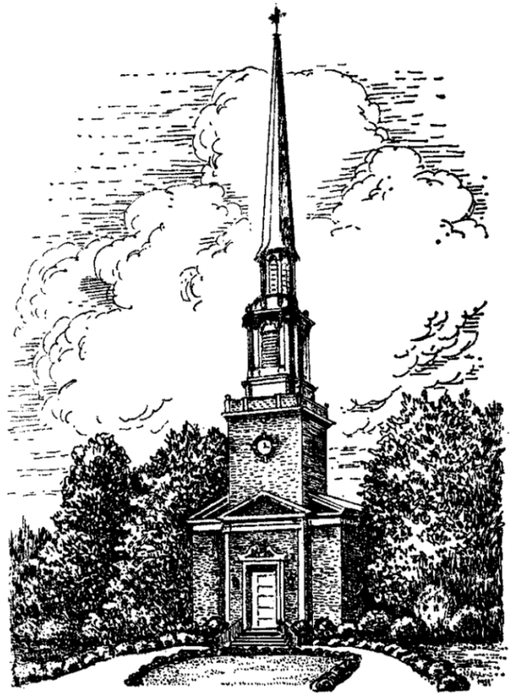
**Sunday, November 22**

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| 9:30 AM | Children's Choir (Children's Choir Room) |
| 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) |

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**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*
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# Twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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**Sunday, November15, 2026**

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