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.

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!
Isaiah 2:3-5 NRSVU

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Angel Tree

VOLUNTARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
People: to the house of the God of Jacob;
Leader: that he may teach us his ways
People: and that we may walk in his paths.
Leader: Come, O house of Jacob,
People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

***HYMN 127** *Jesus, the Light of the World* WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives. Open our ears to listen for the gentle whisper of your voice. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. 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 643** *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION lay reader, Mac Clark

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20 (selected verses) pew bible, page 663
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Noisy Offering

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 37:1-7 pew bible, page 664
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Jodi Martin

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 377** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **from a *Brief Statement of Faith
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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 *Who Is This?* Jeff Knight/arr. Ken Dosso
(Sanctuary Choir)
(1.) Who is this, crowned in splendor, yet who bends to call me friend? Who is this the angels worship, who gave all to rescue me?
Refrain: *King of glory, King of grace. Heaven and earth resound your praise! Worthy is the Lamb once slain, the King of glory and of grace.* (2.) Who is this, strong in battle, who sees fit to fight for me? Who is this, who paints the sunrise, who brings light in the darkest hour? Refrain (3.) Who is this in heaven's throne room who has overcome the grave? Who is this, that we, with angels, join our songs to celebrate? Refrain

***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**
Gracious God, receive these gifts and our lives, offered in gratitude for your abundant grace. Teach us to respond with our whole being to your daily forgiveness and patience, to the fullness of life brought to us by Jesus Christ, and to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to share generously, as you have shared with us. Show us your mercy and lead us in your way. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 367** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*
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Worship Notes: This morning's affirmation comes from **A Brief Statement of Faith** which was commissioned to celebrate the reunion of two of the largest Presbyterian churches in the United States in 1983 and "our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task." (From the Preface to the *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

Birth: The pink rosebud in the chancel is in honor of Dorothy Elizabeth Frye, born on November 6 to Mary Cannon and Collin Frye. Grandparents are Mary Margaret and Bob Underwood. Great grandparents are Margaret and Barney West.

Our "Noisy" Offering received during the Children's Message will benefit the Backpack Program at Coltrane-Webb Elementary.

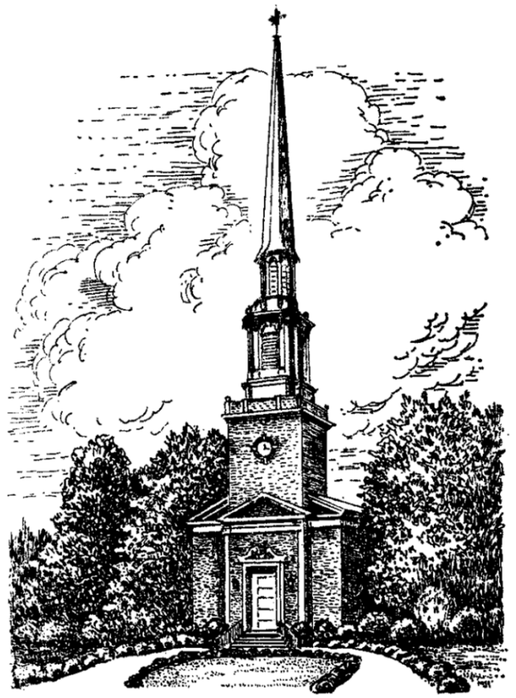
Poinsettia forms in honor or memory of a loved one are in the narthex, Fellowship House lobby, and online in the Banner. Completed forms with payment, are due to Suzanne Russell by Tuesday, December 1.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later Today	
3:00 PM	Families First (E201, E202, Lib. Conf. Rm)
5:00 PM	Youth shopping & dinner (off campus)
Monday, November 23	
7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (off campus)
9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
12:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (Commons)
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts (Youth Room)
Tuesday, November 24	
11:30 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
3:00 PM	Finance & Stewardship Mtg (Fellowship House)
6:00 PM	Choir Dinner & Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00 PM	Al Anon Mtg (Commons)
Wednesday November 25	
12:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (Commons)
12:00 PM	Office Closes at Noon
Thursday, November 26	
	Office closed – Happy Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27	Office Closed
Sunday, November 29	
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)
5:00 PM	Tree Lighting (Front Lawn)

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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