

Concord Presbyterian Church

SHOWING UP, WITH GOD'S LOVE



ROOTED

Faith

AUGUST 25, 2024

SOME NOTES TO HELP YOU PARTICIPATE FULLY IN WORSHIP:

The * symbol indicates to Rise in Body or Spirit.

We encourage worshippers of all ages to participate in the sanctuary. There are quiet toys and supplemental activities for young people in our balcony, and a nursery available for those ages 3 or younger.

Hearing assistive devices are available in a bin to the left of the main sanctuary doors.

Notes about the Worship Series: These Sundays we celebrate Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 49th day (50th day when inclusive counting is used) after Easter Sunday.[1] It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).[2] While the Catholic Church believes the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary, this is not recorded in the New Testament. More resources are available at cpcstatesville.org/rooted-faith

Upcoming Volunteers

AUGUST 25 LITURGIST Chris Harris

AUGUST 25 FELLOWSHIP The Bakers, Eric & Regan

SEPTEMBER 1 LITURGIST Nicole Winterhalter

SEPTEMBER 1 FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST ELDER OF THE MONTH Paul Woodard

We Open Ourselves to God

GATHERING

*HYMN

Come Now is the Time to Worship

4 $\%$

Come, now is the time to wor - ship. —

6

Come, now is the time to give — your heart. —

11

Come, just as you are to wor - ship. — Come,

16 **To Coda**

just as you are be-fore — your God, — Come.

21

One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess — You are God.

23

One day ev - 'ry knee — will bow. —

25

Still the great-est treas-ure re - mains — for those who glad-

27 **D.S. al Coda**

- ly choose You now. —

SILENT PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 9:1-10

*HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO GOD

AS A THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL PEOPLE, WE PAUSE TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS OF GOD. WE TAKE THIS TIME TO NOTICE WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO OUR LIFE, AND TO CONSIDER HOW WE CAN OPEN OURSELVES UP TO THE SERVICE OF GOD USING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE.

*Ways to Donate your Time and Talent are
found in the back of this bulletin*



MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT:

- in the offering plates in the back
- Online at concordpreschurch.com or the QR code to the left

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

*Praise God From Whom All
Blessings Flow*

#609

Prayers of the People

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

Canticle of Fellowship
Concord Choir

Craig Courtney

The Word of God

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
INVOCATION

#452

TIME WITH CHILDREN

LUKE 14



God is do-ing some-thing won-der-ful in me!



God is do-ing some-thing won-der-ful in me! Some thing awe-



-some and in-cred-i-ble and on-ly God can get the glo-ry. God is



do-ing some-thing won-der-ful in-cre-di-ble, and awe-some God is



do-ing some-thing won-der-ful In me!_

HEBREWS 13:1-25

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

So we say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

HEBREWS 13:1-25

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Brothers and sisters, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for in fact I have written to you quite briefly.

I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. Greet all your leaders and all the Lord's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings. Grace be with you all.

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

*HYMN *Of the Father's Love Begotten* #108

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE GRAPEVINE

Week of August 25, 2024

AUGUST
25

10:00 AM

WORSHIP

4:00PM

YOUTH GROUP

AUGUST 28

7:15 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE

SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 AM

WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 4

10:00 AM

CHOIR PRACTICE



Nominating an Elder

Ruling Elders in the PC(USA) are called to much more than the mundane task of serving on just another nonprofit board of directors, receiving reports and approving budgets. Instead, as the late Cindy Kohlman reminds us, "Ruling Elders are spiritual leaders in their congregation. This is a high calling, because "we ruling elders are as responsible for our congregation as teaching elders."

This is not an easy calling, but God does not call us to do it alone. We come together with all our strengths and weakness for the privilege and responsibility of service and God will give you all the gifts you need.

If you are feeling the call to serve God in this way or would like to nominate someone you feel has a prayerful and discerning spirit, please contact Pastor Liz or Eric Millsaps, chair of the nominating committee. The only requirement this person needs to fulfill is to be an active member of Concord.

We invite you to be in prayer for the people God is even now calling to lead our church through its next years.

We Need Your Help

There are lots of opportunity for service at Concord this fall. Check the list and see if any might be the right fit for you!



- **Congregational Nominating Committee:** two congregation members to serve for approximately 4 weeks. Contact Eric Millsaps
- **After-School Task Force:** Led by Paul Woodard, we need two folks interested in exploring how we can support our local students through an outreach program.
- **Fellowship Time and Youth Dinners:** Food is the best pathway to the heart! Consider providing fellowship time or youth dinners, Sign-up on the clipboard in the back of the sanctuary.

Youth and Children Ministry Updates!



With School starting just around the corner, that means youth and children's ministry at CPC is gearing up as well!

Sunday Fellowship is open to anyone Kindergarten through Senior in High School.

FIRST DAY OF YOUTH GROUP: AUGUST 25 AT 4:30PM

Wear clothes you feel comfortable painting in as we will spend sometime time preparing the youth area for this year and create your own, individual ping-pong paddle to display. More information to come!

NO YOUTH, SEPTEMBER 1

SEPTEMBER 8 AT 4:30PM

We'll begin our regular youth night schedule; introduce the spring musical, plan for the year, and begin looking at our theme for the year: *Finding God in the Midst of the Storm.*

**Subscribe to the
Youth Calendar
and Messaging:**



or stay up-to-date
at
[cpcstatesville.org/
youth](http://cpcstatesville.org/youth)

Mid-Week Devotion

Read: F-1.01 of the PC(USA) Book of Order

GOD'S MISSION

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

Reflect:

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One of the blessings of our church is its inclusion amongst a large network and group of churches who agree to some organizing principles of what it means to live together as church. While every local congregation will be a different expression of these principles, with each congregation emphasizing certain parts more than others, calling ourselves “Presbyterian” is an identifying marker to ourselves and the world.

The Book of Order is the document which organizes those agreed upon principles. Over the next few weeks, we’ll be looking at the “Foundations”, the part of the Book which lays out our guiding values and ideals. In this first section, we identify what we understand to be God’s purpose in and for the world and how those ideals should guide the work of the local church. The book begins this way because the foundations shape everything else which is to come, from how we agree to read scripture, the responsibilities of church membership, and the blessings of God’s worship.

Respond:

- How does this section describe “the good news” of the gospel?
- What does it understand to be God’s mission in the world?
- What would a church which lived into these principles look and sound like? What about an individual?
- Do you think anything is missing from this description of God’s mission?

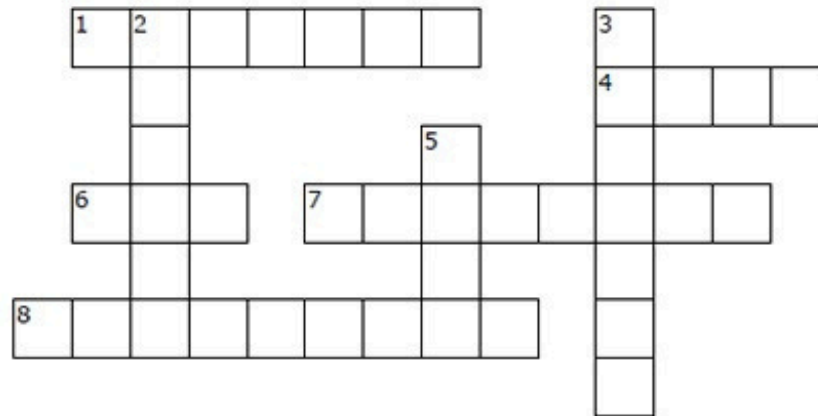
A New Commandment

"Love one another as I have loved you."



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

This puzzle is based on John 13:31-35 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. An order or a rule given with authority
4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
6. The opposite of old
7. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

DOWN

2. People aside from oneself
3. To give praise and honour to God or a person
5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.

CHILDREN
GLORIFY

COMMAND
DISCIPLES

LOVE
NEW

OTHERS
TIME



OUR LEADERSHIP

CLASS OF 2024

JOHN ERVIN
ERIC MILLSAPS
SALLY WARREN

CLASS OF 2025

TIM DONNELLY
JOYCE ERVIN
DELLA KINNEY
THOMAS SETSER

CLASS OF 2026

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OUR TEAM

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Melissa Donnelly | Pianist

Samantha Dudley | Caretaker

OUR VALUES

- Welcome and include all people, no matter their life circumstances.
- Empower all people to find and use their God-given gifts.
- Live lives of service to those outside our walls.

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