

# Concord Presbyterian Church

SHOWING UP, WITH GOD'S LOVE



**ROOTED**  
**Faith**

JUNE 23, 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](http://cpcstatesville.org/rooted-faith)

## **Upcoming Volunteers**

JUNE 23 LITURGIST Nicole Winterhalter

JUNE 23 FELLOWSHIP Kim and Frank Setser

JUNE 30 LITURGIST Lillian Wood

JUNE 30 FELLOWSHIP Penny and Steve

JUNE ELDER OF THE MONTH Tim Donnelly

# We Open Ourselves to God

WELCOME

Pastor Liz

\*HYMN

*Awesome God*

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WORDS OF WELCOME

Nicole Winterhalter

One: Do you not know?

**All: Have you not heard?**

One: The Lord is the everlasting God.

**All: The Creator of the ends of the earth.**

One: God will not grow tired or weary.

**All: God gives strength to the youth**

One: And increase the power of the weak.

**All: Even youth grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;**

One: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

**All: They will soar on wings<sup>2</sup> like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

\*HYMN

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er*

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicole Winterhalter

**As we believe in one God, so we firmly believe from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Church, which is one company of people chosen by God. This Church is catholic, that is universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues who have communion with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. It is called the communion of saints, who have one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism. This Church is invisible, known only to God, and includes both the chosen who are departed, those who yet live, and those who shall live hereafter.**

\*HYMN

*Thine is the Glory*

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Nicole Winterhalter

SCRIPTURE

*Hebrews 4:12-5:10*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Liz

ANTHEM

*"It Is Well"*  
*Concord Choir*

*arr. John Ness Beck*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Liz

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is available on the screen

HYMN

*Sweet Hour of Prayer, vs. 1*

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENT,  
AND TREASURE TO GOD



MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT:

- in the offering plates in the back
- Online at [concordpreschurch.com](http://concordpreschurch.com) or the QR code to the left

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**We Open Ourselves to God's Word**

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

Pastor Liz

PRAYER

# **We Respond to God's Word**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Majestic Postlude"*

*Mark L. Williams*

**Notes of Reflection:**

# THE GRAPEVINE

*Week of June 23, 2024*

JUNE 23	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
	11:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	1:00 PM	SETSER BABY SHOWER

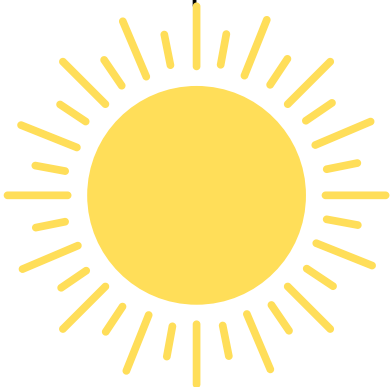
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JUNE 30	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
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July worship:



For the 5 Sundays of July (and the last of June) we will be offering worship in the Fellowship Hall. The Pentecost team heard from some folks who missed the casual style of worship on the lawn and, given it's really hot outside, are hoping to be able to offer the same experience during July this year, but in the air conditioning. So, beginning June 30, come at 10am in your summer clothes, enjoy some donuts and coffee, sing along with our in-house band, and worship God together. We will not have Sunday school during July, but will have as much fellowship time as you'd like!



**HELLO**



**Summer**

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Every two years the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) gathers. It is an event where profound and prophetic things can happen, and one that would be easy to let happen without much interrogation about why it exists in the first place. For some, the assembly may not seem relevant to the daily work of their congregation. For others, it may feel like a familiar friend who has always been there.

The General Assembly does not exist in a vacuum. Rather, it is within and of the whole church. It is not surprising the General Assembly is rooted in the very basics of our theology. In fact, it starts with God. How do we understand God to be at work in the world? How do we understand our relationship to God and to one another?

As Presbyterians, we believe in the sovereignty of God. There is no part of human life set apart from our life in God. No part of Creation in which God cannot be found. No part of existence God cannot transform. In recognizing God's ongoing presence in our lives, the General Assembly meets regularly to discern God's will for the church in the world. Every two years, the church is invited to examine how we are answering God's call — both in how we order our church institutions and how we address injustice globally. The assembly engages all aspects of the church's life, and in so doing recognizes God is present throughout the whole of our existence, calling us into deeper relationship with God and with one another.



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

We believe we were made in the image of God. As God's creations we are equipped with unique gifts and calls to service. Presbyterians have formed a General Assembly comprised of many different people serving in many different roles. Commissioners come from presbyteries across the country. Half are ruling elders who have been ordained to their congregation's sessions. Half are teaching elders, or ministers. In addition to these voting members, advisory delegates representing young adults, ecumenical partners, mission co-workers, and theological students participate in the whole of the assembly as advisors and guides for the commissioners. We believe it is the responsibility of the whole of the church to equip and empower all participants so that they may answer the unique gifts God provides them. It is not one voice that guides our assemblies. It is the many who carry their own unique revelation of the divine.

We believe God's word guides our conscience. From this belief grows the practice of commissioners serving not as representatives who vote the will of their home contexts, but as people who have been called by God to listen and discern at the assembly. Commissioners and advisory delegates are encouraged to vote as they feel the Spirit is guiding them and not be bound by how they perceive their home congregation would vote.

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

We believe Jesus Christ is head of the Church and the Holy Spirit speaks most clearly in community. God calls us all to serve. And we create ways of governing that reflect those beliefs. We practice our faith in the procedures and policies that form the General Assembly. We live out our faith as Presbyterians in how we are called to govern ourselves. As we begin the 226th General Assembly in 2024, we are grounded in our theology. We are formed by the very central understandings we share about God as Presbyterians. It is my hope that the whole of the church is invited into moments of reflection where we can each feel God's call, see God's image in one another, and discern how God hopes for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be present in the world.

The General Assembly does not belong to any one of us, to any one office, to anyone other than God. The General Assembly is not an agency of the PC(U.S.A.) made up of national staff. It is not a council that makes decisions apart from the rest of the church, as it is made of members from the whole PC(U.S.A.). It is not a meeting set apart from the work and worship of the PC(U.S.A.), but it is fundamentally connected to the identity of the church and seeks to reflect the ways we honor God. May we seek to honor God in the whole of the assembly.

# MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS

**Read:** Hebrews 4:14 - 5:14

## **Consider:**

There was a Son who inherited a business from his father. It sounds like a big deal and cushy life, but it wasn't like that for him. The father made sure the son learned the business from the ground up. He had to work in the workshops along with the mechanics. He visited the suppliers to see where the raw materials come from, and find out for himself how hard it was to get them at the right place. He went out as a salesman into the suspicious world and he had to share the work of the financial department as they spent day after day crunching the complicated numbers. Only when he understood the business did he get an office. He had to learn what it meant to be the son of his father.

## **Reflection Questions:**

What is a difficult lesson you learned, and how did you learn it?

## MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS

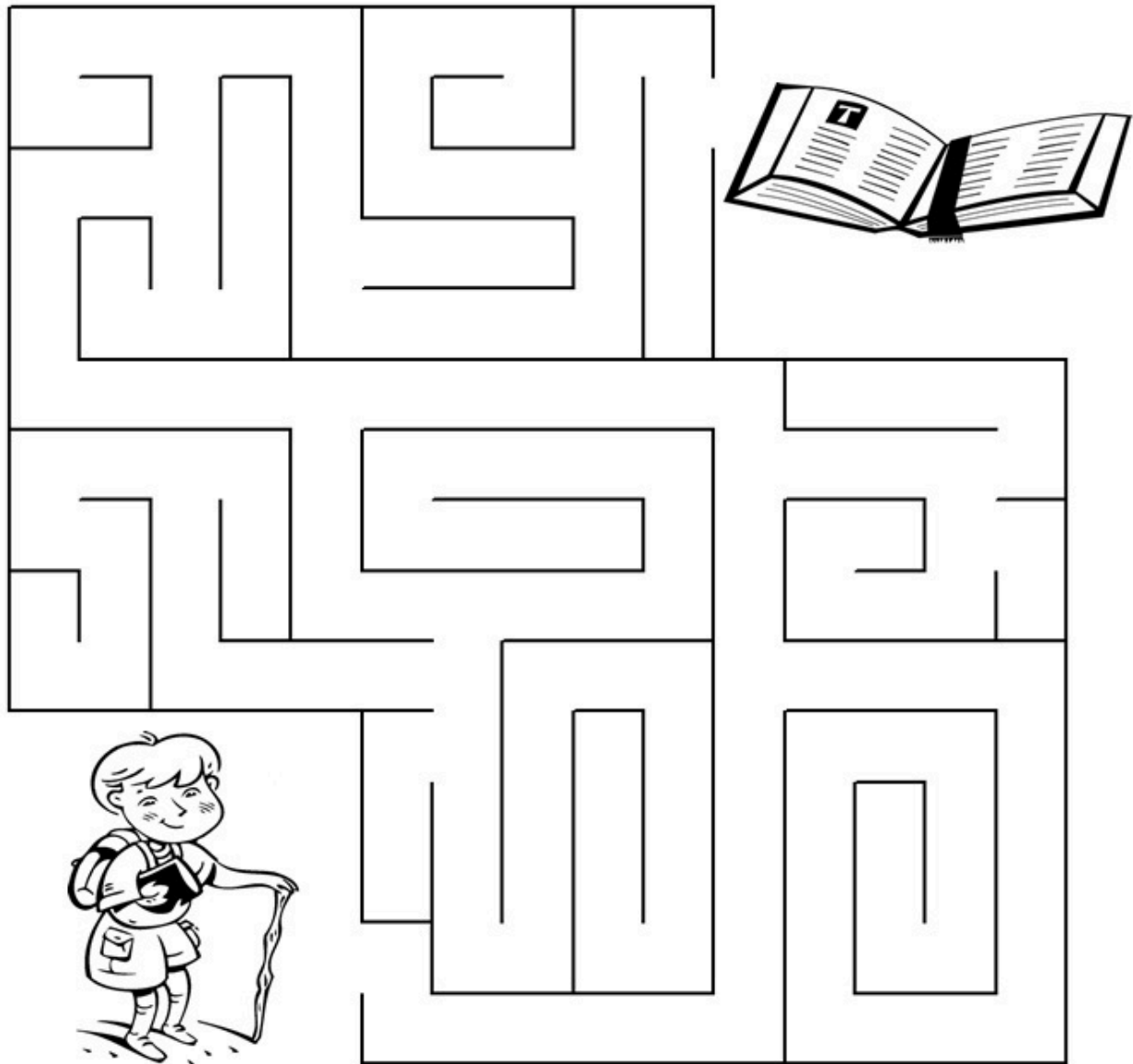
- How does Jesus fulfill the role of high priest as explained in verses 4:14-5:10?
- How do these same verses highlight the ways Jesus was more than your average high priest?
- How does it affect you knowing Jesus can sympathize with your weaknesses?
- What scenes from Jesus' life are called to mind by 5:7-8?
- The writer of Hebrews challenges his readers to grow into a more "mature" faith. What do you think he means by that phrase?

### **Prayer:**

Practice praying with confidence. Spend a few minutes praying and meditating on the truth that Jesus sympathizes with you.

# The Work of the Holy Spirit

## Maze



**“However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. He won’t speak on his own, but will say whatever he hears and will proclaim to you what is to come.”**

**John 16:13**

# 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

CHRIS HARRIS  
PAUL WOODARD

## PENTECOST SEASON 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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