

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Dear God,

We often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded.

Too many children in our community and world

suffer from violence, abuse, neglect, and poverty.

We know that if we were to join together to welcome and care,

to celebrate and honor our children, we would save ourselves and our world.

We need forgiveness. We want to make amends. We want to change.

We want to learn to welcome all children, for in loving and caring for them,

we welcome your reign of justice and peace.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God’s beloved child.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We give thanks for our savior and teacher Jesus Christ, who was born among us as a child needing nurture and care and grew to reveal your power to make all things new. We give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven and given strength to grow in discipleship.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

NO. 232, v. 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(We greet each other: “The peace of Christ be with you.”)

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Christina Pressley & Rev. Lyman

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...

Who tell the children the truth about Jesus,

For they will be called the teachers of God.

(cont'd)

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
**Who love and hug the children,
For they will be embraced by God's glory.**

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
**Who endure the talkative children and the ear-piercing screams of little girls,
For they will hear God's joyful laughter among them.**

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
**Who behave and play like the children around them,
For they will receive youthful vigor for the next 10-15 minutes.**

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
**Who listen to the children's concerns,
For God will reveal His heart to them.**

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
**Who teach the children to pray,
For they will experience God's power through answered prayer.**

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
**Who lead one of the children to saving grace, through Jesus Christ,
For they will have treasures in heaven.**

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
**Who call on God for wisdom in teaching His Word,
For the Holy Spirit will speak the truth in love through them.**

"Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers" by Rhonda Barner (Parent Life)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Psalm 1 (CEB)	p. 424
	Mark 9:30-37 (CEB)	p. 821

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER ("forgive us our *debts* as we forgive our *debtors*")

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Dearest Savior" (from *The Childhood of Christ*) H. Berlioz (1802-1869)

Chancel Choir

Dearest Saviour, watch Thou o'er us,
And shield us 'neath Thy wings divine.
In Thy footsteps let us follow,
Our thoughts, our deeds, our hearts are Thine.
Guide Thy children, humble, lowly,
Guard us from temptation's fall.
May we ever know Thee near us;
Dearest Saviour, bless us all; Dearest Saviour, bless us all.

Dearest Saviour, from Thy sight
No erring child of man may hide:
Teach us love for one another,
And in Thy peace may we abide.
Hear our feeble voices lifted,
Guard us from temptation's fall.
May we ever know Thee near us,
Dearest Saviour, bless us all; Dearest Saviour, bless us all.

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

Let All Things Now Living

NO. 37, v. 1

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us onto the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

How easy it is for us to be overwhelmed with the darkness of our world. No matter where we look, we see children who are hungry and youth in need of a loving community yearning for a sense of belonging. We see a world beset with conflicts and destruction caused by the forces of nature. We feel so helpless. Yet, here we have a chance to make a difference with the gifts we give. How grateful we are for the opportunity to change what is into what might be. Thank you, God, for allowing us the pleasure of giving. May our gifts be generous. Amen.

*HYMN

For the Fruits of This Creation

(see insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (choir only)

Send Us Now Away

J. N. Beck

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in D minor

Johann Froberger

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship after church in the back of the Sanctuary.

Today's Music: Hector Berlioz was critical in the development of 18th century romanticism in music. Wagner, Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mahler, and more were all greatly influenced by Berlioz' development of programmatic music, symphonic form, instrumentation, and progressivism. *L'Enfance du Christ* is an oratorio that depicts the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Because of the dramatic themes, the work was actually a much more conventional compositional style than Berlioz' other major works and was unusually well-received during his life. Today's offertory is a prayer for the nurture and protection of children, and in recognition that we are all children in God's eyes.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Jim Silvius

Liturgist: Jan Moore

Ushers: Carol Schlegel, Nancy & Ashley Tieste

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Terry Lynch in honor of the Pressley family for their contributions to Concord's youth and music programs.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Chris Gosling
Jane Gosling

Sarah Gosling
Gail & Don Greene

Meg Greene & Chip Miller

Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Concord now accepts donations via several electronic methods:

- Scanning the QR code with your smart phone will connect you with a Concord website page to allow **credit card** donations
- Use **PayPal** to send a donation to Concord at donations@concordpc.org



Use your personal **banking app** (utilizing Zelle®) to send a cash donation to donations@concordpc.org. (Examples of banks utilizing Zelle® are Wells Fargo, PNC, TD, M&T, Bank of America, Citi, etc.)

2018 Hurricane Florence

**God is our
refuge and
strength**



Therefore, we will not fear ... though the waters roar and foam. —Psalm 46

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence on the eastern seaboard of the U.S. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction from the storm. PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain – providing spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to address the unmet needs of those impacted.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give. Act. Pray. Make donation checks payable to Concord Church, memo: 'PDA – Hurricane' and place in the offering.



Peacemaking Offering
Seamen's Center of Wilmington

With our portion of the PC(USA) Peacemaking Offering, Concord supports the work of the Seamen's Center here at the Port of Wilmington. We have been involved with this ministry for years and continue to lift up those members who volunteer to provide needed respite for the men and women who come into the port from ships all over the world. We will receive the Peacemaking Offering again this week. Please use the envelopes in the pews or write a check to Concord with the memo "Peacemaking."

Children & Youth

Sunday School Teachers Needed: We are specifically looking for some caring folks to spend time with our 6th-9th graders, helping them navigate what it means to live like a Christian in 2018, what the Bible stories mean for us today, and how to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. Interested? Please contact Christina Pressley at 302/740-8078 or christina.pressley@concordpc.org.

Acolyte Refresher/Training Class – Sun., Sept. 30 after worship: If you would like to help serve in worship as an acolyte, please join us at the front of the Sanctuary during Concord Connects coffee hour next week when we will use the time to practice processing with the taper, lighting the Christ Candle, and extinguishing it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/FAMILY ACTIVITIES
(Sunday Morning Schedule)

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL *(except First Sundays*)*

10:30am Worship in Sanctuary

10:45am Children's Sermon/Lesson

10:50-11:30am Sunday School

- PreK/K (F210/211 for SPARK Rotation)
- Elementary, Grades 1-5 (rotating rooms for Art, Science, Video, Bible Skills, Cooking)
- Middle School, Grades 6-8 (service projects, worship participation, and Bible lessons)

MUSIC *(please sign up with Christina)*

10:00-10:25am Youth Choir and Bells

- Open to youth in Grades 1 and up
- Learn anthems and bell pieces
- Share our music in worship monthly

CHILDCARE

- Available **9:45am-11:30am** Sunday mornings in Nursery (Sunday School hallway).

***FIRST SUNDAYS**

The first Sunday of the month children and youth are invited to participate in worship with their families and are encouraged to take part in the service as acolytes, ushers, and liturgists! Quiet activities are provided in the Children's Corner.

CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 23 Elizabeth Lyman preaching

Sunday School Commissioning

- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School
- 12:00pm Inquirers' Class (JR)

Mon., Sept. 24

- 9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Covenant Bible Study (JR)

Tues., Sept. 25 Safe Space

- 7:00pm Safe Space (JR)

Wed., Sept. 26 Brandywine Blazers

- 9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (SL)
- 7:00pm Brandywine Blazers Open Rehearsal

Thurs., Sept. 27

- 11:30am Thaddeus Arc Bible Study (Lib)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

Fri., Sept. 28 Youth Group River Retreat

- 9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room East
- 5:30pm Epiphany House Dinner

Sun., Sept. 30 Joyce Tannian preaching

Water Is Life Kenya

- 9:30am Adult CE (Jessie's Room)
- 9:45am Book Club (SL)
- 10:00am Youth Choir/Bells (F204)
- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School
- 11:30am Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm Inquirers' Class (JR)



The Reason for God

Thru Oct. 14, 9:30-10:20am, Jessie's Room
A DVD conversation on faith and life with Presbyterian minister and author Timothy Keller. This series covers everyday thoughts like: *Isn't the Bible a myth? What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life? How can you say there is only one way to God? Why is the church responsible for so much injustice?* Come join us for thoughtful fellowship and learning.

Concord Book Club – Sundays, 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge: Now reading and discussing *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

You are invited to attend our Bible Study groups which discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday's sermon:

- **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** – Weds. @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge.
- **Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am in the Library.

Faith in Literature – Our next meeting will be **Monday, Oct. 15, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. We will be reading a new book – *Our Kids: the American Dream in Crisis* by Robert Putnam. To quote: "... *Our Kids* is a groundbreaking look at the new landscape of diminished opportunities set in an age of fragile families, crumbling communities, and disappearing jobs. Please read the first chapter.

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Concord Church Apparel Order Form

All items (except the apron) are available in the following sizes- S, M, L, XL, XXL.

Apparel is white with the exception of the aprons which are gray.

Item	Size	Price	Quantity	Total \$\$
T-shirt: child's		\$8.00		
T-shirt: men's		\$12.00		
T-shirt: women's (v-neck)		\$13.00		
Polo shirt: men's		\$23.00		
Polo shirt: men's (embroidered)		\$28.00		
Polo shirt: women's		\$23.00		
Polo shirt: women's (embroidered)		\$28.00		
Apron		\$18.00		
Total				

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please submit payment with your form to the church office by October 7, 2018.

1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God;
 in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done;
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God;

for the plow-ing, sow - ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 in our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing,
 for the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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