

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 9, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

THE TIME OF CENTERING

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

~ Proverbs 133:1

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Fugue in G

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS AND THE TABLE IS SET

Music: from *When You Pass Through the Waters*

Paul Weber

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

God calls us by name; we belong to God.

"When you pass through the rivers"

God will be with us.

"When you walk through the fire"

God will be with us.

God is our Savior; we are precious in God's sight.

Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

*HYMN NO. 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Reader 1: Let us, as the community of Christ, confess to God our sin. Let us pray.

Reader 2: God most holy, God most discerning, God most merciful, you know the complete, uncensored story of this church and each of these people.

All: **You know our tangled motives and our times of open disobedience. You understand our weaknesses and our strengths much better than we do.**

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Reader 1: Please open our eyes to the truth, no matter how unpalatable it may seem to us.

Reader 2: Give us a moment of spiritual clarity and honesty.

All: **Forgive us for all our failings as a church community, and for all our private sins of commission and omission; bless us with your freeing, healing grace. Revive our stodgy spirits and bring under control our unruly wants and anxieties.**

Reader 1: Let us make a new beginning, rid of the sludge of guilt and self-pitying regret. In the name of Christ our Redeemer.

All: **AMEN**

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

Reader 2: Now the One who created you, the God who shaped your life, says this: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” People of God, trust the plentiful love of this Savior, and know for sure that you are forgiven and restored.

All: **Thanks be to God! AMEN**

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Christ Is Alive!

NO. 246, v. 5

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news
to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.**

*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.”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 43:1-7

p. 585

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Y'All Are Mine"

Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

*HYMN NO. 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Concord Vision Statement 1998

As Concord Presbyterian Church, we commit ourselves to be a Christ-centered people of God. By the Grace of God and energized by the Holy Spirit –

WE WILL FEED the spiritual and intellectual hunger of God's people.

WE WILL BUILD a church family that welcomes, embraces, and loves all people, excluding no one from full involvement in the life of the church.

WE WILL SERVE the world around us, sharing in the concerns and struggles of its people.

WE WILL RESPOND to God's goodness with celebration!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

When You Pass Through the Waters
Youth, Chancel Choir

Paul Weber

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

NO. 607

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Thank you, loving God, for all the good things of life,
and for your Spirit and the Spirit's gifts.**

**Lead us to use the gifts we have in loving service to others,
and for the common good. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

BREAKING OF BREAD

COMMUNION

(All are invited to come forward by way of the center aisle to receive The Lord's Supper by intinction.)

Take a piece of bread from the basket and dip it in the cup. Eat immediately.

We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten-free alternatives so that all may partake.

If you are not able to come forward and you wish to receive communion, please let an usher know.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

H. Friedell

Chancel Choir

(See hymn no. 529 for text)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

We are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions

God has laid on our hearts.

We are now sent to:

Feed as we have been fed,

Forgive as we have been forgiven,

Love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (all sing)

When You Pass Through the Waters

Paul Weber

rit. *mp*

Fear not, fear not, for

D^b A^b D^b A^b
 C G C G *rit.*

I have re-deemed you; I have called you by name,

B^b_{min} E^b F_{min} D^b E^b A^b
A min *D* *E min* *C* *D* *G*

you are mine, you are mine.

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POSTLUDE

Carillon

Louis Vierne

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 our Homecoming Picnic following worship in Fellowship Hall and on the church grounds.*

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

Assisting in the service of worship are:

- Deacon-in-Charge:** Don Potter
- Communion Servers:** Carol Haas, Cynthia Miller, Liz Rowe
- Ushers:** Gerry Crock, Liz Rowe

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ellin Foote as we celebrate our fall homecoming and prepare for many coming activities.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Ellin Foote
Susan Foster

Gwen & Ralph Fuller
Liane & Troy Gehret, Michael & Conrad

Pastoral Care: The Rev. Kathie Pownall is currently providing pastoral care for our Concord family and would love to visit anyone – not just in times of crisis. If you would like a visit, contact her at 302/373-7127 or kspownallkathie@aol.com to set up a time.

Whether you are a visitor, occasional attendee, or current/former/prospective member, **you can stay connected to the people, plans, and possibilities of Concord by subscribing to our weekly *Concord Connects* e-newsletter.** Just write a note on a Connection Card, along with your name and email address, and place it in the offering.

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.)



Come visit us on Facebook... for photos, announcements, events, and engaging questions. If something catches your eye or touches your heart, “like” it or share it with friends.

The September issue of the Concord Courier is now available
in the Narthex and on the website.

There’s a lot going on – don’t miss a thing!



**THE SESSION OF CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HAS CALLED A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP
TO ELECT A PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND
TO HEAR A REPORT ON THE MISSION STUDY THAT WILL GUIDE THE WORK OF THE PNC.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

(All programs will begin September 16)

Concord's Family Ministries team is excited to bring new opportunities, as well as tried and true offerings, to Sunday mornings. We hope you will find meaningful ways to connect with the Spirit and each other as we come together each week!

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 & Games, Cooking)
- Middle School, Grades 6-8 (combination of service projects, worship participation, and Bible lessons)

MUSIC

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

- Open to youth in Grades 1 and up
- Learn anthems in unison and two-part harmony
- Learn beginning/intermediate bell pieces
- Share our music with the congregation in worship on a monthly basis

CHILDCARE

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



The Reason for God

Sundays, Sept. 9 – 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: (Meetings will resume **Sept. 16.**) Our summer book was *The Poisonwood Bible*. We'll discuss for a week or two before starting our next selection, *The Handmaid's Tale*.

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, Sept. 17, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. Reading assignment from *50 Great Short Stories*, ed. by Milton Crane: "The Death of a Bachelor" by Arthur Schnitzler and "The Apostate" by George Milburn.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Sept. 23 & 30, Oct. 14, Noon-1:30pm
Lunch & Childcare Provided

An adult study and discussion class for those considering membership or simply wishing to continue their faith journey.

(We are planning to receive new members during worship on Oct. 28 and welcome them at a reception following the service.)

If you are interested in attending the class or want info, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (elizabeth.lyman@concordpc.org, 654-9557).

Mission

Friendship House Breakfast: A big *THANK YOU!* to the volunteers who prepared and served breakfast this weekend to Friendship House clients. We appreciate the gift of time and service by Gerry Crock, Felleng Kalema, Troy Gehret, Judy Hayes, and Barbara Wise.

Friendship House Breakfast Closet: On the first Monday of the month, volunteers from Concord deliver breakfast supplies to the FH Women's Day Center. We need:

- cans of regular coffee
- 3-lb. bags of sugar, **sealed in plastic bag**
- large containers of powdered creamer
- large jars of peanut butter and jelly
- large boxes of regular tea bags.

Place your donations in the designated basket in the Narthex.

CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 9 **Kathie Pownall preaching**
Communion, Concord Youth

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Homecoming Picnic (FH, park)

Mon., Sept. 10

9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
1:00pm Mary Circle hosted by Peggy Carter
7:00pm Covenant Bible Study (JR)

Tues., Sept. 11

11:30am Staff mtg./lunch (Jessie's Room)
7:00pm New Life AA (Fellowship Hall)

Wed., Sept. 12

9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (SL)
12:00pm Women's AA (Jessie's Room)
7:00pm SAGA AA (Fellowship Hall)

Thurs., Sept. 13

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

Sat., Sept. 15

7:00pm Step Solutions AA (FH)

Sun., Sept. 16 **Elizabeth Lyman preaching**
Town Hall/Congregational Meeting

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 Town Hall/Cong. Mtg. (Sanct.)
5:00pm Youth Group Game Night (FH)

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