

Concord Presbyterian Church

SHOWING UP, WITH GOD'S LOVE



NOW WHAT?

SEPTEMBER 29, 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: Road signs help us; they give information to drivers, they tell us different ways to go, give us warnings, show us where there are hazards, etc. Just as road signs give us necessary information as we drive, the Bible is full of God's Road signs to guide us through life's journey. But knowing the direction sometimes is not enough, We need to know "now what?" What do I do when I don't know what to do or where do I go when I don't know which direction to go? Come journey with us throughout the next twelve weeks during the Harvest Season as we travel down God's Road and follow the signs to "Now What?" More resources are available at cpcstatesville.org/nowwhat

Upcoming Volunteers

SEPTEMBER 29 LITURGIST	Jessica Wood
SEPTEMBER 29 FELLOWSHIP	The Ervins

OCTOBER 6 LITURGIST	Paul Woodard
OCTOBER 6 FELLOWSHIP	Thomas and Liz Setser

SEPTEMBER ELDER	Tim Donnelly
OF THE MONTH	

WELCOME

Holy One, God of Forgiveness, we call out to you and you surround us with deliverance. You love us infinitely more than we love ourselves or others. Open us this day to your counsel, helping us be more merciful, more grace-filled, so that we might rejoice in simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

*HYMN

Longing for Light

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TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: ...are being forgiven, even now.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.**

The Word of God

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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!_

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’, But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate

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“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

SONG OF REFLECTION

The Many

Lovely, Needy People

Joe Raymer, Jeremy Troyer and Liz Setser

Prayers of the People

Score

That's Enough for Me

Barney E. Warren
Marcia McFee

The musical score is written for a single voice in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into six systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 3, 6, 9, 14, 17). The lyrics are: 'Though all a-long our dail - y pil - grim race our treas-ures small and ve-ry few may be, our souls are blest with God's un - end - ing grace, and that is e - nough, e - nough for me. Oh, that's e-nough for me, God's truth has set me free; The love of Christ has sanc - ti - fied my soul, And that is e - nough for me.' The final measure of the score is a double bar line.

1
Though all a-long ^{our} dail - y pil - grim race

3
our treas-ures small and ve-ry few may be, our souls are blest with God's un -

6
end - ing grace, and that is e - nough, e - nough for me.

9
Oh, that's e-nough for me, God's truth has set me free;—

14
The love of Christ has sanc - ti - fied my soul, And—

17
that is e - nough for me.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

When food and rai-ment are not ev-er sure, and sim-ple fare is hard to

23 get for sure, we work to share our goods with one and all,

26 and that is e - nough, e - nough for me.

28 Oh, that's e - nough for me, God's truth has set me

32 free; A love like Christ's is

34 meant for ev - 'ry soul, And that is e - nough for me.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: ...place of beauty. Creator God:

All: Thank you.

One: ...allowed to grow. Creator God:

All: Thank you.

One: ...and choked the beauty Creator God:

All: Forgive us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 ADAPTED FROM WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidence of a true and lively faith: and by these fruits believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus and who find their fruit in holiness, they may have eternal life.

Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow, Praise

3 Je - sus Christ, our bur - dens know, Praise

5 Spi - rit through whom our hearts grow, Praise

7 Three - in - One from here be - low. A - men.

*HYMN

Thy Word

#458

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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### Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

Go Now in peace, Go Now in peace, May the love of

6 God su - round you, ev'-ry where ev'-ry where you may go.

# THE GRAPEVINE

*Week of September 29 2024*

SEPTEMBER  
29

10:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

4:30 PM

YOUTH GROUP

SEPTEMBER  
25

7:15PM

CHOIR PRACTICE

OCTOBER 6

10:00 AM

WORLD COMMUNION  
SUNDAY

11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

4:30 PM

YOUTH GROUP

OCTOBER 19; 7:00PM

## STATESVILLE AFTER DARK

A NIGHT OF FUN AND SPOOKY STORIES

*more information at [concordpreschurch.com/events](http://concordpreschurch.com/events)*



# FOOD PANTRY wish list september

MAYONNAISE      TOILET PAPER      CLEANING SUPPLIES

CAKE MIX AND ICING      SMALL CANNED HAM      TREET OR SPAM

BEEF STEW      SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR AND FLOUR

CEREAL      SMALL PACKAGES OF HAMBURGER

POP TARTS      SNACK ITEMS      PAPER TOWELS

JELLY      CHEF BOY R DEE



# *Celebrating the Past, Inspiring the Future*



## 2 5 0 T H   A N N I V E R S A R Y   A T C O N C O R D   P R E S B Y T E R I A N   C H U R C H

As we gather in worship and fellowship, our beloved church sanctuary stands as a beacon of our faith and community. It's where we celebrate milestones, find solace in times of need, and connect with one another in profound ways. But as the years pass, even the most cherished spaces need a little revitalization to continue serving their purpose with grace and beauty.

We are excited to announce the launch of our Capital Campaign to refresh and renew our church sanctuary. This initiative marks a pivotal moment in our journey as a congregation, and we invite you to be an integral part of this transformation.

Our sanctuary, a cornerstone of our life together, is in need of significant updates to ensure it remains a welcoming, functional, and inspiring environment for all. From modernizing our lighting and sound systems to refreshing our floors and enhancing accessibility, this campaign is designed to address the

needs of our congregation and reflect our commitment to nurturing a vibrant and inclusive worship experience for the next 250 years.

This is more than just a renovation project; it is an investment in our future—a future where our sanctuary continues to be a place where faith is deepened, relationships are strengthened, and lives are transformed. By coming together, we can create a space that honors our rich history while embracing the possibilities that lie ahead.

We want to hear from you as the team kicks off its work. **On October 20, we will have a covered dish lunch following worship to share our thoughts about needed areas of attention and how we hope the space can be used in the future.** We also want to hear stories from fellow members whose lives have been touched by our sanctuary and will offer ways for everyone to get involved.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and commitment to our church community. Together, let us embark on this journey to refresh our sacred space and ensure that it remains a vibrant, welcoming home for all who come through its doors.

**Covered Dish Lunch;  
October 20**

# Youth and Children Ministry Updates!



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

## **September 29 at 4:30pm**

Mission Night! We'll be doing a prayer walk downtown, learning about our neighborhood, recognizing how we can help, and planning future mission projects for youth.

## **October 6**

Church trip to the Trampoline Park! \$12 a person, includes your 90 minute jump ticket. If you don't have jump socks already, bring an extra \$4. (Don't let money be an issue! Everyone is welcome.) We'll leave church at 4:30pm and be back by 7:00pm. Sign-up at [cpcstatesville.org/events](http://cpcstatesville.org/events)

## **Can you help with dinner?**

## **Go to: [cpcstatesville.org/youth](http://cpcstatesville.org/youth) to sign-up**

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youth](http://cpcstatesville.org/youth)

# **Mid-Week Devotion**

We come undone.

It's not a pretty fact, but it is inevitable. There are seasons when we are growing into the person we always hoped we'd be. Then, we come apart, and all of our rough edges are showing again. And it is in seasons like that when I need to hear the gospel of the Velveteen Rabbit.

The Velveteen Rabbit is a children's book telling the story of a stuff toy rabbit wondering what to do when he is replaced by a windup toy or eventually cast away. Perhaps that is a familiar feeling, when we wholeheartedly believe we were better before.

The Velveteen Rabbit has a moment of candor about this fear when talking to the Skin Horse. Skin Horse is an older, wiser toy. And the Skin Horse explains that in the process of being loved, we are not diminished. We are becoming real.

Real is not about how you are made, says the horse. It happens to you. It might hurt. And it happens slowly, over time. But where you are really, really loved, you become real.

Sometimes we worry we are being undone, unmade, unpolished. But we are *becoming*. We become real through our wear and tear. Our shabbiness might be unacceptable to an Instagram world. After all, our culture confuses glamour with beauty and wisdom with by lines.

May we always know the difference. May we not despise our realness. After all, we can never become ugly to those who understand us.

**adapted from “Good Enough” by Kate Bowler**

# The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)



Z I N C K I N G D O M L T R K  
T A K G D W M X V H N K T N W  
M Z O Y H W A Y V T I Z N W M  
Y W B R F T J Y X N M R S B O  
T D G S H E I L M O H Z N O G  
N R D Z F O T O D A Y F L L W  
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L U F A T H E R F R G A R S W  
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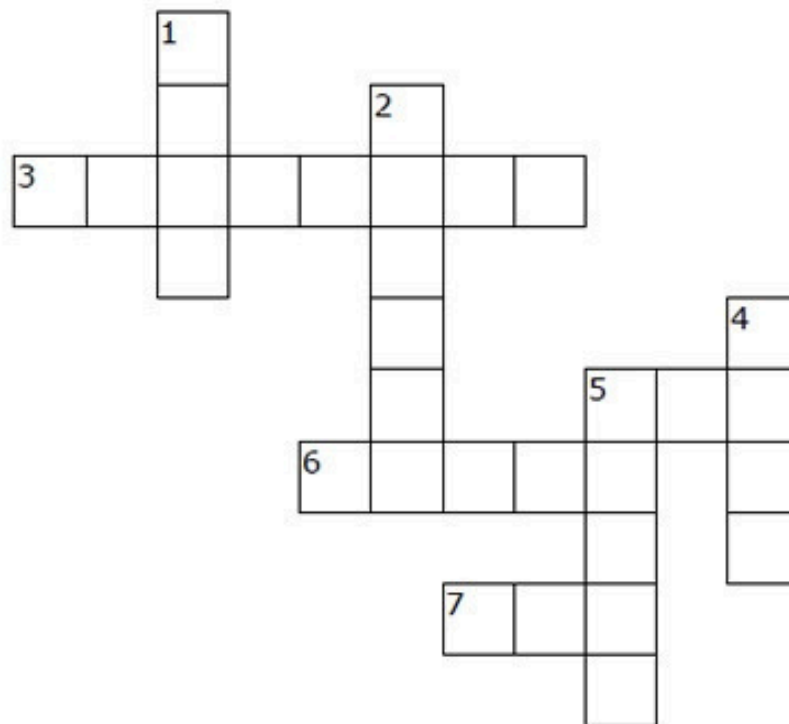
KINGDOM  
WORK  
TRUTH

BELIEVE  
VINEYARD  
SHOW

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## ACROSS

- 3. A place where grapes are grown
- 5. The number following one
- 6. A statement proven or accepted as accurate
- 7. An adult male

## DOWN

- 1. A person's male children
- 2. A male parent
- 4. To perform a job or task
- 5. To have an opinion or idea about something

WORK  
TWO

VINEYARD  
MAN

TRUTH  
SONS

THINK  
FATHER

# 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

## HARVEST SEASON TEAM

TIM DONNELLY

JOHN & JOYCE  
ERVIN

DELLA KINNEY

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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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