Concord Presbyterian Church

SHOWING UP, WITH GOD'S LOVE



NOW WHAT?

OCTOBER 20, 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 cpcstatesvile.org/nowwhat

Upcoming Volunteers

OCTOBER 13 LITURGIST	Joe Bottoms
OCTOBER 13 FELLOWSHIP	
OCTOBER 20 LITURGIST	Della Kinney
OCTOBER 20 FELLOWSHIP	Covered Dish
OCTOBER ELDE OF THE MONTH	John Ervin; Paul Woodard

WELCOME

Holy One, Lover of Souls, we seek words of truth, but do not always know where to turn. Open us today to your wisdom, nurturing these seeds into solid pieces on which we can build our lives in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

*HYMN *The Servant Song* #727

TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

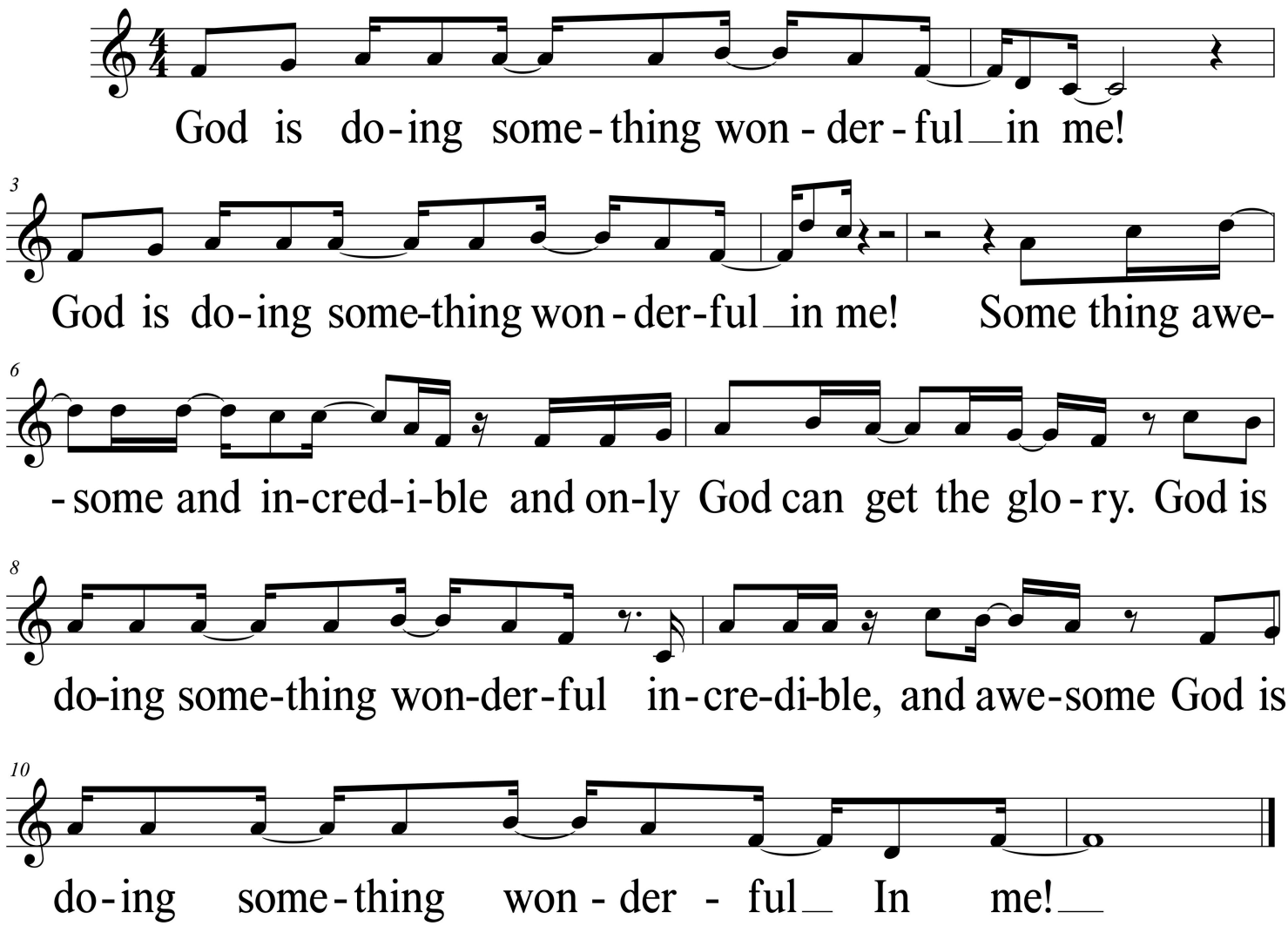
Jesus's brother, James, wrote a letter of advice to Christians who would follow after him. This morning, James tells us the difference between solid, truthful things which come from God and the empty things the world tries to tell us are truth. In the end, the substance of these things will be revealed and we will know the truth. James tells us to choose wisely. How have we been decieved by those who claimed wisdom, but were full of empty promises? Where have we been decieved by too easy words which makes us feel good, but are not true?

Let us take a moment of silent reflection...

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The Word of God

TIME WITH CHILDREN



PRAYER OF INVOCATION

JAMES 3:13—4:3, 7-8A

Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant

and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet[a] something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

SONG OF REFLECTION

Worship Tapestry

Concord Choir

Prayers of the People

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Score

That's Enough for Me

Barney E. Warren
Marcia McFee

our



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

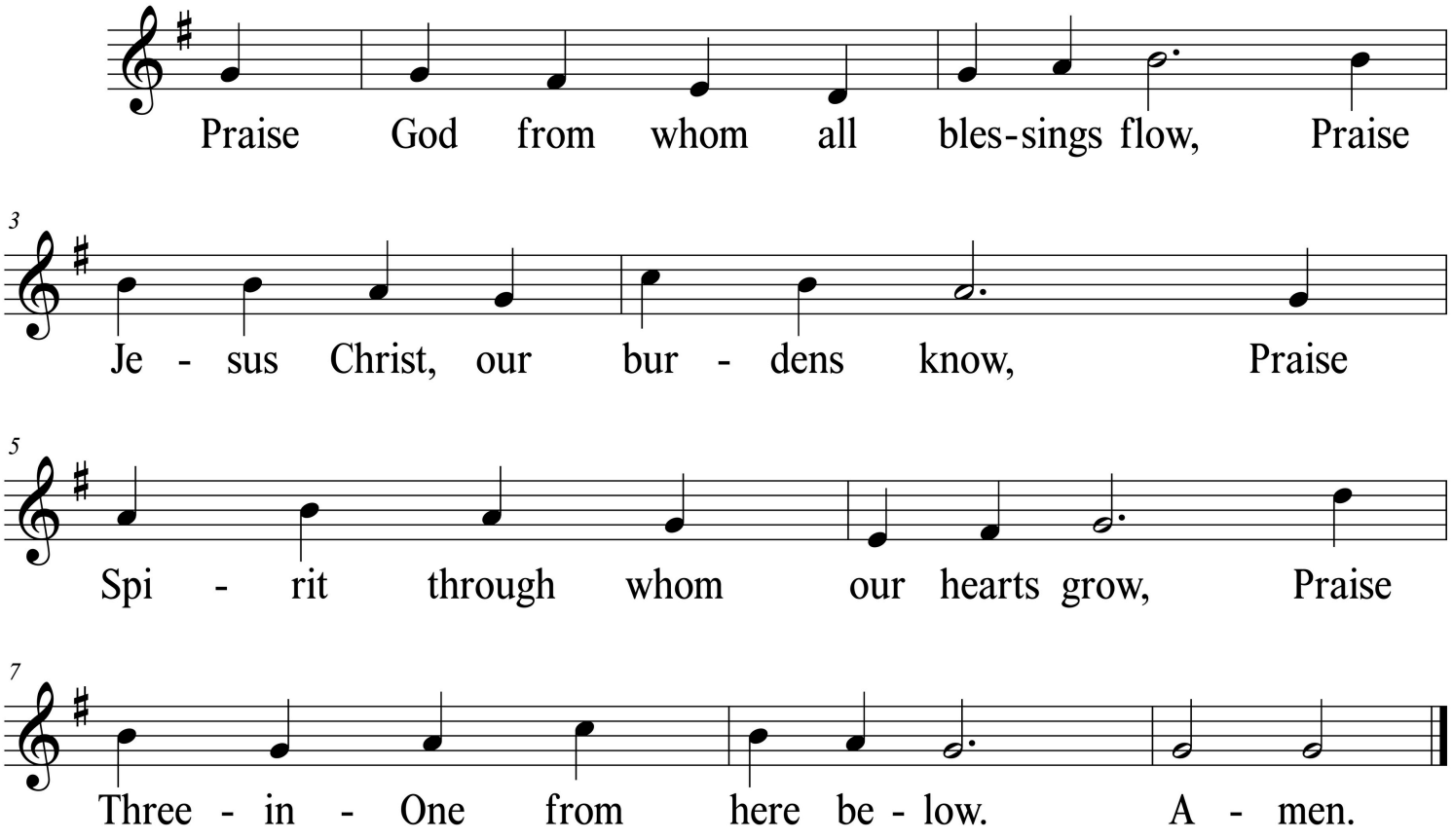
MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT:

- 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

Our 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.

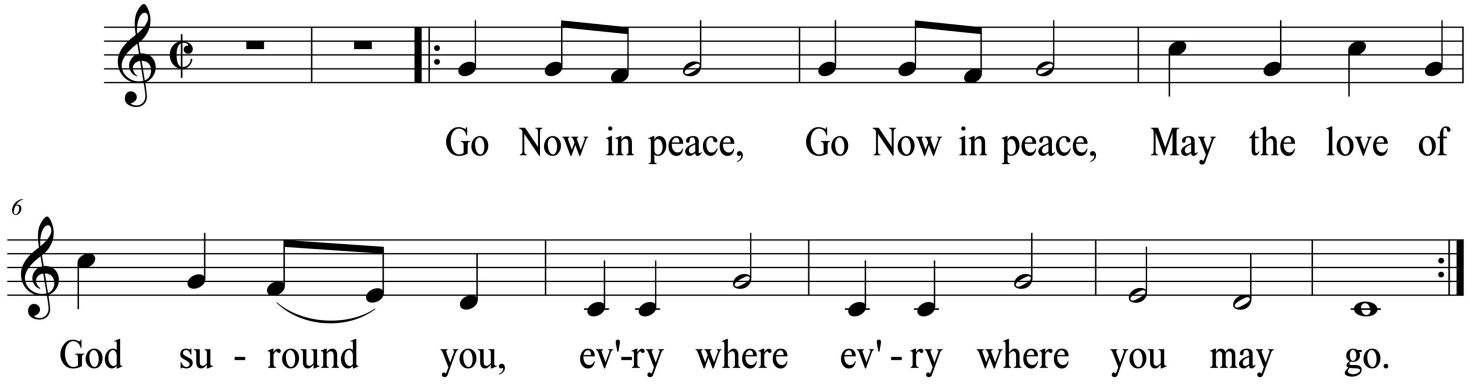


*HYMN *Shout to the North* #319

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth



THE GRAPEVINE

Week of October 20 2024

OCTOBER 20	10:00 AM	FOOD PANTRY OFFERING
	11:00 AM	COVERED DISH
	4:30 PM	YOUTH GROUP
OCTOBER 23	7:15PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
OCTOBER 27	10:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP
	11:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	4:30 PM	YOUTH GROUP

ON ALL SAINTS DAY WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH KNOW BY OCTOBER 20 AT INFO@CONCORDPRESCHURCH.COM OR DROP A NOTE IN THE OFFERING PLATE IF THERE IS SOMEONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE





FOOD PANTRY

wish list

October

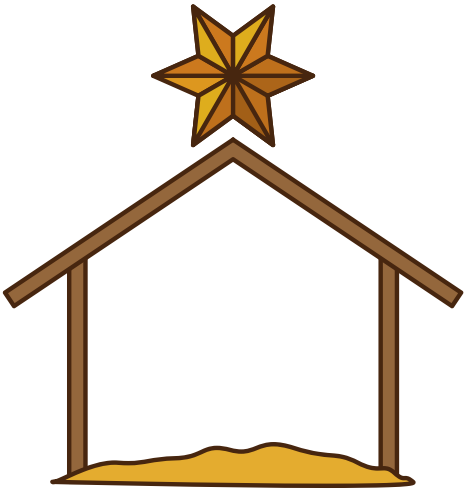
PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER
CLEANING SUPPLIES
PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED HAMS
CRACKERS
BEEF STEW
SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR AND FLOUR
CEREAL
MAYONNAISE
BAR SOAP
CREAMED CORN
SNACK ITEMS
INSTANT GRITS (PKG)
TOOTHPASTE
JELLY
POPTARTS
CAKE MIX AND ICING
GROCERY BAGS

collection: 10/20









JOIN THE

Advent/Christmas Team

SEE JOHN, JOYCE OR PASTOR LIZ FOR MORE DETAILS

Celebrating the Past,
Inspiring the Future



250TH ANNIVERSARY AT
CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Capital Campaign FAQs

What is a capital campaign?

We ask you to pledge each fall church's stewardship campaign to maintain the church's existing programs and infrastructure, supporting ministries like the Food Pantry, Youth Group, and Worship services. A capital campaign is asking for you to make a promise to donate a specific amount towards a specific item. You might remember a campaign to buy the bus and replace the windows. This is in the same family as those fundraising efforts.

Why Now?

Concord is turning 250 years old next year. The sanctuary has been a central part of the church's life since 1940. It was last remodeled in 1982 and shows those 40 years of life, with needed repairs beyond the scope of what our regular budget can support. We want to set ourselves up for another 250 years of successful ministry with a refreshed sanctuary space.

There's a Covered Dish Lunch on 10/20 following worship, what are you hoping to accomplish?

In order to kick-off the planning process, we want to hear your stories. What have you found meaningful about our sanctuary? What stories do you have to share?

Also, we recognize everyone might have different opinions about what needs to be addressed, so the planning team would like to hear what is important to you and what you believe they need to consider. Always wanted to paint the walls green? Think the aisle needs to be two feet wider? Now is your chance to be heard!

Who is in charge of this campaign?

The initiative began during a session meeting while planning for the Presbytery Meeting in May. The discussion continued over the next several months and it was decided we should take an holistic approach with a wide scope of possibilities.

A Planning team is in the process of being assembled who will guide the initial planning stages and includes construction professionals, project management experience, and few folks with an eye for design. If you would like to serve on this group, please contact a member of Session.

Questions to consider for the covered dish lunch and discussion:

What are some of the most meaningful events in my life which has happened in the sanctuary?

What are some ways the current sanctuary helps me focus on God during worship?

What are some ways the current sanctuary doesn't help me focus on God during worship?

What is one thing I would like to see considered?

Are there are area I find physically difficult to navigate?

I would be sad if this happened:

Youth and Children Ministry Updates!



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

October 20

It's our turn! In September, our friends from Trinity Episcopal came over. This week, we head to their church to enjoy more time with new friends, their hospitality, and some games! Come to the church for musical rehearsal at 4:30pm as usual, then we'll ride the bus over and return by our usual pick-up time.

October 27

Tonight, we discuss the ways God is present when we feel sad or are having a tough day. How do we see God in the midst of the storms?

Can you help with dinner?

Go to: cpcstatesville.org/youth to sign-up

Subscribe to the Youth Calendar and Messaging:

or stay up-to-date at cpcstatesville.org/youth

Mid-Week Devotion

We crave rules to follow. And, historically, that makes sense. Civilizations and societies are hemmed in by laws like the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Benedictine Rule.

Even creative practices like art have their own sets of rules. “Art suffocates from freedom,” said Leonardo Da Vinci, who knew human eyes are delighted by works that follow rules of proportion, color, and perspective.

Part of what is strange about rules is we love them and hate them at the same time. Let’s say we want to become the kind of person or family who treasures what is most important and spends quality time together. Wonderful. Now try discussing how this will impact “screen time” and not come away looking like Mussolini.

Freedom and constraint. We hunger for both. A life of faith must have room for both.

Martin Luther, whose actions sparked the Protestant Reformation, recommended a very manageable start to the day. He wrote “in the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.”

Martin Luther was saying one important thing about faith: Don’t worry about *everything*. Focus on the small. Start tiny. And keep it up. And if you don’t, just blink. And start a new chain of days.

adapted from “Good Enough” by Kate Bowler

The Armor of God

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

Based on Ephesians 6:13-17



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HELMET	ARMOR	SPIRIT	SWORD	STAND
WAIST	SALVATION	BELT	FEET	FAITH
FULL	GOD	EVIL	FLAMING	PEACE
GOSPEL	BREASTPLATE	SHIELD	BUCKLED	ARROWS

OUR LEADERSHIP

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
JOHN ERVIN	TIM DONNELLY	CHRIS HARRIS
ERIC MILLSAPS	JOYCE ERVIN	PAUL WOODARD
SALLY WARREN	DELLA KINNEY	
	THOMAS SETSER	

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TIM DONNELLY

JOHN & JOYCE ERVIN

DELLA KINNEY

OUR TEAM

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Elizabeth Dobson | Music Director

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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