Concord Presbyterian Church

SHOWING UP, WITH GOD'S LOVE



NOW WHAT?

NOVEMBER 17, 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.

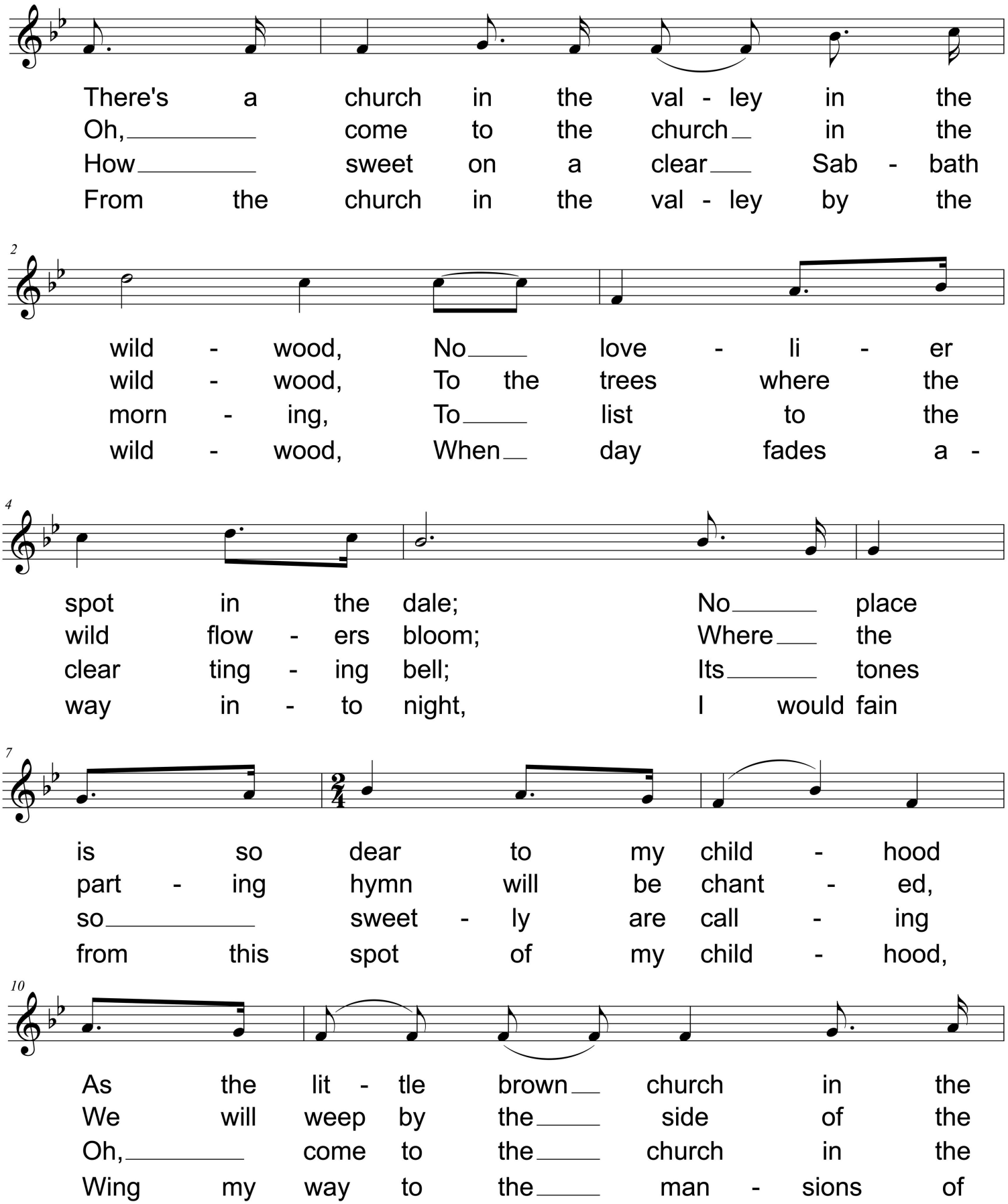
Notes about the Worship Series: Road signs help us; they give information to drivers, they tell us different ways to go, give us warnings, show us where there are hazards, etc. Just as road signs give us necessary information as we drive, the Bible is full of God's Road signs to guide us through life's 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

NOVEMBER 17 LITURGIST	Lillian Wood
NOVEMBER 17 FELLOWSHIP	Soup and Salad Lunch
NOVEMBER 24 LITURGIST	Liz Setser
NOVEMBER 24 FELLOWSHI	Primeria Inglesia
NOVEMBER ELDER	Joyce Ervin

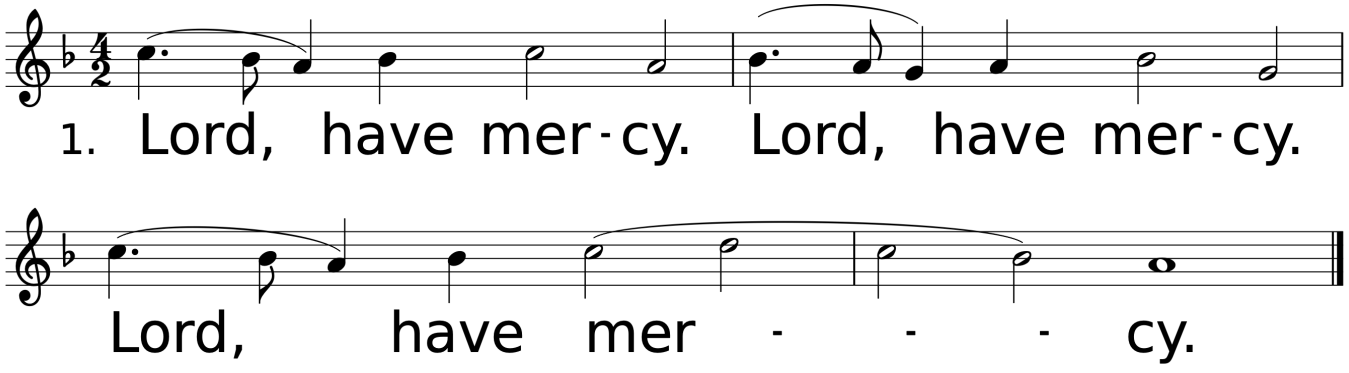
*HYMN

Church in the Wildwood





TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION



Almighty God, we confess often look at ideas over people. We have lost the humanity of others and lost our own humanity in the process. We have looked inward with self-preservation rather than outward with empathy.



As you have taught, we are nothing without each other. As we stumble to see others as brothers and sisters, fill us with your gathering spirit, so we might remember we are a community bound in love for you and for each other.



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN *Take Me to the Water* #480, vs. 1–3

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
1 CORINTHIANS 13

We believe love is patient and kind; it is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth;

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. And though we live in a world that often tells us these attributes are weakness, we reject that lie.

Love is the source of our greatest strength as God's people. We believe in Christ's name, faith, hope, and love abide; and the greatest of these is love.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

God is Doing Something Wonderful

RESPONSE

Prayer of the People

RESPONSE *Lord Hear our Prayer* *#471*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE *Lord Hear our Prayer* *#471*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

ACTS 16 11-15

We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and
came to Neapolis the following day. 12 From there we
went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and
a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the
riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for
prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women
who had gathered.

One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

*HYMN *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* # 835

BLESSINGS


O they tell me of a home far be - yond the skies,
O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
O they tell me of a king in his beau - ty there,
O they tell me that he smiles on the chil - dren thre,
4
O they tell me of a home far a - way;
O they tell me of that land far a - way;
And they tell me that mine eyes shall be - hold
And God's smile drives their sor - rows a - way;
7
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise,
Where the tree of life in e - ter - nal bloom
Where he sits on the throne that is whit-er than snow,
And they tell me that no tears ev - er come a - gain,
10
O they tell me of an un - cloud - ed day.
Shes its fra - grance thro' the un - clouded - ed day
In the cit - y that is made of gold.
In that love - ly land of un - cloud - ed day.
13
O the land of cloud - less day,



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE GRAPEVINE

Week of November 17 2024

NOVEMBER 17	10:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP
	11:00 AM	SOUP AND SALAD LUNCH
	12:00 PM	OCC PACKING PARTY
	4:30PM	YOUTH GROUP
NOVEMBER 20	7:15PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
NOVEMBER 24	10:30AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP
	11:45AM	LUNCH WITH PRIMERIA IGLESIA
	4:30PM	YOUTH GROUP



November 24

During our normal worship hour, we will join with our friends in the Primeria Inglesia congregation for a Thanksgiving service.

Following, they are making us lunch, so plan to stay and enjoy the delicious food!



FOOD PANTRY

wish list

November

PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER
CLEANING SUPPLIES
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY
CRACKERS
CEREAL
SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR AND FLOUR
SPAM OR TREAT
SNACK ITEMS
FRUIT COCKTAIL
POPTARTS
CHEF BOY R DEE
KNORR SIDES
CAKE MIX AND ICING
SMALL TURKEYS OR HAMS FOR THANKSGIVING

next collection:

11/17

OCC

PACKING PARTY

Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION Christmas Child

NOV. 17; 12PM



DECEMBER 3
2:00-6:30PM

Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE

CPCSTATESVILLE.ORG/EVENT

COLLEGE student goodie bag

In support of our college students, the Women of the Church would like to invite you to join us in collecting goodies/snacks for our college students.

(If you have a college student, please let Joyce Ervin know. We don't want to leave anyone out.)

Please bring your items to church by November 24th. There is be a box marked "Goodies for College Students" in the Fellowship Hall.



A Word from Session

Have you heard the one about the meeting where the leader asked the group “Who wants change?” Well, the whole group enthusiastically raises their hands. Next, they were asked “Who wants to change?” This time, no one raised their hand.

Change is tough and can be filled with uncertainty. Session has been praying, discussing, and discerning what might be the best course to follow in moving Concord Presbyterian into the future. The future necessarily involves change. The question has been what kind of change. There really hasn’t been any answer with a guarantee, so a decision was made to “try something” which fits with out historical strengthens as a church.

The church is going to begin a music-based afterschool program geared toward helping children who would normally be alone at home after school, possibly with little to no food in the house. They will come to the church and be given snacks, have playtime, and help with homework if needed. The parents will pick them up after work. Hopefully, this will provide a safe and secure environment that the kids might not otherwise have available. A director for the program will added to the church staff and will be expected to work out the details of the program. The expected implementation of the program would begin with the 2025 – 2026 school year.

There are lots of questions to be answered - like Is it going to work? Maybe. If not, then the program may offer a new path that can be followed. It’s about moving the church forward, trying something new, opening our doors to more people in our community and, hopefully, growing attendance numbers by welcoming new families into CPC. It’s just a small change. It won’t hurt too bad and can be a real benefit to others, and allows to more fully live into our church values of being a welcome place for all people.

- Elder Paul Woodard on behalf of Session

MID-WEEK DEVOTION

Biblical prophets are my favorite because they never shy away from hard truths. They speak plainly about the problems in the world. They weep and mourn for the brokenness, the pain, and the suffering that they witness—especially Jeremiah (he wasn't called the weeping prophet for nothing). Jeremiah noticed the ways that the world was not as it should be. He saw the world through tears. Yet he also saw something sacred shining through.

Long before the birth of Christ, Jeremiah predicted his coming, and he told everyone: "The days are coming...they are coming" when someone will come whose very name means truth and justice and love and compassion and peace and safety to make all things right (a paraphrase).

Niceties and platitudes like "everything happens for a reason" or "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" attempt to make people feel better, but they do not hold up when our lives have come undone, when our hearts break, or when our faith wavers.

We need truths that can stand the test of time (...like, say, 2000 years or so) because we live in the already-but-not-yet. Like
Abraham being shown the stars in the sky that will outnumber his offspring (Genesis 15:5), or God declaring creation good (Genesis 1:31), or Jesus declaring the mighty reversals of the Kingdom of God (Matt 5; Luke 4:16-22), we are given a portrait of the work God is doing in the world, but we don't experience it fully. Jesus came to be with us and began working toward the restoration of the world. We see glimpses of peace, healing, grace, and goodness, but we still endure pain, suffering, and sorrow. This is the duality we must learn to live in as we wait for the day when God restores the whole world.

Adapted from "Everything Happens for a Reason" by Kate Bowler

Youth and Children Ministry Updates!



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

November 17 - 4:30pm

The Bible tells us that Pharaoh's heart was hardened toward the Israelites, meaning his heart was full of meanness instead of kindness.

Sometimes we can be like Pharaoh and our hearts are also hardened, which can cause us to be mean to others. But God is always in the process of softening our hearts so that we can show kindness and love to others.

NOVEMBER 24 - 4:30PM

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS NIGHT!

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

When Someone Hurts You



"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a

Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

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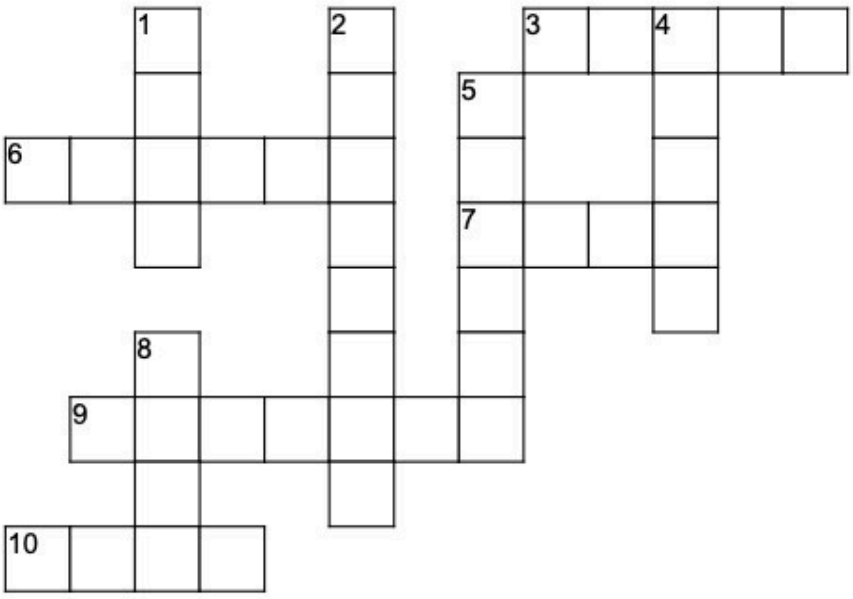
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AGAINST	EARTH	SINS	LOOSE	SHOW
CHURCH	WITNESSES	REFUSES	HEAVEN	LISTENS
YOU	AGREE	TESTIMONY	WON	BROTHER

Feed the Children



"If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:9-10 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Isaiah 58:9-12



ACROSS

3. The opposite of dark
6. To make a reply to a question or request
7. Something that is necessary; a requirement
9. To fulfill or meet a desire or need
10. To give assistance to someone

DOWN

1. To increase in strength
2. The absence of light
4. To show someone the way by leading them
5. To feel a need or desire for food
8. To say or announce in a loud voice

LIGHT	RISE	SATISFY	GUIDE	HUNGRY
ANSWER	DARKNESS	NEED	CALL	HELP

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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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