

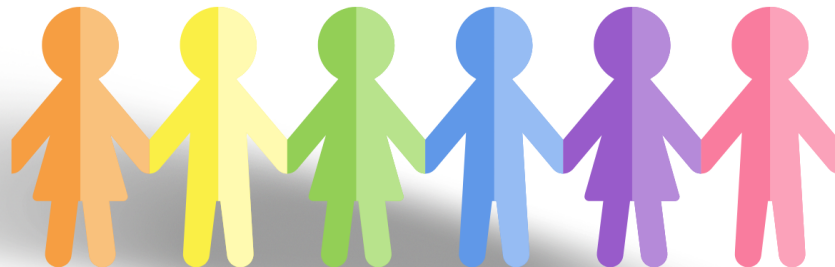
CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Showing up, wherever you are, with God's Love

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Spring Worship

UNITED, WE SERVE



Because we are stronger together

April 14, 2024

Worship and Our Everyday Lives

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: This series, based on *The Liturgy of Politics* by Kaitlyn Schiess, explores the way Christian worship shapes the whole lives of the people of God. We are powerfully shaped by the habits and practices of the church. The church has powerful resources—corporate worship, Scripture, personal spiritual disciplines, and historic practices. The way forward may not require an entirely new strategy but a return to the historic practices of the global church. Used by permission of InterVarsity Press. You can find more resources at cpcstatesville.org/unitedweserve

<i>April 14 Liturgist</i>	Nicole Winterhalter
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<i>April 14 Fellowship</i>	Jessica and Jeremiah Wood
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<i>April 14 Youth Dinner</i>	Jessica and Jeremiah Wood
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<i>April 21 Liturgist</i>	Lillian Wood
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<i>April 21 Fellowship</i>	Thomas and Liz Setser
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<i>April 21 Youth Dinner</i>	Kim and Frank Setser
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<i>April Elder of the Month</i>	Della Kinney, Chris Harris
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Preparing to Listen

Welcome

Silent Prayer

Get in a posture of prayer. Find a comfortable way to sit with a straight back and your hands open on your lap. Close your eyes as a sign of letting go of the world around you and making yourself available to God. You have nothing to do during centering prayer except to be present to one who is God.

Words of Welcome

Nicole Winterhalter

One: Jesus said:

All: "Follow me."

One: Jesus said:

All: "Feed my sheep."

One: In response, we say:

All: "Here's my heart. Take and seal it."

One: Let us worship God with all our hearts.

Hymn

"Lord I want to be a Christian"

#729

☩ Call to Confession

Nicole Winterhalter

☩ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, like the ancient people of Israel, we try to split up our lives into different parts. We too often see our work, relationships, the way we spend our time and money, and how we participate in the world as separate from our faith. But all these activities are just as important, just as spiritual, as what we do in worship each week. Help us strengthen the connections between what we do in this place and the paths our feet walk when we go out into the world. Help us to see worship as God does – a celebration and reminder of God’s grace. May our worship form how we act and move in our lives. Amen.

☩ Words of Forgiveness

Pastor Liz

☩ Response

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness”

#582, vs. 1

Offering of our Time, Talent and Treasure to God

The Two Cents a Meal offering is a program of Salem Presbytery where Member Churches are asked to contribute a small amount per meal to help feed the hungry. These donations are collected monthly by the presbytery and distributed through grants both locally and nationally, including here at Concord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response “Glory to God” #582, vs. 2

Hearing the Word of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 1:10–17 Pastor Liz

Hear the Lord’s word, you leaders of Sodom. Listen to our God’s teaching, people of Gomorrah! What should I think about all your sacrifices? says the Lord. I’m fed up with entirely burned offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts. I don’t want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from you, this trampling of my temple’s courts? Stop bringing worthless offerings. Your incense repulses me. New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly— I can’t stand wickedness with celebration!

I hate your new moons and your festivals. They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing. When you extend your hands, I'll hide my eyes from you. Even when you pray for a long time, I won't listen. Your hands are stained with blood.

Wash! Be clean! Remove your ugly deeds from my sight. Put an end to such evil; learn to do good. Seek justice: help the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

Time with Children

Song of Preparation "Take Time to Be Holy" *arr. Fetke*

Concord Choir

Reflection on the Scripture *Pastor Liz*

Our spiritual and political lives are not separate but are different aspects of our whole life offered as worship to God. Our communal worship and personal practices should lead us to seek justice and live righteous lives.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.48-9.55

All: We believe God gave the church worship, its preaching, teaching, prayer and songs. These gifts, along with the Lord's Supper and Baptism, equip the church for service of God by its people in the world outside its doors.

We believe God teaches the church and equips it for mission in worship. All acts of worship refresh our ability to witness about God's grace in a particular time and place.

God's work in Jesus embraces the whole of our lives, social and cultural, economic and political, individual and community. With the urgency born of hope, the church works towards and strives for a better world.

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response "Come, Live in the Light"

#749

Prayer of the People

Pastor Liz

Lord's Prayer *The Words are available on the screen*

Song of Response "Song of Hope" #765

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The Grapevine

Week of April 14

April 14	10am	Worship Service; Isaiah 1:10-17
	11am	Sunday School/Fellowship Time
	12pm	Session Meeting
	4:30pm	Youth Music; Youth Group

April 10	7:15pm	Choir Practice
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April 21	10am	Worship Service; Matthew 6:19-24
	11am	Sunday School/Fellowship Time
	3:30pm	VBS planning team
	4:30pm	Youth Music; Youth Group

Events and Announcements

Food Pantry Wish List, April 21

During the month of March, our Food Pantry served 75 families, reflecting a general increase in the numbers served during 2024. Your donations are essential to helping us provide food in our local community!

Mayonnaise

Jelly

Cleaning Supplies

Peanut Butter

Saltine Crackers

Cereal

Cake Mix/Icing

Spam/Treet

Book Club selection for April is “Thursday Murder Club” by Richard Osman. This book is the story of four friends who live in a retirement community. They have formed a club which attempts to solve local cold cases when a real-life murder comes to Cooper’s Chase. They each use their pasts to help solve the case, meeting a group of interesting characters along the way. It’s a light-hearted but engaging story looking at the ups and downs of aging, friendships, and our personal history. Discussion night: **April 25; 7pm at Della’s house.**



The poster is for a 'Baseball Night' event. It features a baseball in a circle at the top left. The main text 'Baseball Night' is in a large, red, cursive font. Below it, 'VS' is written in a blue diamond shape. At the bottom left, it says 'HICKORY CRAWDADS' and at the bottom right, 'ASHEVILLE TOURISTS'. On the right side, it lists the date and time: 'FRIDAY, APRIL 26 7:00PM', the price: '\$13 PER PERSON', and the included items: 'INCLUDES HOT DOGS, NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, AND SNACKS ON THE PARTY PORCH'. At the bottom right, it says 'CPCSTATESVILLE.ORG/ EVENT'.

By tickets online at cpcstatesville.org/event

Or

add your name and number of tickets to the list on the bulletin stand and drop a check with “Baseball” in the Memo into the offering plate.

Save the Date:
Vacation Bible School
July 28- August 1

