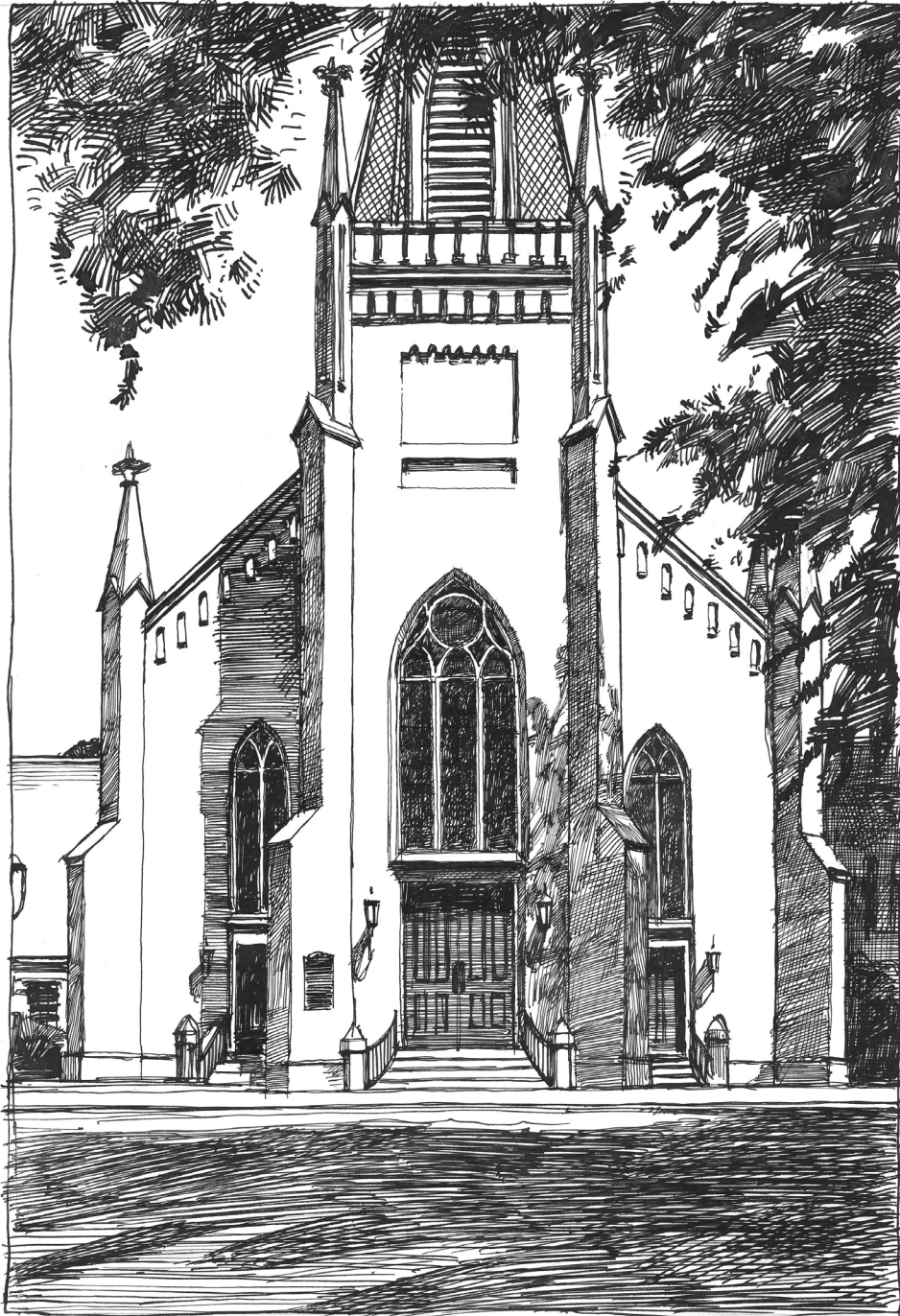


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 7, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*We invite you, whoever you are and whoever God is helping you to become, to join First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte in our journey of faith. God is love, and that love is for you. You belong as a child of God, and we welcome you. Come experience how that belonging might change you and our world as we seek to be for Christ in the heart of Charlotte.*



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Are you interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, [jives@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:jives@firstpres-charlotte.org).

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Amy Hockett.

FIRST  
CHURCH  
MOBILE  
CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

**Prelude** | Great Is Thy Faithfulness | arr. Dan Miller

**Words of Welcome** | Lucy Baum

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**ADORATION**

**Choral Call to Worship** | Hal Hopson

*O be ye joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with a song.*

+**Hymn No. 35** | “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” | LOBE DEN HERREN

**CONFESSION**

**Call to Confession** | Anna Dickson

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Lord, you seek out and embrace those whom the world rejects, yet we often hesitate to do the same. Forgive us for sharing our love only with those we believe deserve it. Loving God, you desire mercy, not sacrifice. Forgive us when our human justice demands retribution, and teach us how to practice your divine justice that brings restoration. Gentle Savior, you come to heal us from the sickness of our spirits. Forgive us when we pretend we don't need a doctor. Help us to let go of our desire for control and our flimsy self-righteousness; have mercy on us and restore us for the sake of your love.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

+**Response to Pardon** | GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptism of Gabriel Modafferi Church

+**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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**PROCLAMATION** 

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Matthew 9:9-13 | pew Bible p. 9

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Anthem** | "I Will Arise" | arr. Parker/Shaw

*I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in his arms, in the arms of my dear Savior. Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.*

**Sermon** | "Tax Collectors and Sinners" | Lucy Baum+**Hymn No. 435** | "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" | IN BABILONE**RESPONSE** 

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**Recognition of the Reverend Lucy Crain** | Lewis Galloway**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Stewardship of Life** | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | "The Call" | Z. Randall Stroope

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way, as gives us breath, such a Truth, as ends all strife, such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a Light, as shows a feast, such a Feast, as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a Joy, as none can move, such a Love, as none can part, such a Heart, as joys in love. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.*

+**Doxology** | OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+**Prayer of Dedication****SENDING FORTH** 

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+**Hymn No. 649** | "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" | AMAZING GRACE+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | "Amen" | DANISH**Postlude** | Toccata on AMAZING GRACE | Christopher PardiniPRAYER  
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## IN LOVING MEMORY

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The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Rick Rogers and family upon the death of his mother, Betty Ann Rogers, on May 31, 2026.

## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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Gabriel is the son of Lauren and Joey Church.

*If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at [dianenmaye@hotmail.com](mailto:dianenmaye@hotmail.com).*

Today's Worship Leaders:

**The Reverend Dr. Lewis Galloway**, *Transitional Pastor*

**The Reverend Anna R. Dickson**, *Executive Pastor and Associate for Congregational Care*

**The Reverend Lucy Baum**, *Associate Pastor for Formation and Fellowship*

**Lee Northcutt**, *Guest Organist*

**Kelly Harder**, *Guest Conductor*

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