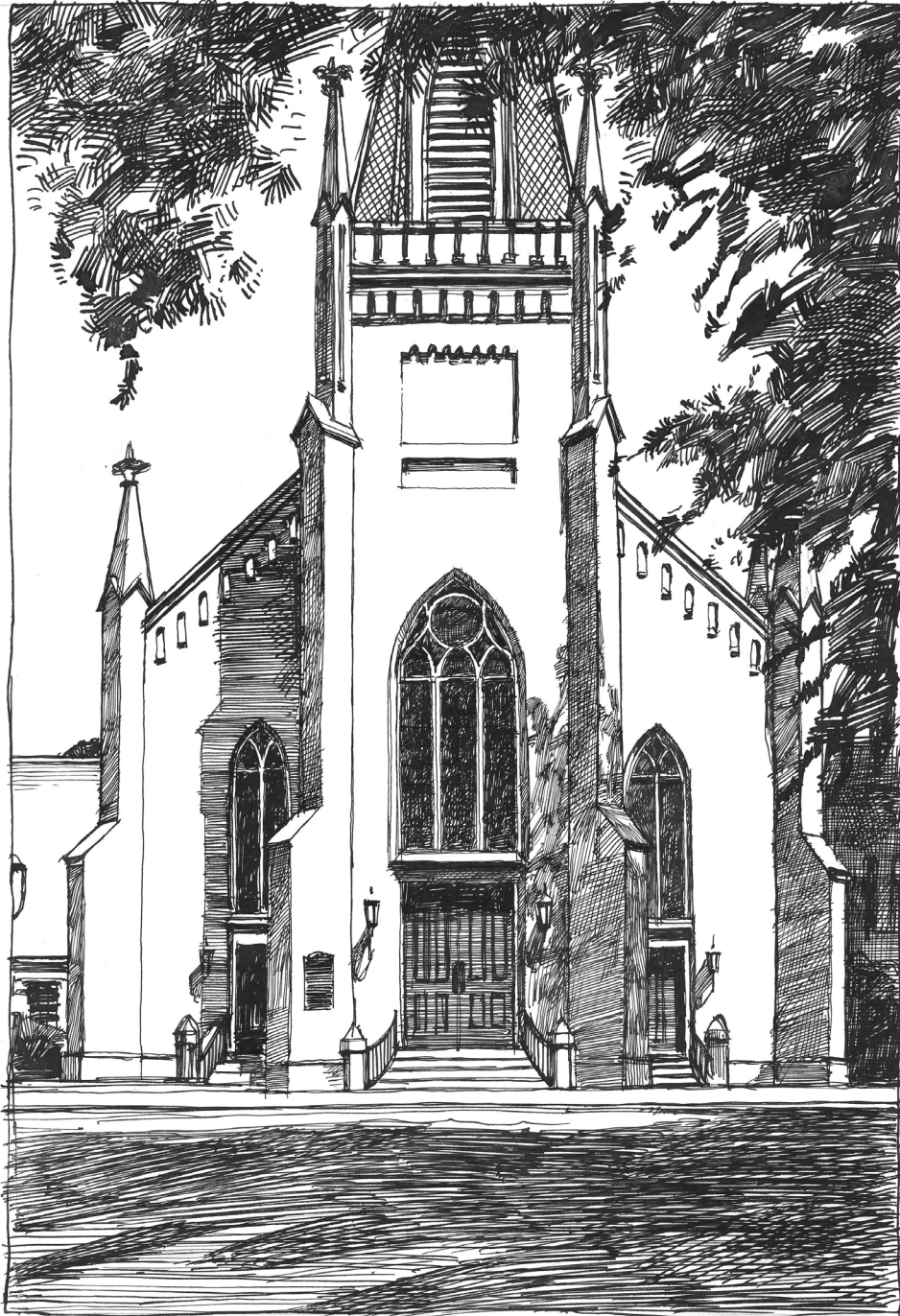


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | APRIL 19, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*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).

**PREPARATION****Prelude** | “Come, Holy Spirit” | J. S. Bach**Words of Welcome** | Anna Dickson**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION****Choral Call to Worship** | Christopher Tye

*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name; from early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known. Ye people, come, and bow before his throne.*

+**Hymn No. 245** | “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” | LLANFAIR**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Chuck Williamson**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we often walk through our days with downcast eyes, so consumed by disappointment and doubt that we fail to recognize you beside us on the road. We have been slow to trust the good news, quick to return to despair, and blind to the ways your resurrection is remaking the world and our lives within it. Forgive us. Walk with us with patience, O God, and send us out with burning hearts to live as resurrection people in the ordinary places of our lives.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

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

+**Response** | HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Time with Children**

*Children ages three through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.*

**PROCLAMATION****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Luke 24:13-35 | pew Bible p. 90

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**Anthem** | “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” | arr. Neil Harmon

*I know that my redeemer lives; glory hallelujah! What joy and peace this sentence gives; glory hallelujah! Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground; glory hallelujah! The dead's alive, the lost is found; glory hallelujah! He lives to bless me with his love; glory hallelujah! He lives to plead for me above; glory hallelujah! He lives, my hungry soul to feed; glory hallelujah! He lives to help in time of need; glory hallelujah! He lives, all glory to his name; glory hallelujah! He lives, my savior still the same; glory hallelujah! What joy the blest assurance gives; glory hallelujah! I know that my redeemer lives; glory hallelujah!*

**Sermon** | “Reborn to the Ordinary” | Anna Dickson+**Hymn No. 252** | “Day of Arising” | RAABE**RESPONSE**+**Affirmation of Faith** | from *A Brief Statement of Faith* | Lucy Crain

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**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** | Recognition of Flo Bryan**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | Jubilant Celebration | J. Wayne Kerr | Adult Handbells+**Doxology** | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

+**Prayer of Dedication**PRAYER  
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## SENDING FORTH

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+**Hymn No. 233** | “The Day of Resurrection!” | LANCASHIRE

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

**Postlude** | Tuba Tune | C. S. Lang

## IN LOVING MEMORY

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*Gregory C. Kornegay, 1953 - 2026*

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to David Eades upon the death of his father, Joe Carroll Eades, on April 8, 2026; and to Steve Godwin upon the death of his father, John Godwin, on April 13, 2026.

## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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The rosebuds in the Sanctuary celebrate the births of Collins Annette Hartman, daughter of Meredith and Chris Hartman on February 23, 2026; Annie Brooks Peacock, daughter of Carson and Bryce Peacock, on April 10, 2026; and Jack Charles Borns, son of Dani and Mark Borns on April 13, 2026.

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

**The Reverend Lucy M. Crain**, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

**The Reverend Dr. Charles Williamson**, Parish Associate

**William P. Young, III**, Director of Music Ministries

**Ann Ward**, Handbell Conductor

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