



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude "I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ" J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome The Reverend Robert Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship Charles Callahan
The spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Merciful God, you have made each one of us in your image and we have been given unique calls. We have forgotten this. We try to hide the gifts you gave us. We give our respect to those who do not deserve it. We aspire to be like one another, when we know we should be more like your son. We forget that you call us to honor those whom society devalues or ignores. Help us, O Lord, to remember that each one of us is valued by you. Forgive us when we make these mistakes and guide us to see each other as you view us through Jesus Christ. Help us to recognize the gifts you give to all your people for the betterment of your world and the creation of your kingdom. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Response (Hymn No. 581)

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

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Meredith Grier Durham

*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.

Children ages 3 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.

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

We are grateful to Pam Dennis for playing the organ, and to David Dennis for directing the choir in worship today.

Meredith is the daughter of Mamie and Porter Durham.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Margaret Jackson.

The Guest Elder is Grier Bomar.

We believe that God put the wiggle in children, and all are welcome in worship regardless of their ability to sit still.

For our youngest members (birth to 2-years-old), the nursery is available in Room P311.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Anthem

“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”

arr. Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we would true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Sermon

“Gifts That Build”

The Reverend Robert Galloway



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God’s on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we’ll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

(C) (Em)
 D^b Fm



And they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
 B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm



love; yes, they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Response

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Anna Dickson

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
Stewardship

Bill Stevenson

Offertory Anthem

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like Thee; and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now Thy pow'r to see, I would be like Thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield; let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

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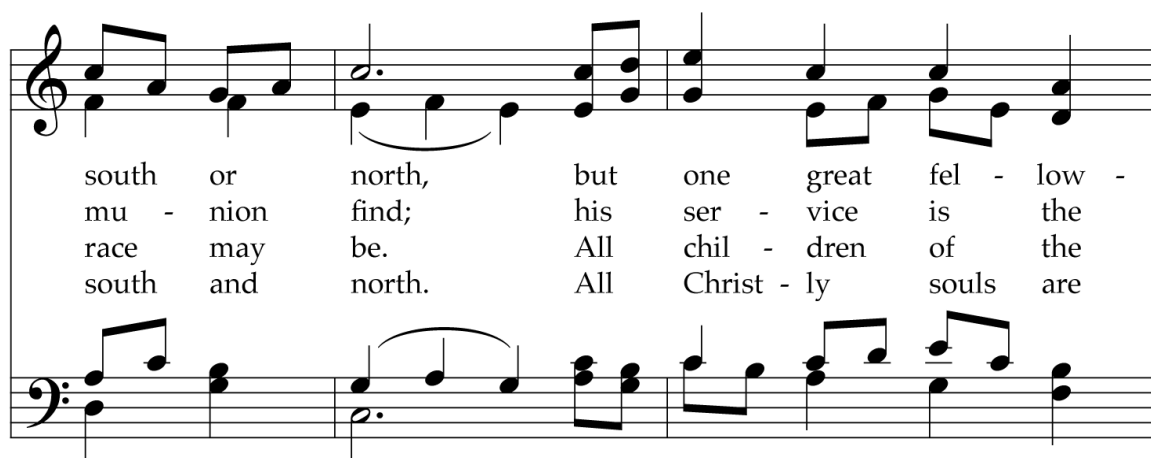
*Hymn No. 317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

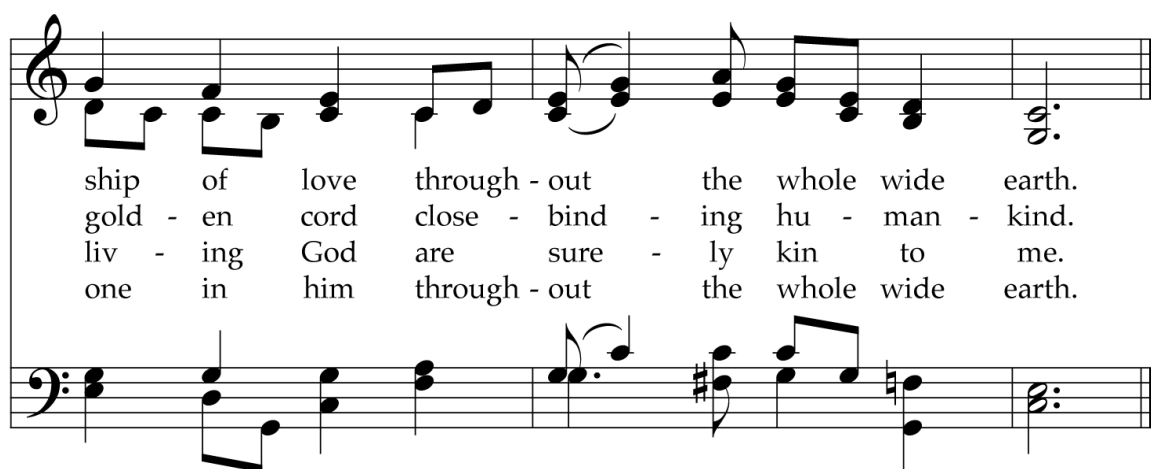
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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Amen”

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

Fantasia in C Major, BWV 570

J.S. Bach

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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First Presbyterian Church Announcements

Congregational Meeting, October 17, immediately following worship

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee on electing new church officers.

Volunteers Needed for Habitat Build, October 15 - December 4

Construction has begun on our 33rd Habitat house! We need volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays. FPC is in charge of logistics on Friday, October 15, and Jim and Carla Gambrell are providing lunch with their famous BBQ for all volunteers. | Questions? Email marwen@carolina.rr.com. Register at bit.ly/fpchabitat2021.

Room In The Inn Orientation, October 20, 6 p.m., S203

This winter, we will reopen the church doors to our homeless neighbors to provide a warm, safe place to sleep, a home-cooked meal, and provisions for the next day. Join us for the orientation to learn about the changes to the program. | Questions? Email fbryan@firstpres-charlotte.org. Register at bit.ly/fpcriti2021.

Guest Speaker: Edgar Villanueva, October 17, 5-6:30 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

The author of "Decolonizing Wealth," UNC graduate and member of the Lumbee tribe, will share his vision of philanthropy that promotes social reconciliation and healing. The event is free, but registration is required. | Register at bit.ly/FPCEdgarVillanueva.

Sunday School for All Ages, 10 a.m., locations below

Birth - 2-year-olds, Nursery, P311 (open from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

3 - 4-year-olds, P307

Kindergarten - second grade, P306B

Third - fifth grade, P306

Middle School Youth, P301

High School Youth, P321

Adult Class, *Exploring the Bible*, S203

Adult Class, *Seeking Shalom*, hybrid, P206 & Zoom | Register at bit.ly/FPCFormation2021.

Thank you for your continued support. For those who are not worshipping in person, we encourage you to give by text, online at www.firstpres-charlotte.org, or by mailing a check to 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. Your gift will support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

TEXT GIVING – You can quickly donate to the church through TEXT GIVING. See the example below.

- Text to 73256
- Content of the text needs to be – givetofpc followed by a \$ and the dollar amount.
- You will be prompted to enter your payment information.
- You will receive an email receipt of payment.

