Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte
Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022 11 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude

Voluntary and Trumpet Tune in D

William Boyce

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 121)

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.

One: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time

forth and forevermore.

One: Come, let us worship God.



Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

God of all life, we acknowledge that we belong to you and that in you we have the promise of new life. Yet we have sought to hold on to our old ways of living, rather than embracing this new life you give. Signs of your goodness and love are all around us, but we continue to live in doubt and fear. Lord, forgive us and set us free by your Spirit to live as your faithful people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (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.

Time with Children

First Church is on hiatus for the summer. Children will return to their seats to worship with their families. If families are more comfortable in a casual setting, you are invited to worship in the Prayground (P206) where the service is livestreamed and children's worship resources are provided.

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.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 15:16-21

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

Sermon

"Have You Met Simon of Cyrene?"

The Reverend Chuck Williamson

Music "And Can It Be?" Eric Langer, soloist

arr. Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the savior's blood? Died he for me who caused his pain, for me who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left his father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace; emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in him is mine! Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me? Amazing love!

Response

*Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Anna Dickson

*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.

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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

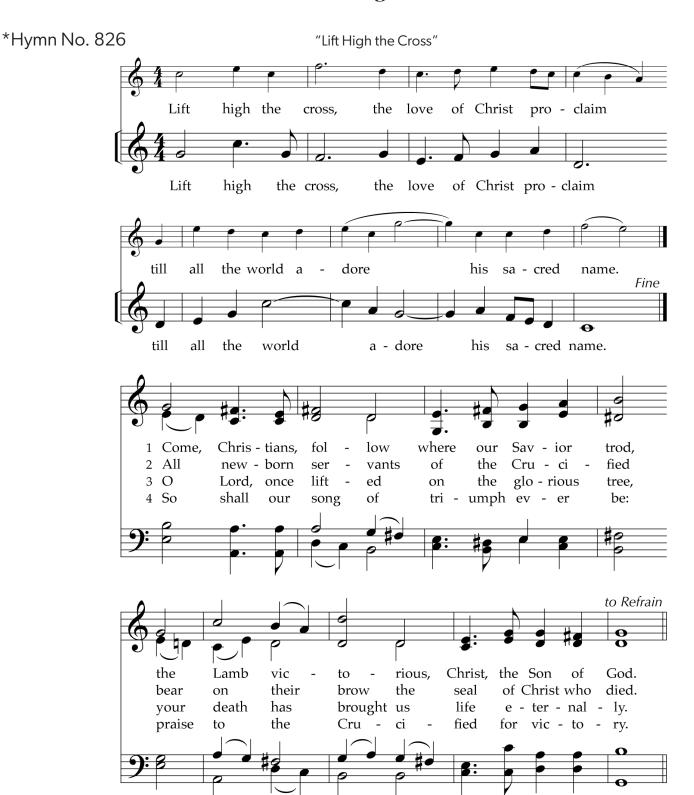
*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

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

Sending Forth



Young

CRUCIFER

"...till all the world adore his name...lift high the cross. Amen."

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Benediction Response

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.

Our Pastors

Pendleton B. Peery Senior Pastor Rev. Peery is on sabbatical through August 31, 2022.

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Are you interested in joining our church?

Contact Jane Ives Membership Coordinator jives@firstpres-charlotte.org

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

Lemonade on the Lawn, Today, 12 p.m., Front Lawn

Children's Ministry will be hosting lemonade on the lawn immediately following worship today. Please stop by for some lemonade and to learn more about Children's Ministry at FPC. (Lemonade will be in the historic lobby if it is raining.)

Operation Sandwich, August 14, 12:15 p.m., Front Lawn

Join us on the church lawn after worship for an Olympic-sized competition of making 300 sandwiches for Roof Above. We will provide the ingredients while you provide the skills to assemble the fastest or funniest quota of sandwiches. | Contact fbryan@firstpres-charlotte to sign up.

At the River Film Screening, August 23, 6 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church First Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian are co-hosting the Charlotte debut of At the River, a documentary film that tells the story of minister in the deep south and their work during the Civil Rights Movement. A Q&A with the film producer and several feature ministers will follow the screening. Boxed dinner is available by reservation. | Questions: rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org. | RSVP at www.covenantpresby.org/adults

Summer Sunday School, through August 28, 10 a.m., P206
Gather before worship to discuss the Scripture for the sermon. | Contact rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org for more information.

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