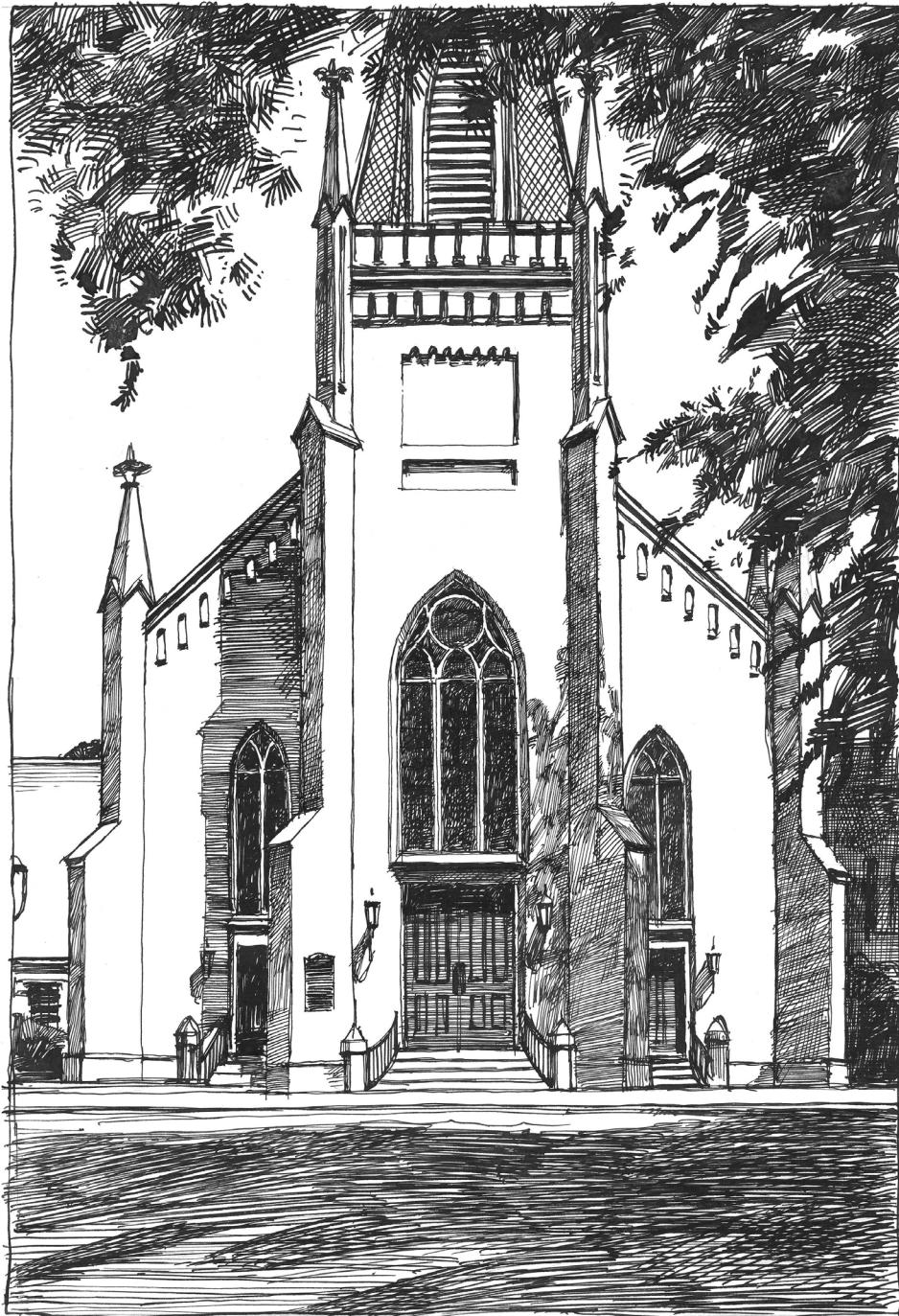


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 20, 2023 | TWELFTH 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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VIRTUAL
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Are you interested in joining our church?
Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, jives@firstpres-charlotte.org.

PREPARATION

Prelude**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity**

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Williams, ed. Young*This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen!***+Hymn No. 620** | "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" | LAUDA ANIMA

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson**Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us, O God, for the times when we feel so righteous and certain that we do not even consider that our way might not be the way. Humble us, for the sake of the rest of your creation, so that we might see ourselves in the context of others who bear your image. We ask it in Christ's name.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

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

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.

FIRST
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PROCLAMATION

Music | "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" | arr. Margaret Bonds | Loretta Giles, soloist

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls came a-tumblin' down. You may talk about your king of Gideon; you may talk about your man of Saul. There's none like good ol' Joshua at the battle of Jericho. Up to the walls of Jericho he marched with spear in hand. "Go blow them ramhorns," Joshua cried, "cause the battle is in my hand." Then the lam' ram sheep horns began to blow; trumpets begin to sound. Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls came tumblin' down. Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumblin' down.

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Joshua 6:15-21 | pew Bible p. 198

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Feltboard Stories: Walls of Jericho” | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 643** | “Now Thank We All Our God” | NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

PRAYER
REQUESTS



RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | from *A Declaration of Faith*, 8.1 | Robert Galloway

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion, and peace.

GIVE
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TEXT
TO GIVE



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 | “With a Voice of Singing” | Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

+**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**

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 269** | “Lead On, O King Eternal!” | LANCASHIRE

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | Peter Lutkin

Postlude

CHURCHWIDE

Kick-off Sunday Congregational Breakfast, August 27, 9:45 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall – Enjoy complimentary bacon, eggs, and pancakes to kick off fall, and learn how you can fill (and share) your cup spiritually this season. RSVP for breakfast at the QR code below.

College of Elders and Deacons Meeting, September 10, 12 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall - All past and current officers are invited to this annual meeting and lunch. Scan the QR for more information and to register by August 27.

CARE

Counseling Center at FPC – Take care of your mental health and schedule a confidential appointment with one of our on-site therapists. Scan the QR code for more information and schedule.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Westerly Hills Academy New Shoe Collection, August 27, during worship - Please consider purchasing a pair of shoes for a child at Westerly Hills Academy. New shoes, sizes youth 12 through adult 7, will be collected as part of worship. | Questions: hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org

Back to School Open House, August 23, 3 p.m., Westerly Hills Academy - Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, uniform distribution, and clean up at Westerly Hills Academy's Open House. | Scan the QR code to sign up.

CHILDREN

Carol and Kirk Choir Resumes, August 30, 6 p.m., dinner available to purchase at 5:15 p.m. - Scan the QR code to register your child for Carol Choir (TK- Grade 1) or Kirk Choir (Grades 2-5).



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IN LOVING MEMORY

Joan Jordan Ramsey (Jo), April 19, 1929 - August 13, 2023

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Anne Leggett upon the death of her mother, Agnes Sabiston; and to Ward Davis upon the death of his mother, Myrtle Davis.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Craig by Alice Craig.

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

Please help us keep our Sanctuary clean by taking your bulletin with you when you leave.

Today's Worship Leaders:

The Reverend Pendleton B. Peery, Senior Pastor

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

The Reverend Robert L. Galloway, Associate Pastor for Christian Formation and Young Adults

William P. Young, III, Director of Music Ministries

Catherine Hicks, Guest Organist