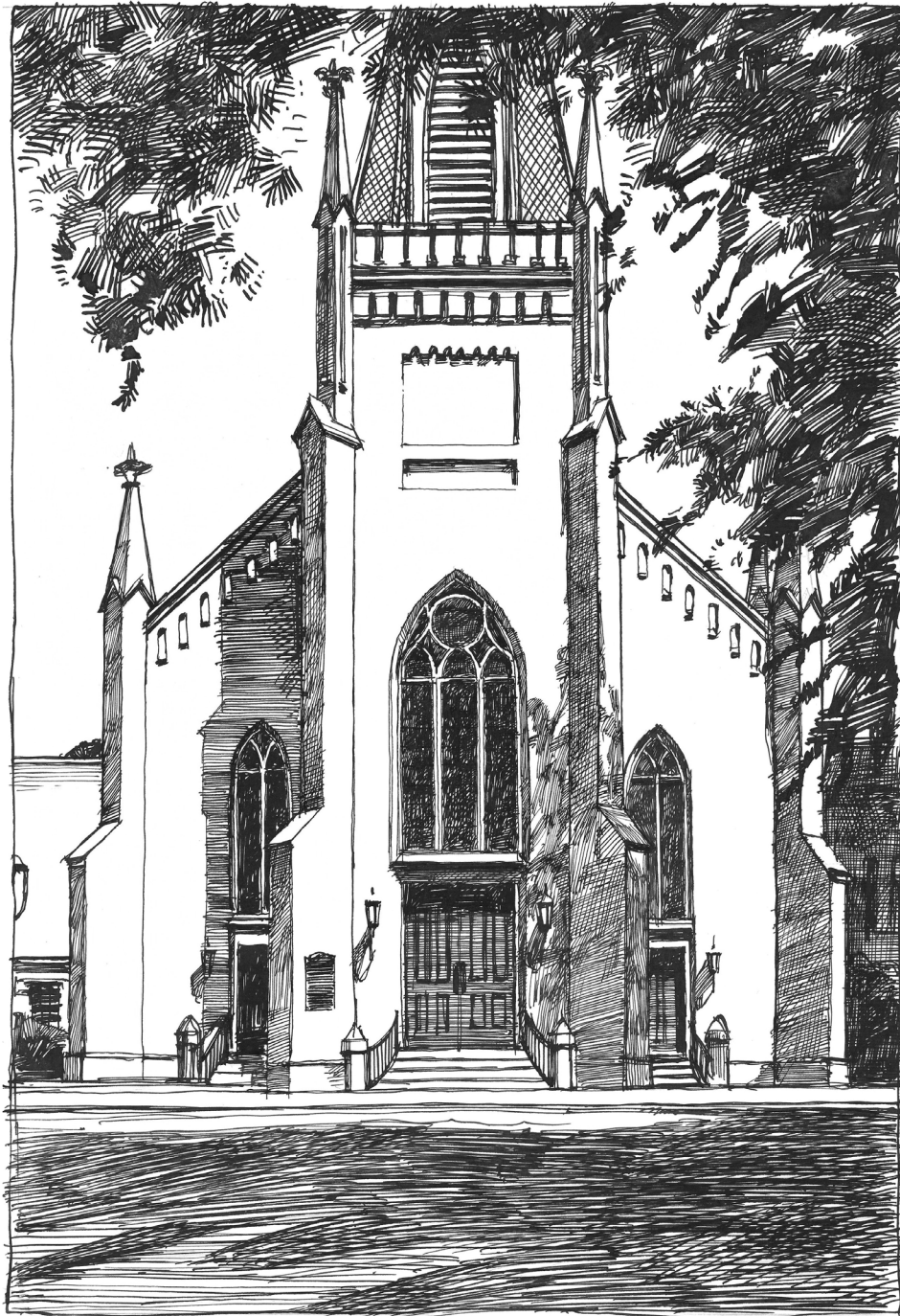


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 6, 2023 | TENTH 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
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in joining
our church?
Contact
Jane Ives,
Membership
Coordinator,
jives@firstpres-
charlotte.org.

PREPARATION

Prelude | Andante allegro from *Concerto in B-flat* | G.F. Handel

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Introit | 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. 33** | "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" | LLANFAIR

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Lucy Crain

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, when our concerns are too small and our thoughts are self-centered, and when our hearts are turned in and our imaginations are turned off, startle us with your grace in order that we might remember the vast reach of your love.

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 and Youth

First Church is on hiatus for the summer. Children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families in the Sanctuary or Chapel.

PROCLAMATION

Anthem | "Bless the Lord, My Soul" | Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth his wrath forever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | Jonah 4:1-11 | pew Bible p. 861

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

Communion Meditation | “Feltboard Stories: Jonah” | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 29** | “O God, You Search Me” | O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles’ Creed | Robert Galloway

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.

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me” | Howard Helvey

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know where’er I rest, where’er I go. Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in thy hand. My words from thee I cannot hide. I feel thy pow’r on ev’ry side; O wondrous knowledge, awful might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height! Where can I go apart from thee, or whither from thy presence flee? In Heaven? It is thy dwelling fair. In death’s abode? Lo, thou art there. If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make, the hand that leadeth me is thine, and my support thy pow’r divine. If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from thee. To thee both night and day are bright. The darkness shineth as the light.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus No. 552 | LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup

**PRAYER
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Today we will take communion by intinction. All are invited to come down the center aisle to one of four communion stations. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of communion. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served communion at their seats.

Hymns During Communion (sung by the choir)

Hymn No. 509 | “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” | HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Hymn No. 527 | “Eat This Bread” | BERTHER

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer After Communion 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.

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 463** | “How Firm a Foundation” | FOUNDATION

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH

Postlude | Voluntary in G | Healey Willan



Rent Eats First

We have all heard by now that housing costs in the Charlotte area are skyrocketing. Did you also know that the number of neighbors facing food insecurity is also critically high? In plain and simple terms, rent gets priority before groceries are purchased, and children and families are going hungry in our community. Our partners at Loaves and Fishes/Friendship Trays report that donations of food and financial gifts haven't kept up with this unprecedented demand, so we "need a crisis-level response from the community."

Our Loaves and Fishes pantry shelves, as well as the pantry at Westerly Hills Academy, are in need of restocking on a continual basis. We need donations of fresh items each week as well as nonperishable goods to give to our neighbors who shop in our church pantry and the families who stop by the Westerly Hills Academy pantry every week. Your help is needed in three ways:

1. Make a habit of bringing donations of nonperishable food to church each quarter on Communion Sunday as part of your spiritual practice of coming to the Lord's Table.
2. Sign up to donate fresh produce and/or perishable food to our pantries on a specific week through our Sign Up Genius: fpc.tiny.us/fooddonations
3. Volunteer to assist neighbors who shop in our church pantry on Wednesdays, Fridays, and, starting in October, Saturdays. Also, grab a friend and run a Wednesday delivery route to our 28208 neighbors to deliver groceries directly to the doorsteps of families in need through our Home Delivery program, also starting in October.



CHURCHWIDE

Formation on the Go Resources – Resources for all ages are available to enrich your understanding of today's scripture. | Access the resources on our website homepage or scan the QR code.

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.

CARE

Stephen Ministry – We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you are in a season where you need extra support, contact Anna Dickson. | Contact: adickson@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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Christopher L. Katz (Chris), April 9, 1964 - July 28, 2023

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Doris and Roland Parker on their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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

The Chapel is open! Families who would like to worship in the chapel where the service is live streamed are invited to do so. A pastor will join you following the time with children or baptism. Adult volunteers are available to support parents and help engage children in worship.

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

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*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Middle School Carowinds Day, 10 a.m., Offsite

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
Needlepoint, 6:30 p.m., Offsite

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206
High School Lunch, 12 p.m., Offsite
Loaves & Fishes, 1 p.m., P121

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
Loaves & Fishes Pantry, 1 p.m., P121

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center
Nursery, 9 a.m., P311
Worship, 11 a.m., Sanctuary



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