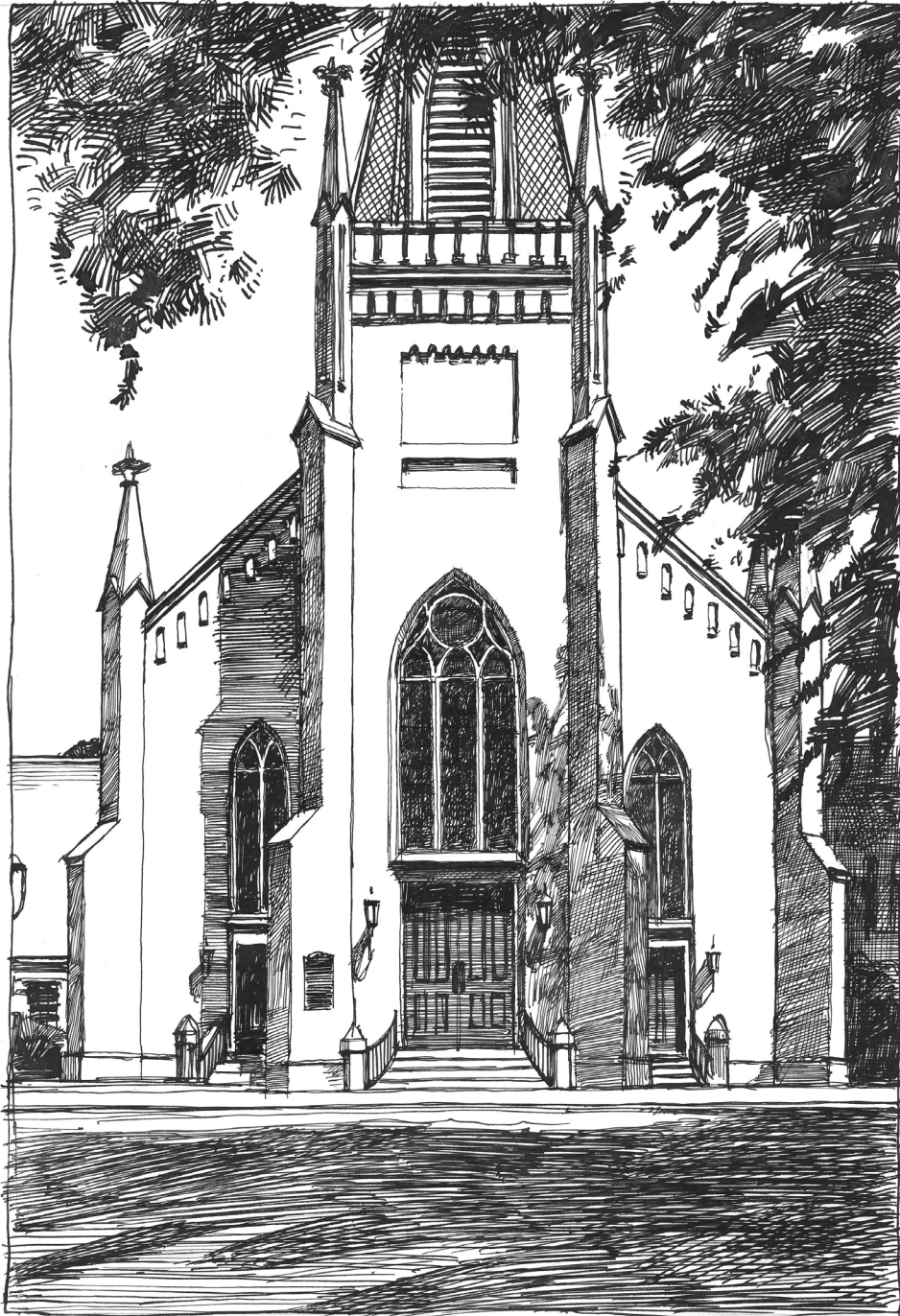


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | TWENTY-SIXTH 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 interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, jives@firstpres-charlotte.org.

PREPARATION

Prelude | Adoration on a Traditional English Melody | Franklin Sheppard | arr. Alice Jordan

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Hal Hopson

O be ye joyful, be joyful in the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with a song.

+**Opening Hymn No. 14** | “For the Beauty of the Earth” | DIX

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, with a word you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed the breath of life into us. You call us to live as stewards, reflecting your glorious image into the world.

When we have scorned your gift of creation, placing ourselves over and above rather than within and among, forgive us.

When we have ignored your gift of creativity, believing it inferior to the gifts of the intellect, forgive us.

When we have sought you in heaven and ignored you on earth, forgive us.

Fill us again with your creative spirit, that your image may shine forth in our lives. We pray in the name of your creating Word made flesh, Jesus the Christ.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of George Dempsey Potts

+**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.

First Church will not meet today. Children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

+ Please stand if you are able

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Woods Potts.

PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Psalm 8 | pew Bible p. 492

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Anthem** | “Look at the World” | John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us joyful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Ev'ry good gift, all we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

Sermon | “What the Bible Doesn't Talk About: Climate Change” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 370** | “This Is My Father's World” | TERRA BEATA**RESPONSE****Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** | Robert Galloway

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 | Room in the Inn | Cher Lindblom**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “With What Shall I Come Before the Lord” | John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

+**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**PRAYER
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+**Hymn No. 36** | “For the Fruit of All Creation” | ARHYDYNOS

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude | Musique Royale | Michel Delalande

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

George Dempsey Potts is the son of Laura and Will Potts.

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program, a hunger relief and at-risk youth ministry of the Presbytery of Charlotte.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Hampton Clifford Bullard, son of Courtney and Kyle Bullard.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of George Dempsey Potts.

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

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

David Dennis, Guest Conductor

Catherine Hicks, Guest Organist