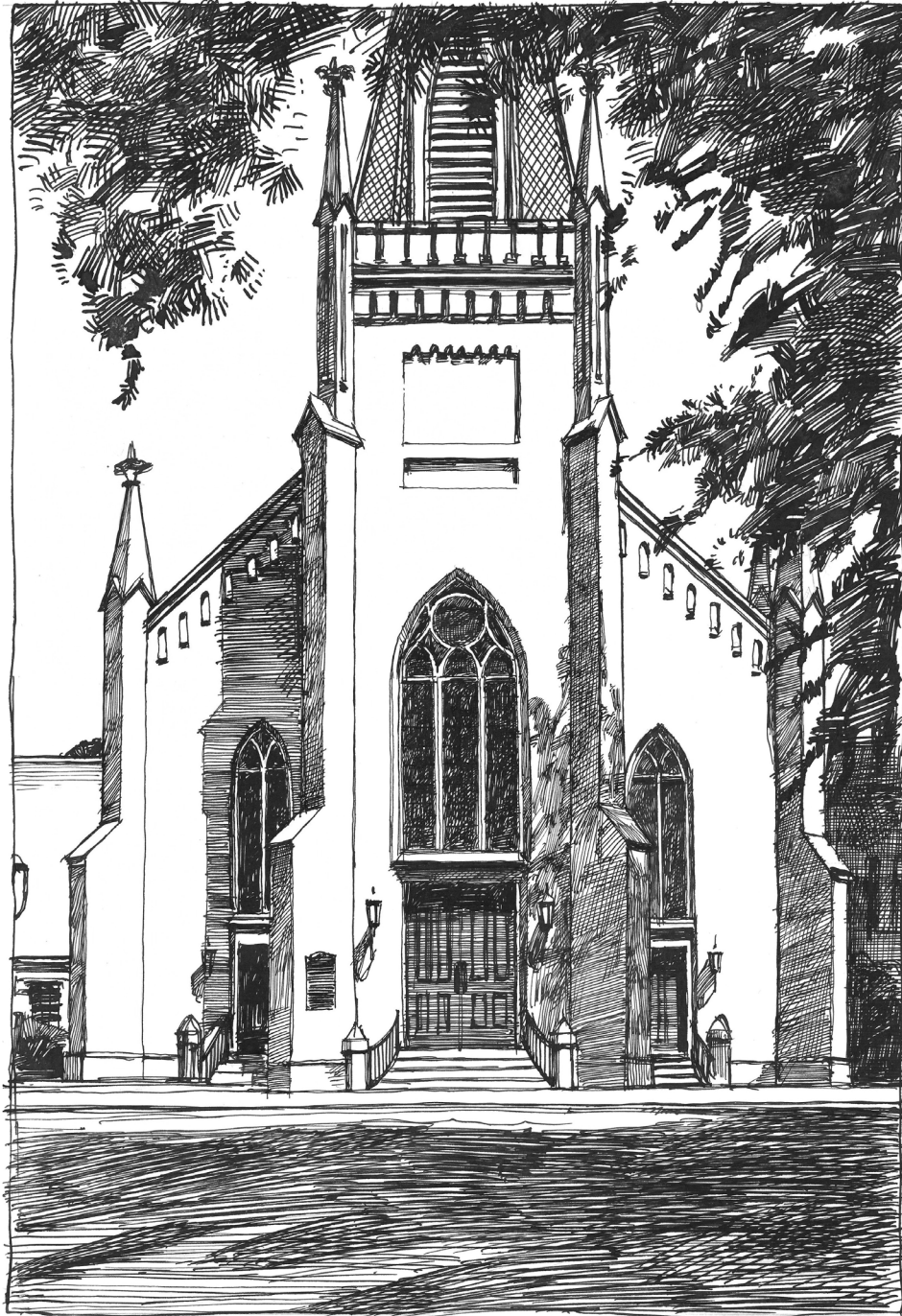


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 24, 2024 | PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



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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PREPARATION**Prelude** | Epilogue on *St. Theodulph* | Healey Willan**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION**+**Call to Worship** | Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, and whose mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim: "The mercy of the Lord endures forever!"

Hosanna, loud hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.+**Processional Hymn No. 196** | "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" | VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Robert Galloway**Prayer of Confession** | written by Teri Peterson

Holy God, you enter into our lives in ways we could not have expected. Sometimes, we confess, we think you are making a fool of yourself and us. We cannot see how your way can work, or be right, because it is so contrary to all our ambition and understanding. Yet we shout our hosannas and sing our praises. Forgive us for projecting all our narrow worldly views on you and expecting you to live up to our standards. Take our branches and our lives, that we may learn to lay them down in your service, following your way even when we cannot understand. We pray in the name of the one who made a parade with only a donkey and some children singing for your glory, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.+**Response to Pardon** | ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice."

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.

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Anthem | “Hosanna to Our Great King!” | Trevor Manor | Carol and Kirk Choirs

“Hosanna” sing to our great King! Tell all of his salvation; His rule extends from sea to sea, His peace to every nation. Who is the one who comes, to whom the people throng? Why these palm branches do we raise, and this “Hosanna” song? Rejoice, our King is come: it’s Jesus, David’s Son. With waving palms and joyful songs we praise the blessed one. This King, what does He ride to prove His royal reign? A regal steed does He possess, a chariot for His train? Our King, He has no pomp; He needs no grand parade. A Donkey suits this humble King; all creatures He has made.

PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | John 12:12-19 | pew Bible p. 106**Anthem** | “Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” | William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Scripture | John 18:28-40 | pew Bible p. 112

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Encountering Jesus: Finding Truth” | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 209** | “My Song Is Love Unknown” | LOVE UNKNOWN**RESPONSE****+Affirmation of Faith** | from Philippians 2 | Lucy Crain

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

**PRAYER
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+**Doxology** | 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

+**Hymn No. 264** | “At the Name of Jesus” | KING’S WESTON

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude | “We All Believe in One True God” | Johann Sebastian Bach

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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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 Discipleship*

William P. Young, III, *Director of Music Ministries*

Dr. Catherine Hicks, *Guest Organist*