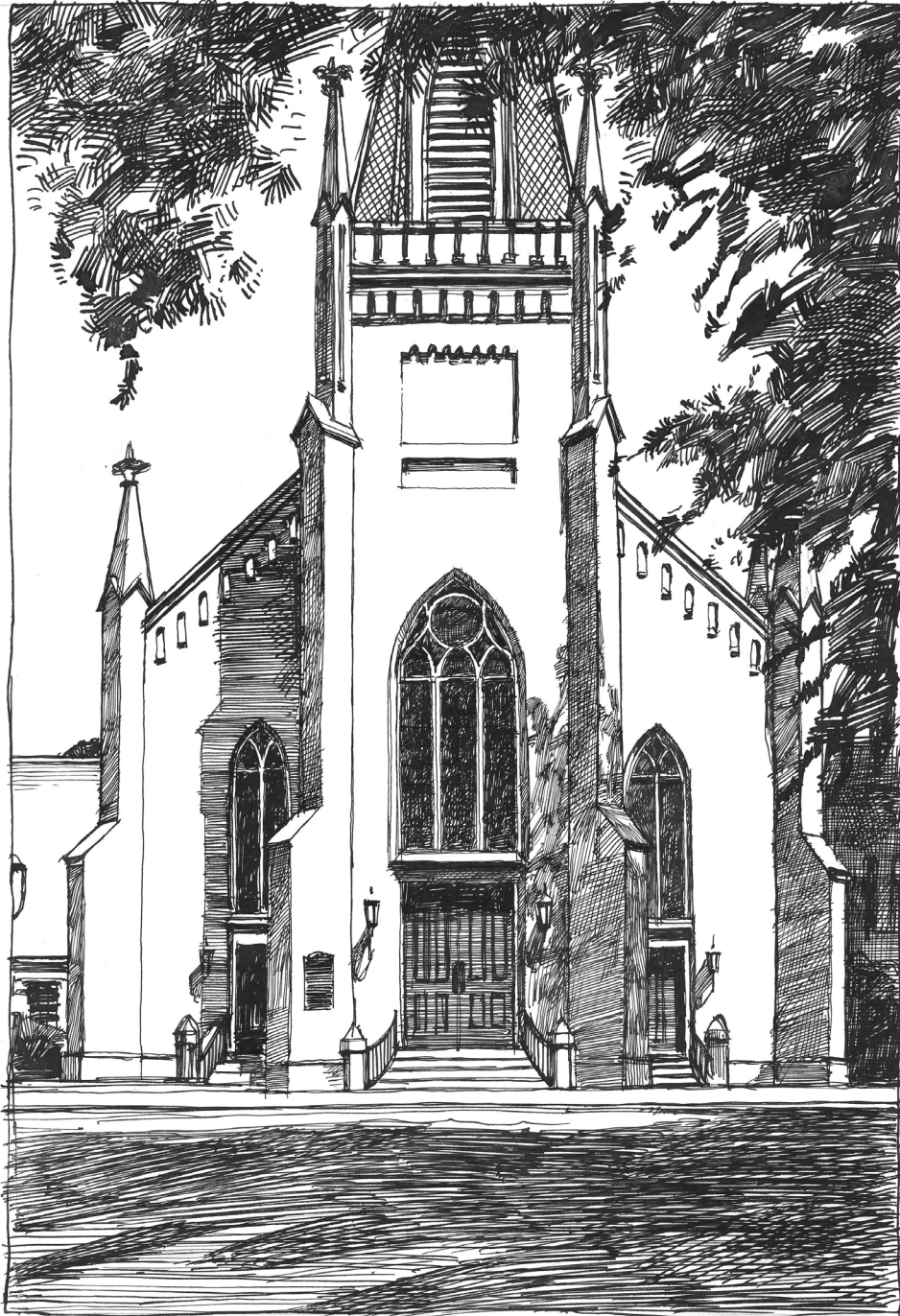


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JULY 28, 2024 | 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 interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, [jives@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:jives@firstpres-charlotte.org).

**PREPARATION** 

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**Prelude** | Voluntary on Austrian Hymn | John Dixon**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION** 

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**Call to Worship** | The Children of the CDC+**Opening Hymn** | “God Is Here” | sung to the tune AUSTRIAN HYMN

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to teach.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

**CONFESSION** 

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

**De-center us, O God, from needing to be the ones around whom the world turns. Help us to notice and care for the needs of others whose lives intersect with our own. Grow in us an awareness of our interdependence on others who are a part of our community, and then transform us by your grace to be instruments of your love. We ask it, trusting in your mercy.**

**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 Indigo June Schau

**+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.**

*Children ages three through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the second hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.*

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Michael Leonard.

**PROCLAMATION****Prayer for Illumination****Anthem** | "Ubi Caritas" | Maurice Durufle

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God, and from a sincere heart, let us love one another.*

**Scripture** | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 | pew Bible p. 171

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon** | "Living in Community: Accommodating Difference" | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 306** | "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" | DENNIS**RESPONSE****Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** | Lucy Crain

**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** | "Laudate Dominum" | W. A. Mozart | Anne Lafferty, solo

*Latin: Laudate Dominum omnes gentes: laudate eum omnes populi: Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri.*

*English: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great towards us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

**+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**

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## SENDING FORTH

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+**Hymn No. 12** | “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” | ST. DENIO

+**Benediction**

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

**Postlude** | “We All Believe in One True God” | J. S. Bach

## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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Indigo is the daughter of Katie Napolitano and Chris Schau.

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program, a hunger relief ministry of FPC.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Grayson Fritz Pernell on July 21 by his grandmother, Melissa Fritz.

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

**The Reverend Pendleton B. Peery**, *Senior Pastor*

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

**The Reverend Robert L. Galloway**, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

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

**Dr. Catherine Hicks**, *Guest Organist*