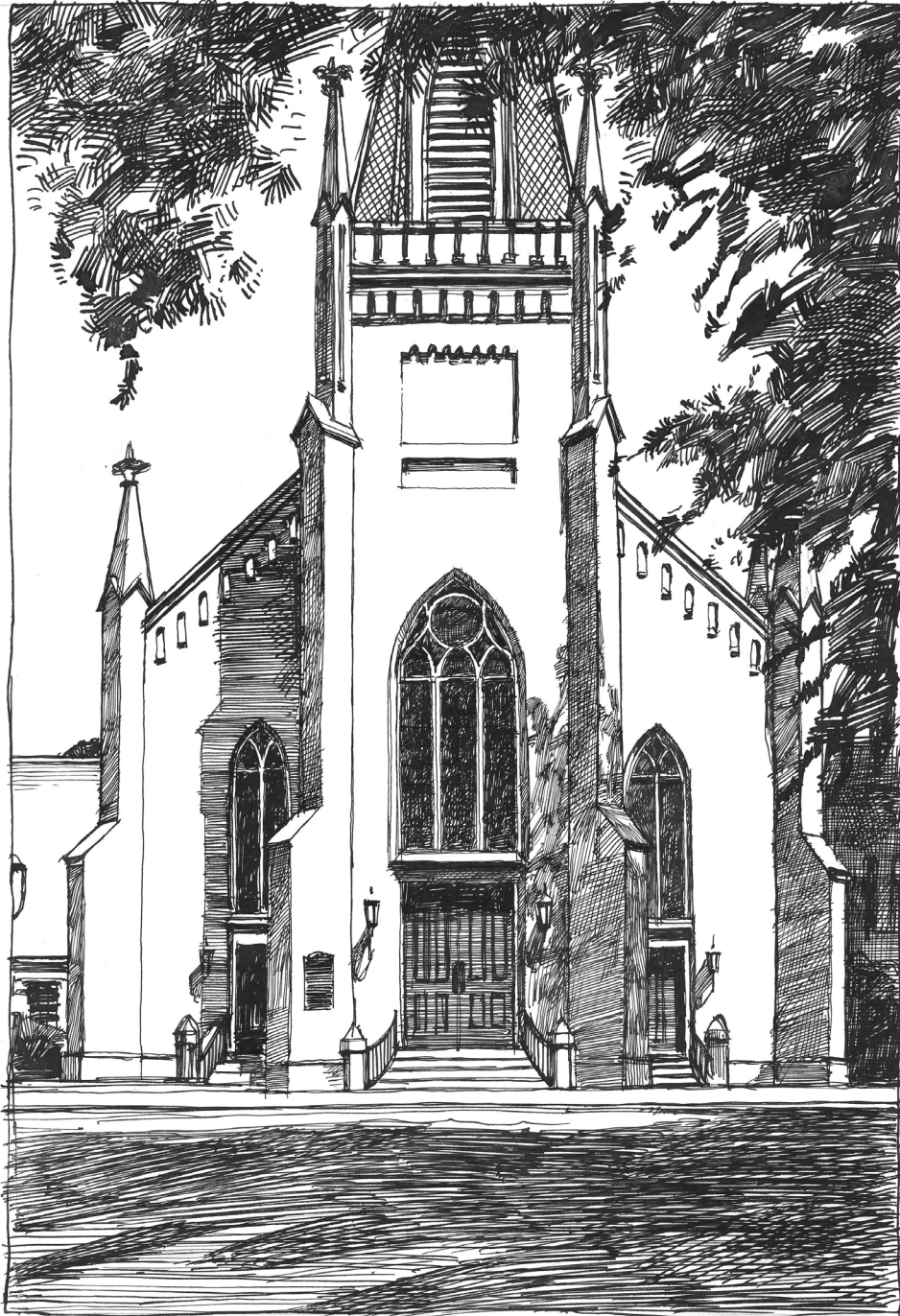


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 11, 2024 | 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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Are you interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, jives@firstpres-charlotte.org.

The Elder assisting with the baptisms today is Abigail James.

FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

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

Choral Call to Worship | 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. 299** | “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” | HANOVER**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession | Lucy Crain**Prayer of Confession**

You gather us as a family of faith, O God, believing that together our work and witness is stronger than if we were on our own. Help us to look for the gifts in one another instead of looking at the flaws. Stretch our hearts to be genuine, generous, and gentle with one another in order that, together, we might bear your light into this weary world. We ask it in faith. Amen.

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 Eleanor Leigh Mannion (Nellie)

Baptism of Hudson Bradford Moore

+**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.

+ Please stand if you are able

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Anthem** | “What Does the Lord Require?” | Eric Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. Rulers of earth, hear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Then do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. How shall our life fulfill God's law so high? Let Christ endue our will with grace.

Scripture | Romans 12: 1-8 | pew Bible p. 1763

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Living in Community: Integrating Gifts” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 285** | “Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song” | BRIDEGROOM**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 | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory** | “Simple Gifts” | arr. Cater and Norman | Anne Lafferty, flute+**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. 320** | “The Church of Christ in Every Age” | WAREHAM**Congregational Meeting**+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH**Postlude** | “Ye Servants of God” | Allan MahnkePRAYER
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IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Abbie Caldwell upon the death of her mother, Ann Hecker.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Perry Alexander Hutchins, son of Anna Margaret and Alex Hutchins.

Nellie is the daughter of Jessica and Brendan Mannion.

Hudson is the son of Maggie and Alex Moore.

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 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*