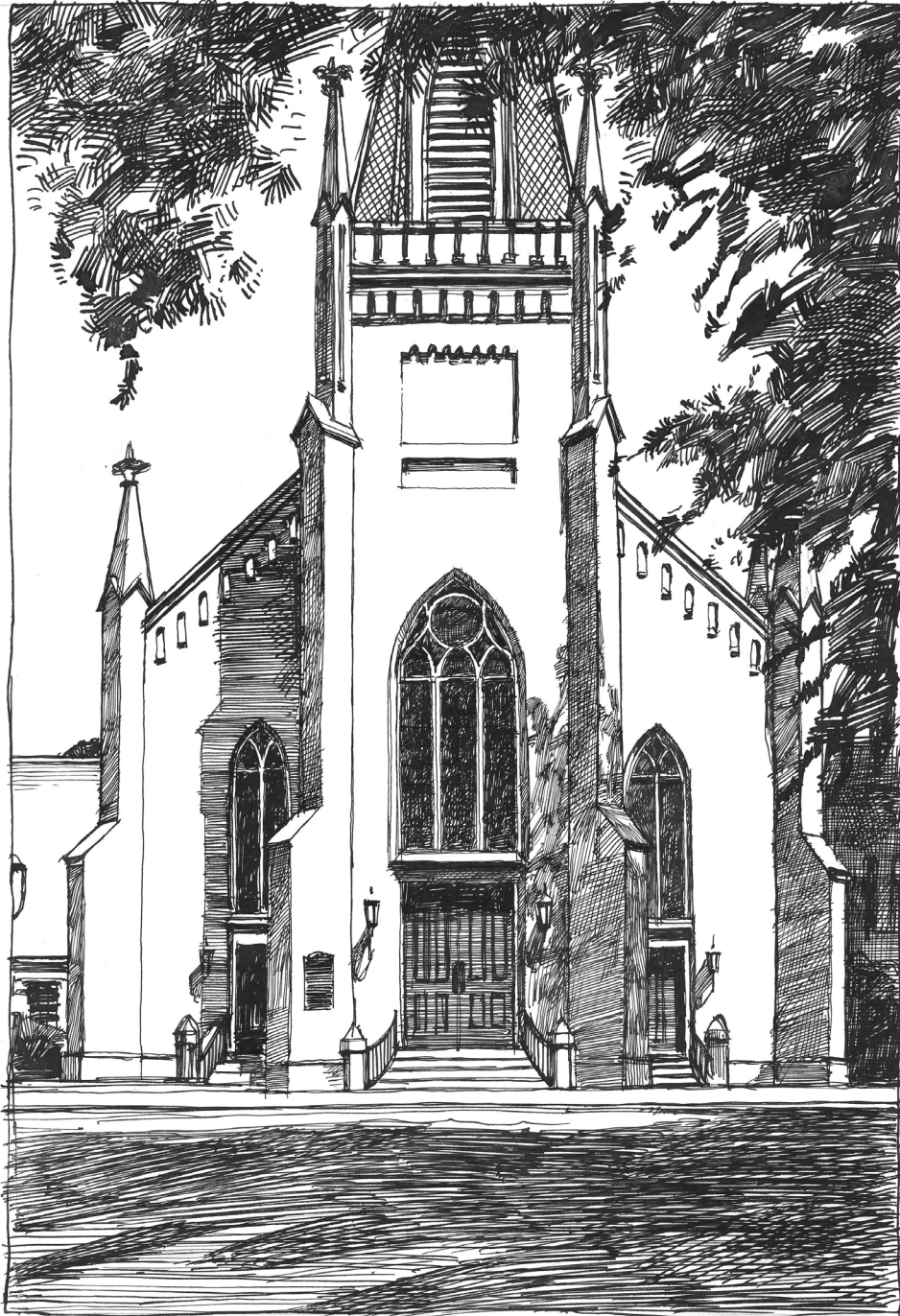


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 4, 2024 | ELEVENTH 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 | Music for a Sunday Morning: *Prelude* | Allen Orton Gibbs**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION**

Choral Call to Worship | LIVING GOD*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*+**Hymn No. 396** | “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” | HOLY MANNA**CONFESSION**

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

Liberate us, God, in order that we might be fully ourselves. Help us to trust one another to the point that we can risk voicing our disagreement and our differences. Forgive us when we treat the gift of this community as just another group, and instill in us an appreciation for church as a place where we can all be made whole.

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

Recognition of Heather Herring

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.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Galatians 3:23-29 | pew Bible p. 189

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

Sermon | “Living in Community: Practicing Conflict” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 318** | “In Christ There Is No East or West” | ST. PETERFIRST
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RESPONSE+**Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles' Creed | Lucy Crain

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** | "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good measure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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**

Hymns During Communion (sung by the choir)

Hymn 533 | "In the Singing" | BREAD OF PEACE

Hymn 501 | "Feed Us, Lord" | FEED US

Hymn 698 | "Take, O Take Me as I Am" | TAKE ME AS I AM

PRAYER
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TO GIVE

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 gluten free 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.

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. 846** | "Fight the Good Fight" | DUKE STREET

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude | Postlude on DUKE STREET | David Lasky

IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Rolaine Vandenburg upon the death of her brother, Jody Vandenburg; to Woody Clark upon the death of her brother, Bill Bradford; and to Al Riddick upon the death of his father, Gray Riddick.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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, *Executive Pastor and Associate for Congregational Care*

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

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

Dr. Catherine Hicks, *Guest Organist*