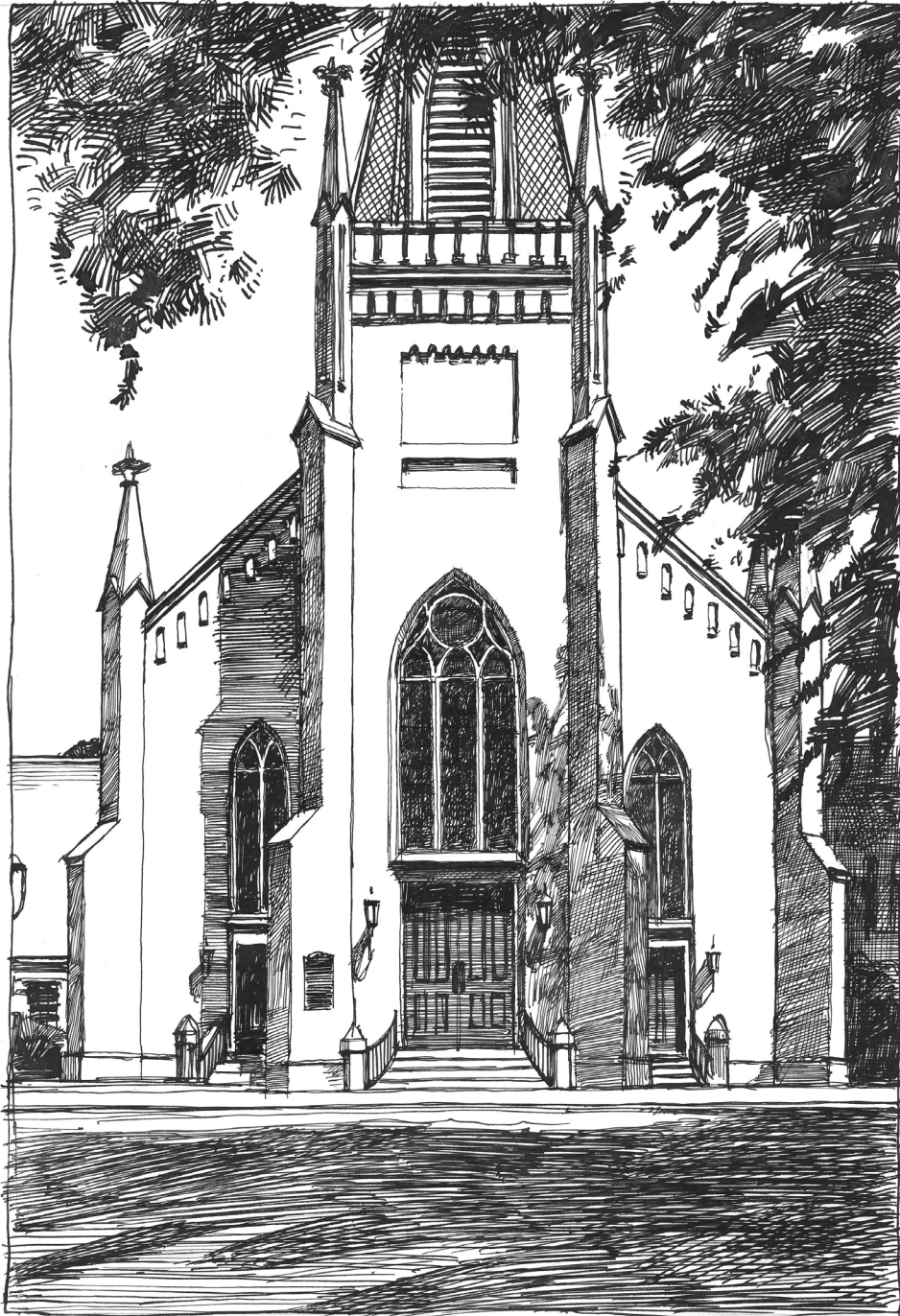


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 23, 2025 | SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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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VIRTUAL
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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 baptism today is Jane Ives. The guest participant is Delilah Jane Phillips.

FIRST
CHURCH
MOBILE
CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Prelude from *Prelude, Fugue, and Variations* | César Franck

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Karen Marroli

Come and worship, worship here, blest community of love! Come just as you are, come near! Come and worship God above. Here below we see God's face in each precious child of grace. Come just as you are, come near! Come and worship, worship here!

+**Hymn No. 619** | "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" | LAUDA ANIMA

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Lucy Crain

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+**Response to Pardon** | 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 Nailia Churina and
Baptism of Diana Charlotte Pasichniuk

+**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 last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Anthem** | “My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord” | Moses Hogan

My soul’s been anchored in the Lord. Before I’d stay in hell one day I’d sing and pray myself away. Goin’ shout and pray and never stop until I reach the mountaintop. Do you love him: God Almighty? Are you anchored? Will you serve him? Oh yes! Lord, I’m anchored. Lord, I love you. Yes, I’ll serve you. Lord, I’ll praise you. Hallelujah! My soul’s been anchored in the Lord.

Scripture | Jeremiah 1:4-10 | pew Bible p. 698

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Living Your Okayest Life: But What If I Feel Inadequate?” | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 691** | “Lord, When I Came into This Life” | LAND OF REST

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**RESPONSE**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer | Anna Dickson

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 New Members**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “God, Thou Art Love” | Craig Courtney

If I forget, yet God remembers. If these hands of mine cease from their clinging, yet the hands divine hold me so firmly I cannot fall. And if sometimes I am too tired to call for him to help me, then he reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care. I dare not fear, since certainly I know that I am in God’s keeping, shielded so, from all that else would harm, and in the hour of stern temptation, strengthened by his power. I tread no path in life to him unknown; I lift no burden, bear no pain alone. My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found; the everlasting arms my life surround. God, thou art love! I build my faith on that. I know thee who has kept my path, and made light for me in the darkness, tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy. It were too strange that I should doubt thy love.

+Doxology | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

+Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER
REQUESTS



SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 733** | “We All Are One in Mission” | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Stainer

Postlude

IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Shelly Chi upon the death of her mother, Judy Tu; to Zack Spratt upon the death of his father, Mike Spratt; and to Drew Ludeke upon the death of his mother, Denise Ludeke.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Diana Charlotte Pasichniuk is the daughter of Nailia Churina and Mikhail Pasichniuk.

We welcome Nelly Churina & Mikhail Pasichniuk; Carol Davis; Sheila DeBiase; Fielding Huseuth; Jerry & Peggy Deal; Jennie & Jim Dishman; Barbara Gary, Bunny Hinkle; Crystal & Steve Sellers; Maddy & Meredith Thompson; Marion Thorn; and Samantha Vanegas into the full life of First Presbyterian Church.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Parnell and Joe Parnell by sister, Cynthia Alexander.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Michael Glenn Kuprenas, son of Alyssa and Mikas Kuprenas.

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program which is used to purchase fresh foods for our on-site Nourish Up food pantry.

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

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

Kaitlyn Davros, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*