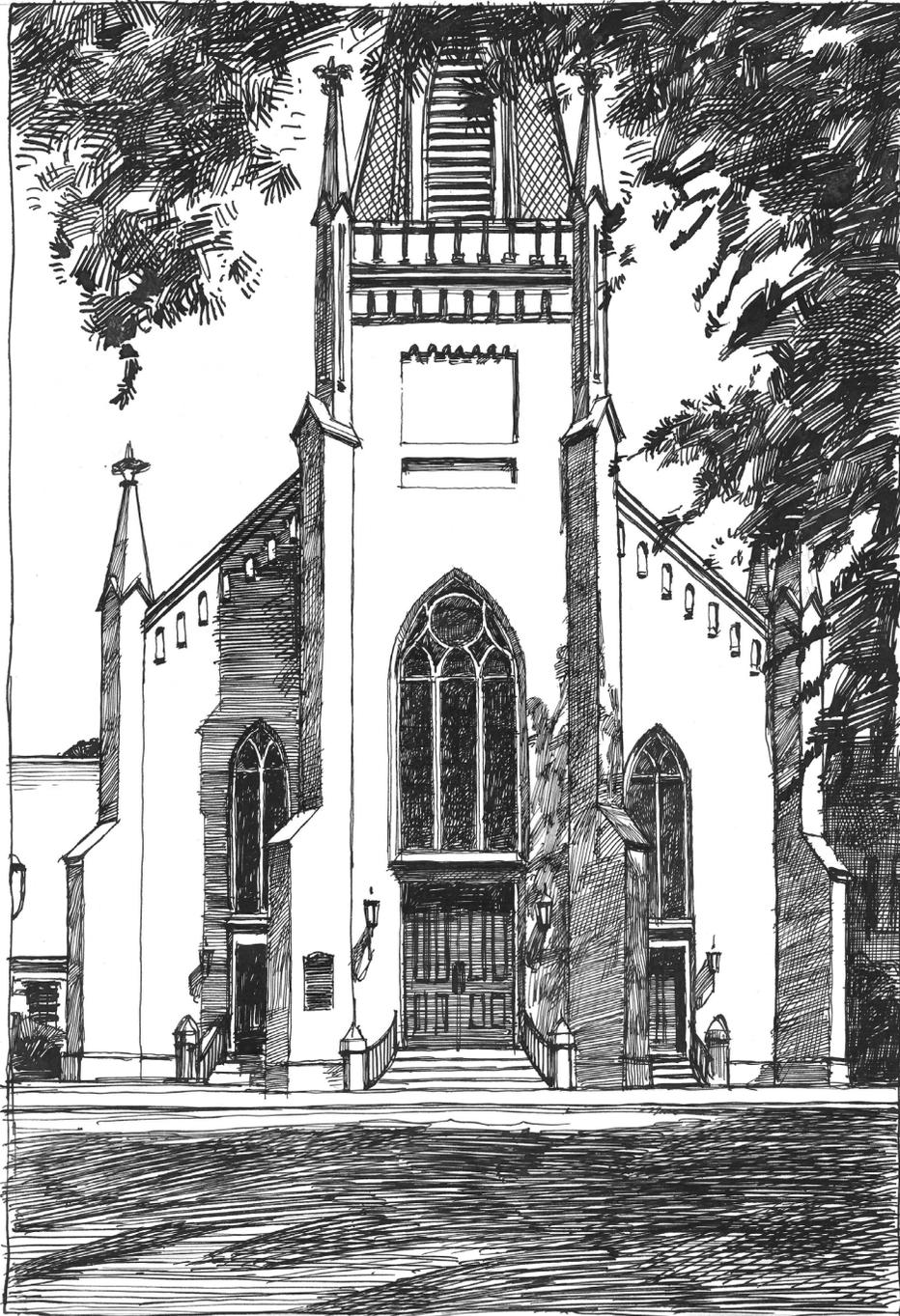


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 16, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



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 baptism today is Abigail James.

FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” | Johann Walther**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION**

Choral Call to Worship | Eric Thiman*O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power!***+Hymn No. 35** | “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” | LOBE DEN HERREN**CONFESSION**

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

God of compassion,
forgive us for closing our eyes to the realities of our world that are easier to ignore than to address;
forgive us for believing that we are the center of our lives, instead of believing that all of our lives are connected to one another;
forgive us for minimizing our responsibility to be your ambassadors of grace.
Heal us, we pray, and make us whole. We ask it in faith.

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 Russell Charles 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 last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Anthem** | “None Other Lamb” | Joseph Roff

None other Lamb, none other name, none other hope in heav'n or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee! My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me by the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries out to thee. Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead; love's fire thou art, however cold I be: nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee.

Scripture | Luke 13:31-35 | pew Bible p. 77

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “The Cost of Following Jesus: Saying Hard Things” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 727** | “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” | THE SERVANT SONG**RESPONSE**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer | Chuck Williamson

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 Third Grade Bibles | Delilah Jane Phillips**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” | arr. Dana Mengel

O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sins and free us from our past. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. You strove with Satan and you won; your faithfulness endured. Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust, in God's eternal word. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

+**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. Amen.

+**Prayer of Dedication****SENDING FORTH**

+**Hymn No. 686** | “God of Our Life” | SANDON+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH**Postlude** | “We All Believe in One True God” | J. S. BachPRAYER
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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

We are grateful to David Dillard and Leanda Gahegan for teaching the “How to Use My Bible” class. The third graders receiving Bibles today are: Eloise Bimbo, Maggie Leskanic, Oliver Spahr, Wade Walton, and Graham Williams.

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 Delilah Jane Phillips, *Chaplain for FPC Schools*

The Reverend Dr. Charles Williamson, *Parish Associate*

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

Dr. David Dennis, *Guest Conductor*