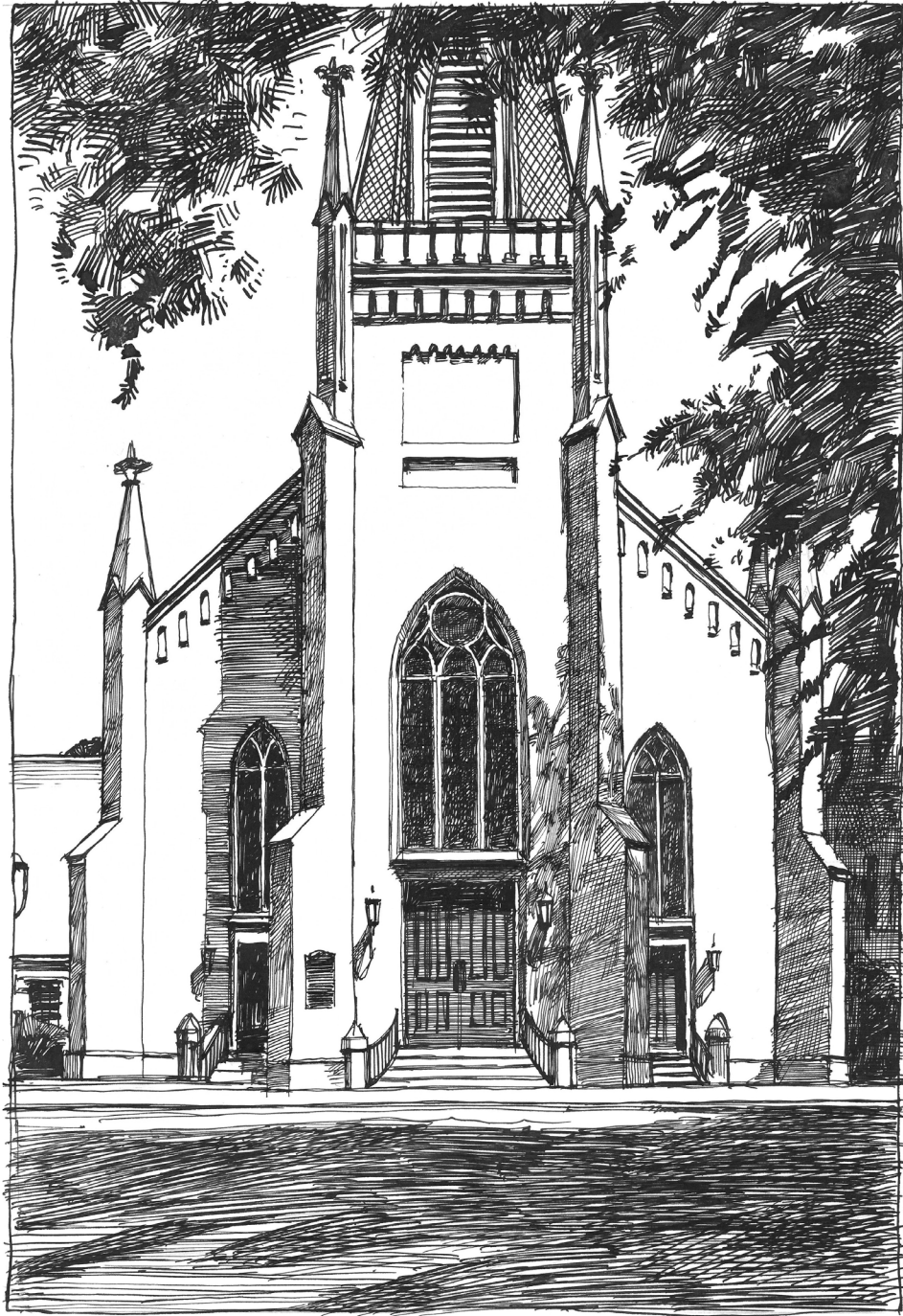


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MAY 11, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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,
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Coordinator,
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The Elder
assisting with
the baptisms
today is Reid
Campbell.

FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Prelude and Fugue in D Major | Dietrich Buxtehude

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Williams | ed. Young

This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us rejoice. Amen!

+Hymn No. 645 | “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” | MIT FREUDEN ZART

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for the ways we seek to control this life you have given us as a gift: by holding onto resentment and regret, by hoarding the things you have given us to share, by worrying about a future that is in your ever-sure hands, and by believing that our successes are completely of our own making. Help us to remember that you are our God, from everlasting to everlasting. We ask it in the name of Jesus, who loves us and lights our path.

Assurance of Pardon

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

+Response | Hymn No. 441, stanza 1 | NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms of Molly Craig Mayberry and Wells Thomas Mayberry

+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** | "If Ye Love Me" | arr. Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father, and he shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and he shall be in you. "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you."

Scripture | John 21:15-31 | pew Bible p. 85

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | "Resurrected: Love" | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 692** | "Spirit, Open My Heart" | WILD MOUNTAIN THYME**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** | "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" | arr. Mack Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive. Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen!

+**Doxology** | Hymn No. 606 | 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. 485** | "We Know that Christ Is Raised" | ENGLEBERG+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | "Amen" | John Rutter**Postlude** | Voluntary on *Engleberg* | Calvin Hampton**PRAYER
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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Wells is the son of Molly and Whit Mayberry.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Josie Hall by daughter, Cynthia Alexander.

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*

Kaitlyn Davros, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*