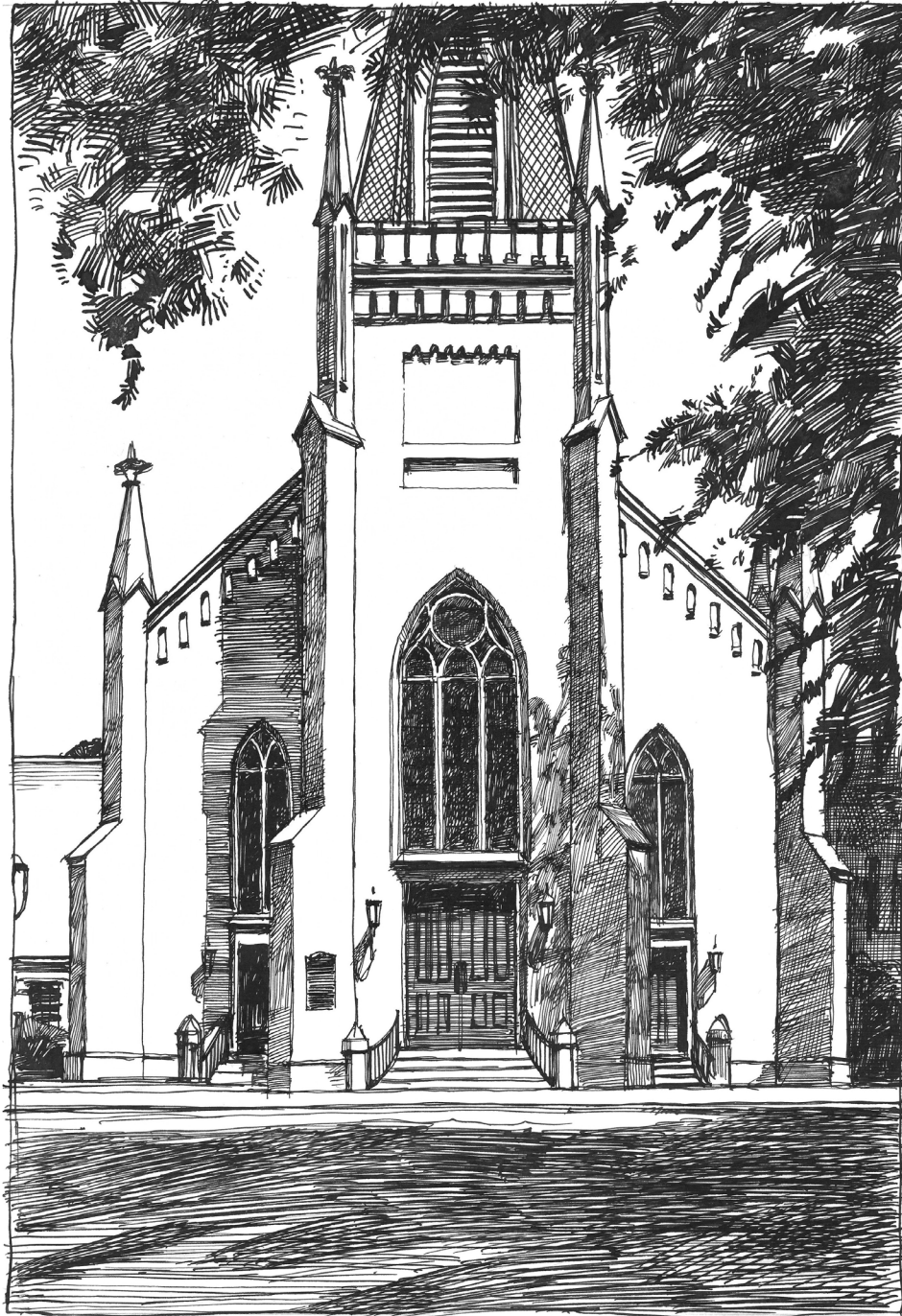


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MAY 25, 2025 | SIXTH 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
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in joining
our church?
Contact
Jane Ives,
Membership
Coordinator,
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The Elder
assisting with
the baptism
today is Lindsay
Schall.

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CHECK IN**PREPARATION****Prelude****Words of Welcome** | Chuck Williamson**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. 299** | “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” | HANOVER**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Lucy Crain**Prayer of Confession**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Baptism of Grayson Laboy Spaugh

+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**Scripture** | Revelation 21:1-4; 21:22-22:5 | pew Bible p. 259

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Anthem** | “Immortal, Invisible” | arr. Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor waiting, Thou rulest in might: Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. Amen.

Sermon | “No Night” | Chuck Williamson+**Hymn No. 377** | “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” | HOUSTON**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 Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “All Things New” | Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss; strength after weakness, crown after cross. Sweet after bitter, hope after fears; home after wandering, praise after tears. Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end. He is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new. Sight after mystery, sun after rain; Joy after sorrow, peace after pain; near after distant, gleam after gloom. Love after loneliness, life after tomb. Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.

+**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****SENDING FORTH**

+**Hymn No. 8** | “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” | MELITA+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | Peter Lutkin**Postlude** | Postlude on *National Hymn* | arr. Mark Thewes**PRAYER
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Sarah McKenzie High (Sally), January 21, 1935 - May 19, 2025

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Grayson is the son of Stephanie and Patrick Spaugh.

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.

The rosebuds in the Sanctuary celebrate the births of Henry Allyn Price, son of Mary Allyn and Jonathan Price on May 11, 2025; and John Bradley Waters, son of Caroline and Tim Waters, on May 16, 2025.

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 Anna R. Dickson, *Executive Pastor and Associate for Congregational Care*

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

The Reverend Dr. Charles Williamson, *Parish Associate*

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

Kaitlyn Davros, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*