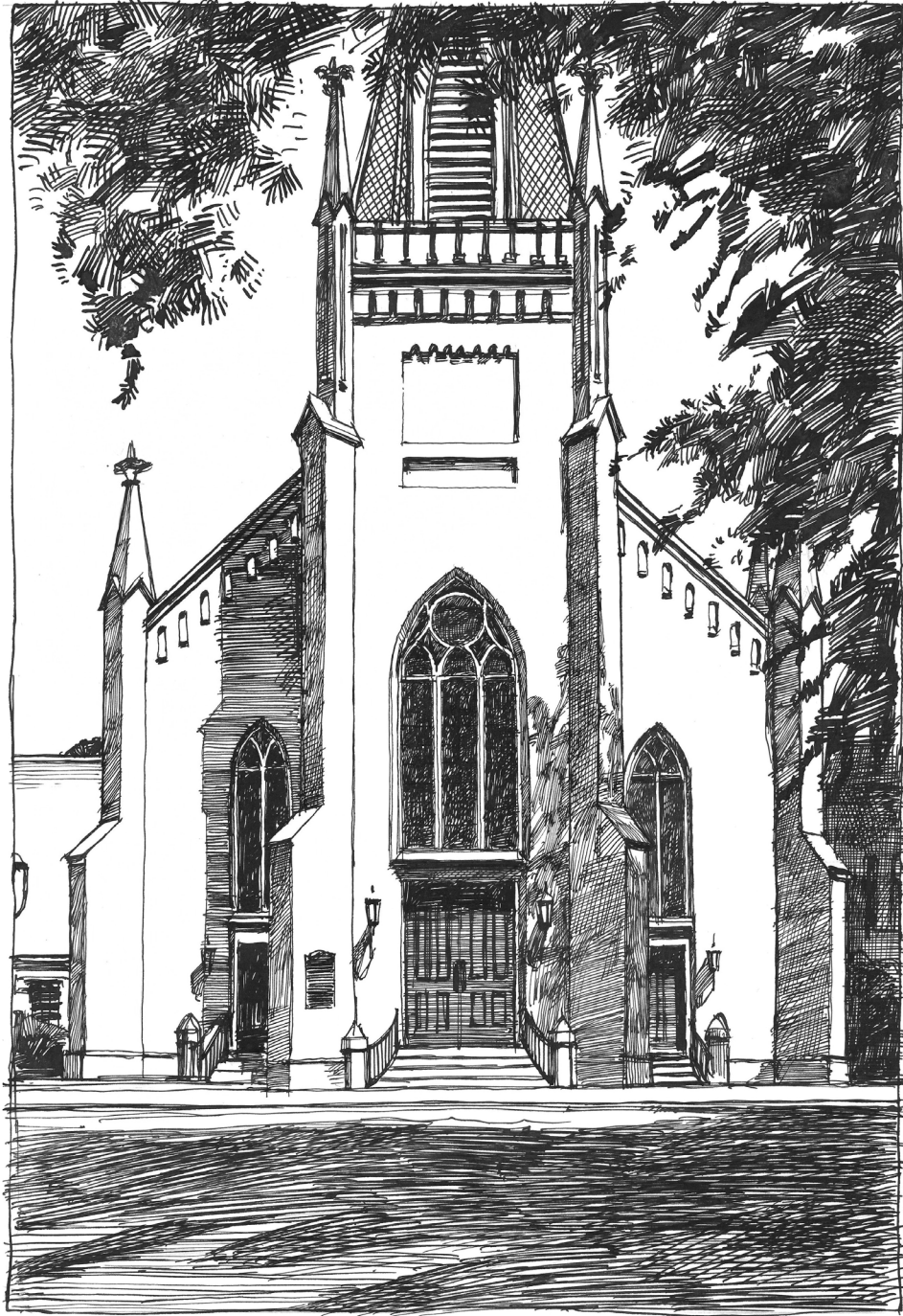


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JULY 13, 2025 | FIFTH 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-
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The Elder
assisting with
the baptism
today is Abigail
James. The
guest Elder is
Grier Bomar.

FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Fantasia on *Come, Holy Spirit* | J. S. Bach

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. 49 | “The God of Abraham Praise” | LEONI

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Mary Bowman

Prayer of Confession | written by the Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Merciful God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have lived for ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors. We have refused the cry of the needy. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, free us from selfishness. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Elizabeth Poston Durham (Libby)

+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** | “Bless the Lord, My Soul” | Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth his wrath forever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. O blessed art thou, O Lord.

Scripture | Genesis 18:1-15 | pew Bible p. 14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Her Perspective: Sarah” | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 53** | “O God, Who Gives Us Life” | NOEL**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 Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “Cantique de Jean Racine” | Gabriel Fauré

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, eternal light of the earth and the sky, on this thy holy day we kneel in adoration. O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye! Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illum'ning that they may waken, thy mercy to tell! O Christ, bestow thy blessing unto us, we implore thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee. Accept the hymns we chant unto thine everlasting glory, and these thy gifts we return unto thee!

+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.

+Prayer of Dedication**SENDING FORTH**

+Hymn No. 42 | “Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure” | WINCHESTER NEW**+Benediction****+Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH**Postlude** | Festal Flourish | Gordon Jacob**PRAYER
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IN LOVING MEMORY

David Lucas Massey (Luke), June 30, 1994 - June 30, 2025

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Michelle Frenzel upon the death of her father, John Peter Rostan III, on June 28, 2025.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Libby Durham is the daughter of Mamie and Porter Durham.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Quinn Louise Antoline, daughter of Kristen and Phil Antoline, on July 3, 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 Pendleton B. Peery, *Senior Pastor*

The Reverend Mary Bowman, *Parish Associate*

The Reverend Dr. Charles Williamson, *Parish Associate*

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