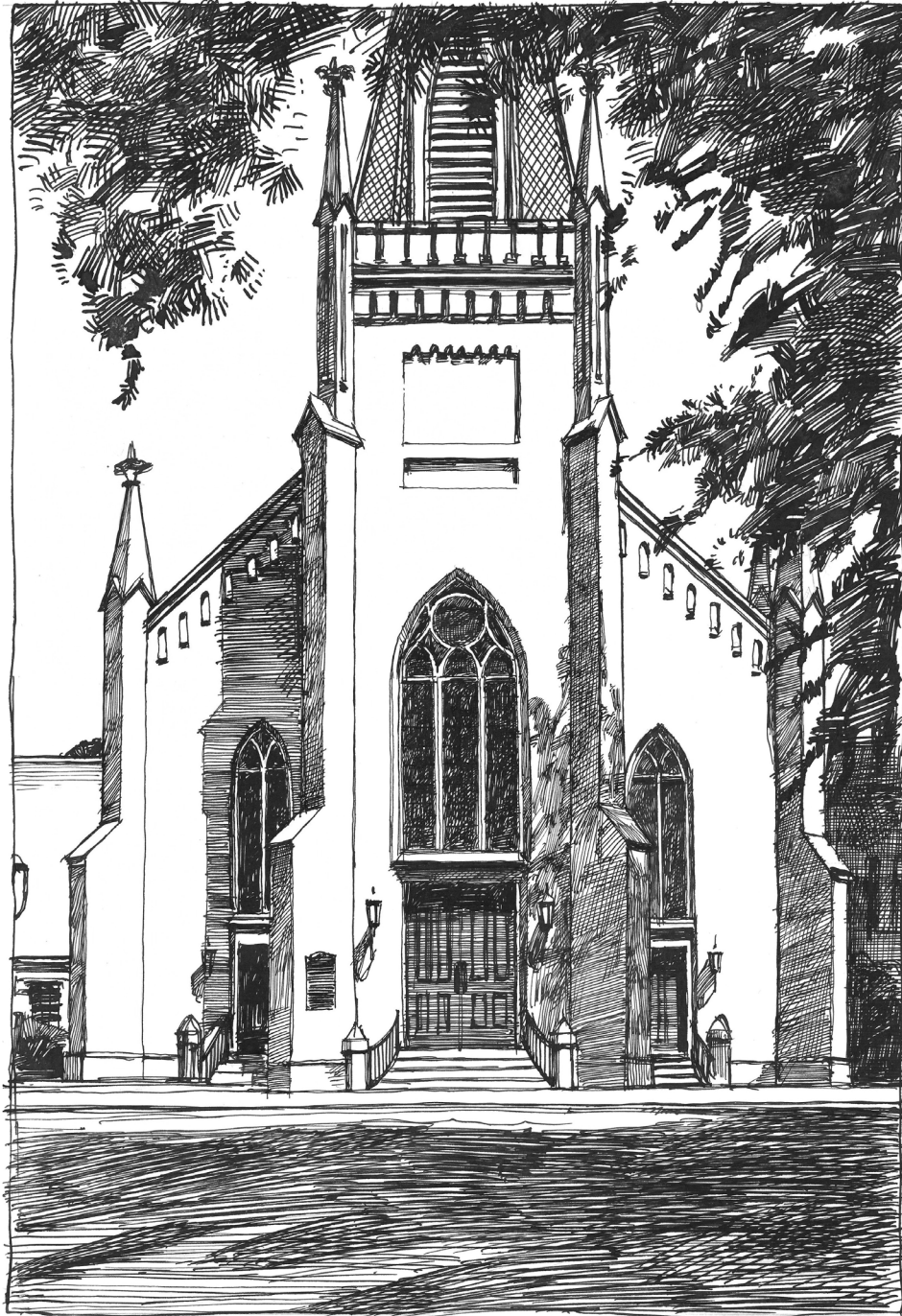


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 2, 2025 | TWENTY-FIRST 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  
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in joining  
our church?  
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**PREPARATION****Prelude** | Fugue in E-flat (St. Anne) | J. S. Bach**Words of Welcome** | Anna Dickson**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION****+Call to Worship** | Lucy Baum

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: who made heaven and earth.**

One: In life and in death

**All: we belong to God.**

One: Baptized into Christ's death

**All: We live unto him.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

**+Opening Hymn** | "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou  
bearer of the eternal word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy  
twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, Alleluia! To God the Father,  
God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION****Call to Confession****Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great multitude of saints who have gone before  
us in love and grace. We confess that we have often failed to follow their example, turning away  
from the call to live lives of service, courage, and devotion. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen us  
by the memory of your faithful people, that we may join with them in praising you in all that we  
do and say.

**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.**

**Time with Children**

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the second hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.*

+ Please stand if you are able

FIRST  
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CHECK IN

**PROCLAMATION** 

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Revelation 7:9-17 | pew Bible p. 249

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Anthem** | “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” | arr. Shaw/Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah; praise the Lamb. Hallelujah; glory to the great I am. And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly over those waters to the city far away. Souls have crossed before me saintly to that land of perfect rest, and hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Hallelujah! Praise the lamb. Sing glory! Glory to the great I am!*

**Sermon** | “Every Tear” | Anna Dickson+**Hymn No. 822** | “When We Are Living” | SOMOS DEL SEÑOR**RESPONSE** 

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+**Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles’ Creed | Lucy Crain

**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.**

**Stewardship of Life** | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “To the Lamb on the Throne” | Dan Forrest

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. “Salvation to God who sits on the Throne!” let all cry aloud, and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb. God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have. The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and pow’r, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** 

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**Invitation to the Table****The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**PRAYER  
REQUESTS****GIVE  
ONLINE****TEXT  
TO GIVE**

Today we will take communion by intinction. All are invited to come down the center aisle to one of four communion stations. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of communion. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served communion at their seats.

**Sanctus No. 552** | LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**Prayers of the People and Remembrance of the Saints of the Church****Words of Institution****The Bread and the Cup****Music During Communion** (sung by the choir)

Hymn 533 | "In the Singing" | BREAD OF PEACE

Hymn 698 | "Take, O Take Me as I Am" | TAKE ME AS I AM

**Prayer After Communion and The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**SENDING FORTH** 

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+**Hymn No. 326** | "For All the Saints" | SINE NOMINE

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | Fourfold Amen | John Stainer

**Postlude** | Fugato on *Sine Nomine* | Richard Proulx

**IN LOVING MEMORY** 

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The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Dana Wilson upon the death of her mother, Carolyn Moree, on October 25; and to Lili Teigland upon the death of her mother, Lillian "Dee Dee" Lineberger McKay, on October 25, 2025.

**ABOUT THIS SERVICE** 

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The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Poppy Elise Mayberry, daughter of Molly and Whit Mayberry, on October 24, 2025.

**IN HONOR OF ALL SAINTS' DAY** 

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*We remember the members of our churches who have joined the church triumphant in the past year.*

Robert Howard Poole, Jr. — 11/3/2024

William Evans Keenan — 11/10/2024

Martha Woods Mallory — 12/2/2024

Renna McNair Massey — 12/12/2024

Betsy Lee Griffin — 12/13/2024

Kathryn Dunlavy McElroy — 12/19/2024

Robert Holmes Brown — 3/15/2025

Birshal Williams Poole — 5/9/2025

Joyce Thornton Blue — 5/13/2025

Sarah McKenzie High — 5/19/2025

David Lucas Massey — 6/30/2025

Frances Rohleder Taylor — 7/29/2025

Doris Daughtry Parker — 10/10/2025



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