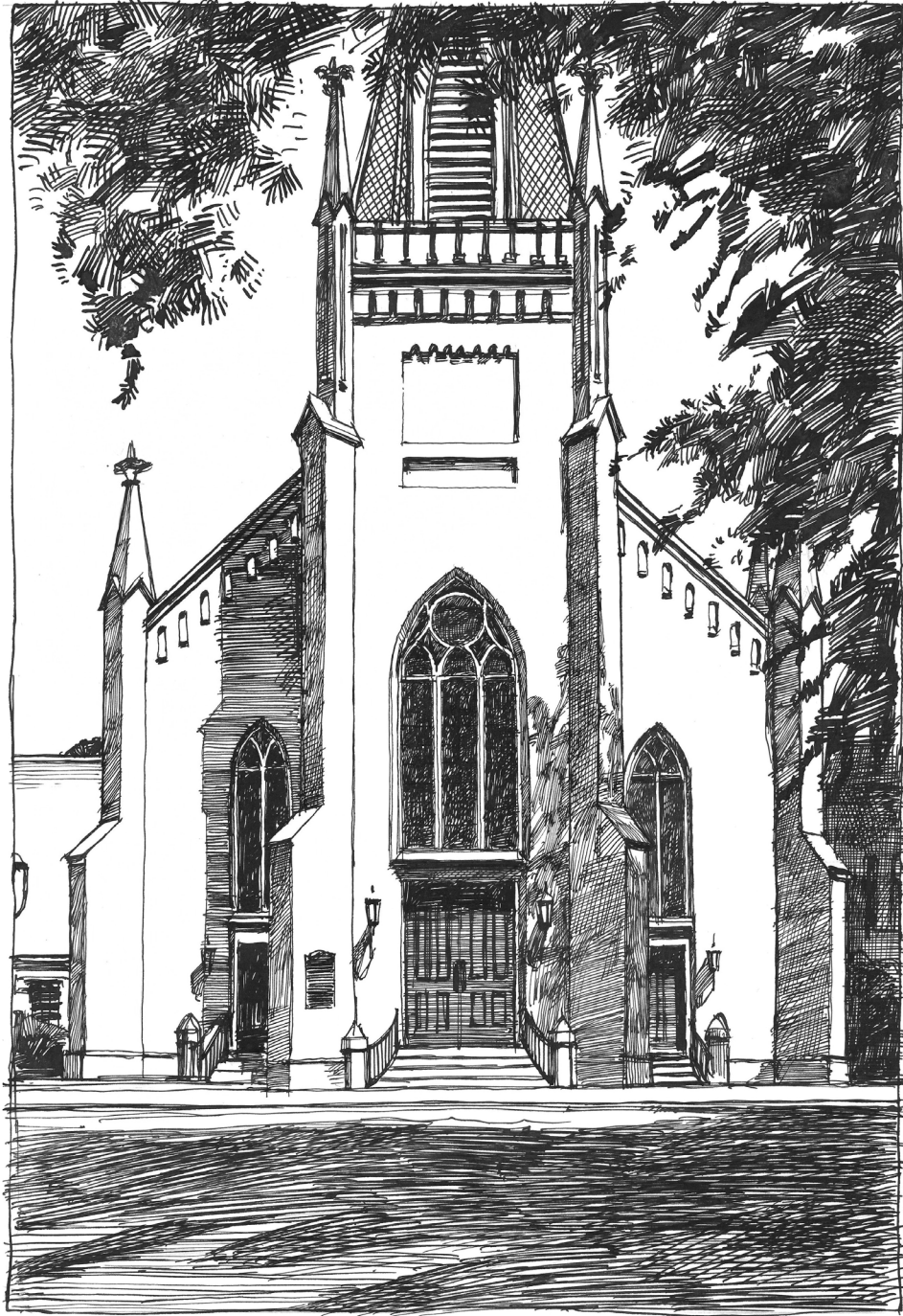


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 19, 2025 | NINETEENTH 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?
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 Helen
Tharrington.

FIRST
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MOBILE
CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Prelude on *Restoration* | Kenneth Kosche
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | Johannes Brahms

Words of Welcome | Anna Dickson

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. 415** | “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” | RESTORATION

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Lucy Crain

Prayer of Confession | Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

We are so scattered, O God.

We flit from cause to cause.

We are easily distracted by the next important thing.

We dwell on yesterday and dream of tomorrow but struggle to stay present today.

Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now.

Help us commit to the need that is before us right now.

Help us to think deeply, and respond generously,

as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

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 Miller Helen Mull

Baptism of Henry Allyn Price

+**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.

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+ Please stand if you are able

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Mark 5:21-43 | pew Bible p. 39

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Anthem** | “Jesus Loves Me” | arr. Doris Nelson

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me. He will stay close beside me all the way. If I love him when I die, he will take me home on high. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Sermon | “Today” | Anna Dickson+**Hymn No. 819** | “Be Still, My Soul” | FINLANDIA**RESPONSE**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer | Lucy Baum

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 | Stewardship | Jonathan Stafford**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “God of Grace and God of Glory” | arr. Dan Forrest

God of grace and god of glory, on your people pour your power. Crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this hour. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn our Christ; assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these days. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, serving you whom we adore. God of grace and god of glory, on your people pour your power. Crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this hour. Amen.

+**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. 716** | “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” | BEACH SPRING+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH**Postlude** | Variations on *Beach Spring* | Al Fedak**PRAYER
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Doris Daughtry Parker, February 9, 1934 - October 10, 2025

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Miller is the daughter of Jessie and Robert Mull.

Henry is the son of Mary Allyn and Jonathan Price.

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*

Lucy Baum, *Director of Formation*

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

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

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Youth Group: Small Groups

Tonight, 6 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

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Wednesday Night Dinner

October 22

Dinner is served from 5-5:45 p.m. The cost is \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$7 for ages 4-11, and children 3 and under are free. Scan the QR code to register and pay.

The Great Big Boo Bash

October 23, 4:30 p.m.

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Eagle Bucks Store Needs to be Stocked!

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A color-coded costume party, pumpkin-painting, and Beanboozled trivia! Scan the QR code to RSVP.



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