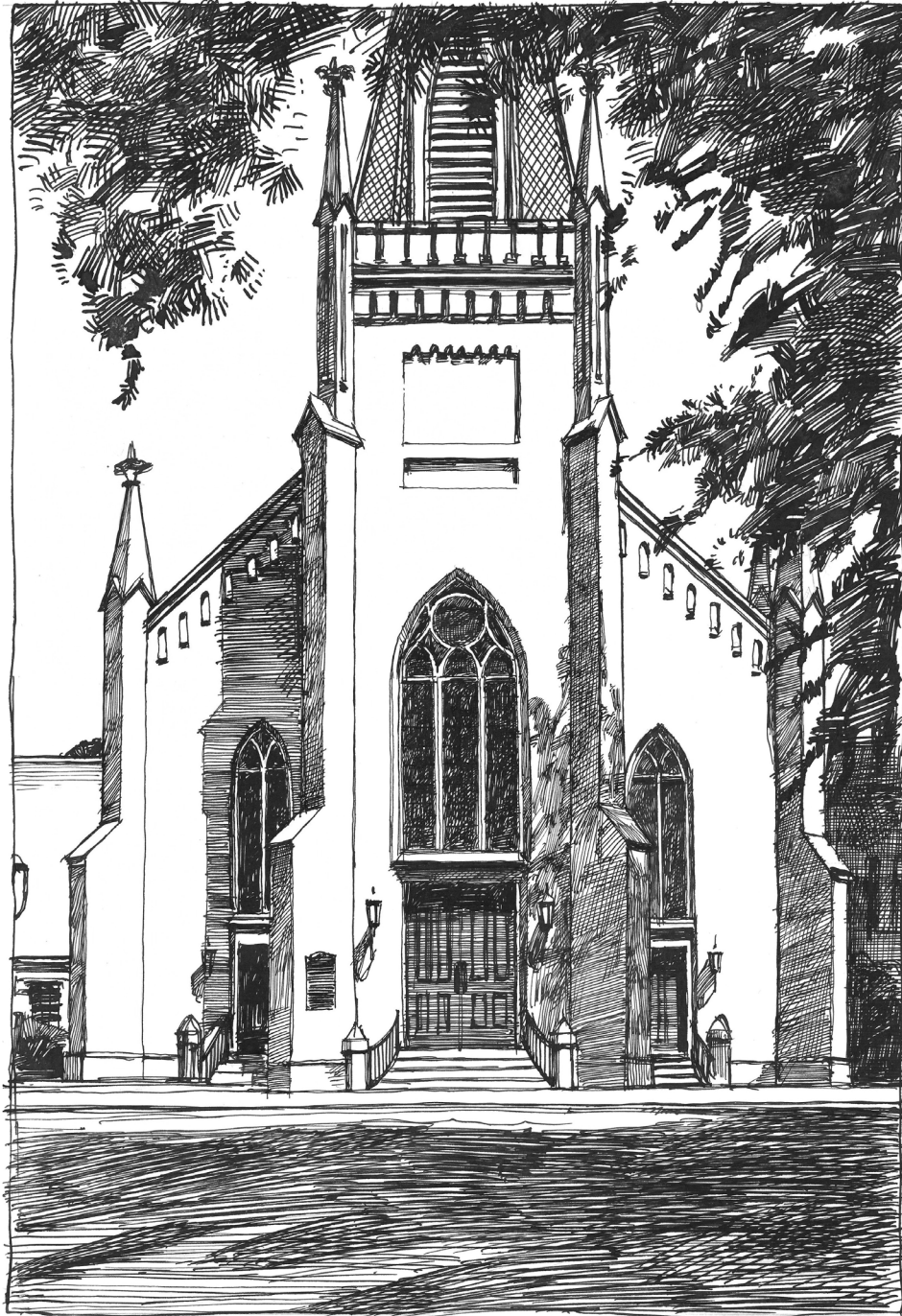


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 5, 2025 | REGIONAL AND GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY



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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our church?
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Jane Ives,
Membership
Coordinator,
jives@firstpres-
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FIRST
CHURCH
MOBILE
CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” | arr. Duane Funderburk | John Mooney, cello

Words of Welcome | Anna Dickson

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Young

The earth is the Lord's and all that is therein. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of Glory shall come in. Amen.

+**Hymn No. 32** | “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” | ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession | Adapted from Habakkuk, 1-2

Eternal God, sometimes we cry for help, and wonder if you are listening. When destruction and violence are ever before us; when it seems that justice does not prevail; when the faithful are at the mercy of the cruel, forgive us for having failed to make plain your vision of a world renewed by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and humility. Help us remember how to live by faith in you, and to share your boundless love with the whole world.

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

Children ages three through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the second hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | Lamentations 3:19-26 | pew Bible p. 766

Scripture | 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | pew Bible p. 211

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “The Gift That Is Within You” | Keith Grogg

+**Hymn No. 39** | “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | FAITHFULNESS

RESPONSE**+Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles' Creed | Chuck Williamson

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 | Western NC | David Burton**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | "God of Grace and God of Glory" | Paul Langston

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power. Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this hour. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these days. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like grace in the fight to set us free. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee. Amen.

**GIVE
ONLINE****TEXT
TO GIVE****THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER****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.

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 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.

Words of Institution**The Bread and the Cup****Prayer After Communion**

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.

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 547** | “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” | AR HYD Y NOS

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH

Postlude | Allegro Maestoso in B-Flat | Frank Bridge

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Thomas Gregory Richter, son of Julia and Ben Richter, on September 24.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Melton by her family.

Every Communion Sunday, we ask the congregation to participate in a food drive to collect items for our onsite Nourish Up Food Pantry. When we come to the communion table to be spiritually nourished, we bring food donations to nourish those of God’s children who suffer from physical hunger.

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 Keith Grogg, *Pastor, Montreat Presbyterian Church*

The Reverend Dr. Charles Williamson, *Parish Associate*

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

Kaitlyn Davros, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*

John Mooney, *Cello*

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