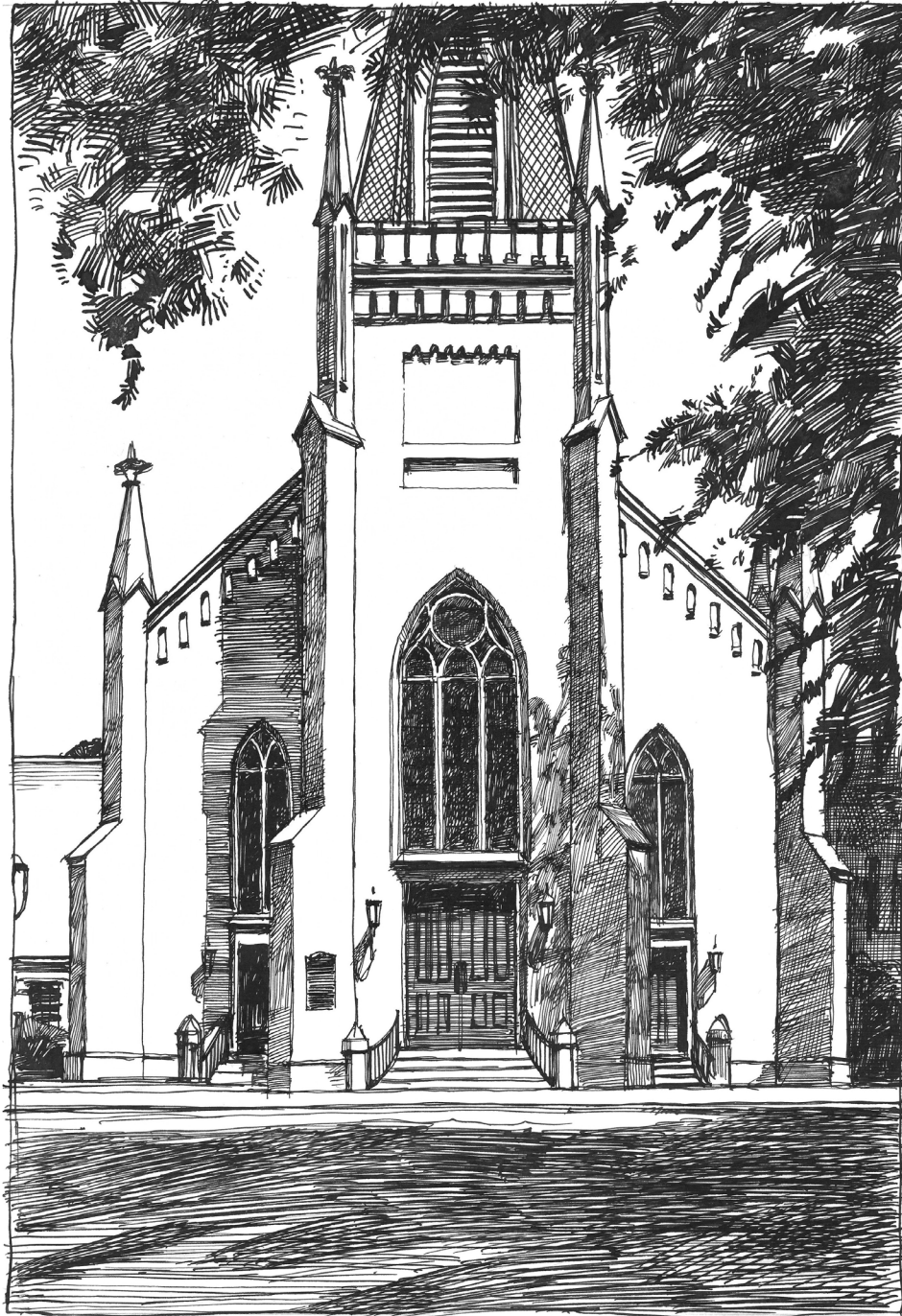


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 23, 2025 | CHRIST THE KING 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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Jane Ives,
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PREPARATION**Prelude** | “Now Thank We All Our God” | arr. Al Travis**Words of Welcome** | Anna Dickson**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION****Choral Call to Worship** | Becki Slagle Mayo | Carol Choir

Come to God with a grateful heart, ready to serve and ready to praise! God made everything, all creatures great and small. God loves everyone and God is Lord of all! Praise the Lord!

+**Hymn No. 367** | “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” | ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Anna Dickson**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you have embraced us as your own children and called us to be a part of your family. We confess we have not always offered that same welcome to others. We have closed our doors to strangers, given little mind to those in prison, and forgotten the mistreated. We have failed to remember that we are of one body. Forgive our indifference to the suffering of our neighbors, and stir within us a spirit of genuine hospitality and compassion for all your children.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+**Response to Pardon** | ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us onto the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

Time with Children

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**Anthem** | “For the Beauty of the Earth” | arr. Mason Koeritz | Kirk Choir

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. For yourself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; agent of God's grand design, peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Hebrews 13:1-5 | pew Bible p. 227

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

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+ Please stand if you are able

Sermon | “Treating Folk Right” | Jerry Cannon

Anthem | “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” | arr. Healey Willan

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love. God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase; he crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace. Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls he died to save. Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet ye fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

RESPONSE

+Affirmation of Faith | from *A Brief Statement of Faith* | Lucy Baum

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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.

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “Look at the World” | John Rutter

Look at the world, ev’rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev’ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us joyful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev’ry blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter’s cold. Ev’rything grows, ev’rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father’s fold. Ev’ry good gift, all we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav’ns above.

+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

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+**Hymn No. 712** | “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought” | FOREST GREEN

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude | “Now Thank We All Our God” | Sigfrid Karg-Elert

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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 flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Davis Christian Flohr.

The cornucopia display is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Larry and Dowd Maye.

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 Jerry Cannon, *Guest Preacher*

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

Kaitlyn Davros, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*

Lillian Quackenbush, *Guest Conductor*

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Advent Workshop

November 30, 9:45 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

Families of all ages are invited to make a living Advent wreath with real greenery to take home during the Sunday School hour. The cost is \$20, which includes one wreath per family, five candles, and donuts for everyone. Scan the QR code to register.

Singing in the Season

December 7, 5:30 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

Join us for the 12th annual Singing in the Season. This performance and sing-along hosted by FPC Music Ministries features choirs, handbells, orchestra, fellowship, and cookies! Tickets are free, but registrations are required. This is a casual event for all ages, and all children are welcome. Scan the QR code to register.

Children's Nativity Play

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