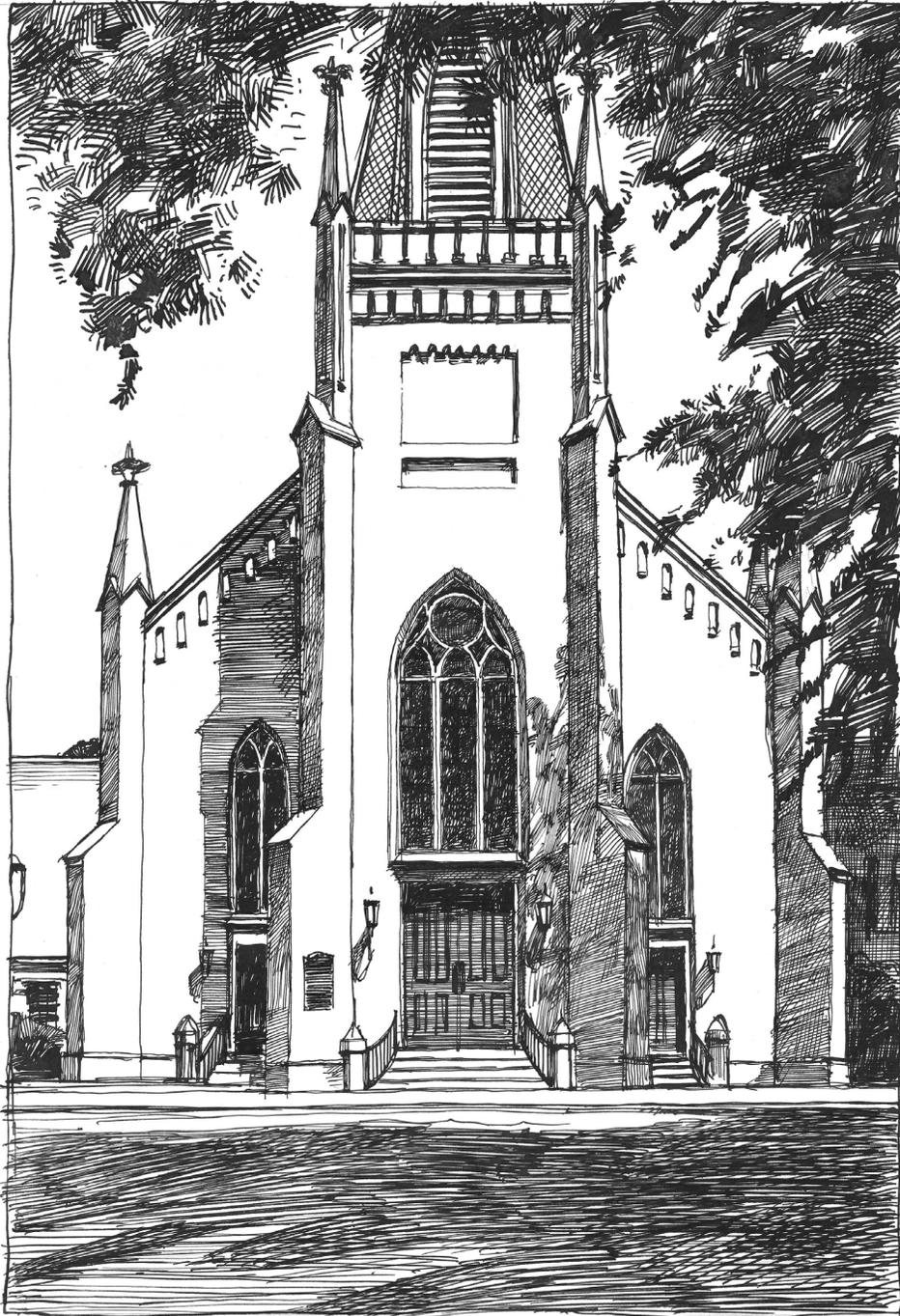


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | TRANSFIGURATION 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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Are you interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, [jives@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:jives@firstpres-charlotte.org).

**PREPARATION****Prelude** | A Second Light | David Ashley White**Words of Welcome** | Lewis Galloway**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION****Choral Call to Worship** | Williams | ed. Young

*This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us rejoice. Amen!*

+**Call to Worship** | 1 John 3:2

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

**What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we shall be like him, for we will see him as he is.**

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

+**Hymn No. 35** | "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" | LOBE DEN HERREN**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Lucy Crain**Prayer of Confession**

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms, our failure to do what is good, and the hurt we have caused ourselves and others. Grant us the grace and wisdom to live in your light, and to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**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 Quinn Louise Antoline | Baptism of Elaine Virginia Austin (Lainey)

+**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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The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Lili Teigland.

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CHURCH  
MOBILE  
CHECK IN

+ Please stand if you are able

**PROCLAMATION** 

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**Prayer for Illumination** | Lucy Baum**Scripture** | Amos 5:18-24 | pew Bible p. 854

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Anthem** | “Beautiful Savior” | F. Melius Christiansen

*Fair are the meadows; fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

**Scripture** | Matthew 17:1-9 | pew Bible p. 18

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon** | “The Reconciliation of All Things” | Lewis Galloway**+Hymn** | “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” | WAREHAM

**O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!**

**From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there,  
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.**

**The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;  
the Father’s voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.**

**And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision’s mystery,  
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

PRAYER  
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**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** | The Willard Lecture | Milt Childress**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “This Glimpse of Glory” | David Ashley White

*We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain. Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*

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**+Doxology** | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**+Prayer of Dedication****SENDING FORTH** 

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**+Hymn No. 268** | “Crown Him with Many Crowns” | DIADEMATA**+Benediction****+Benediction Response** | God Be with You | GOD BE WITH YOU**Postlude** | Triumphal March | Jacques Lemmens**IN LOVING MEMORY** 

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The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to George Climer and Elizabeth Taylor upon the death of their father, George William “Bill” Climer, Jr., on February 5, 2026.

**ABOUT THIS SERVICE** 

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Quinn is the daughter of Kristen and Phil Antoline.

Lainey is the daughter of Liz and Jimmy Austin.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Mae Katherine Cauble, daughter of Lillie and Benjamin Cauble, on February 5, 2026.

*If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at dianenmayer@hotmail.com.*

Today's Worship Leaders:

**The Reverend Dr. Lewis Galloway**, *Transitional Pastor*

**Lucy Baum**, *Director of Formation*

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

**Kaitlyn Davros**, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*

**David Dennis**, *Guest Conductor*

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