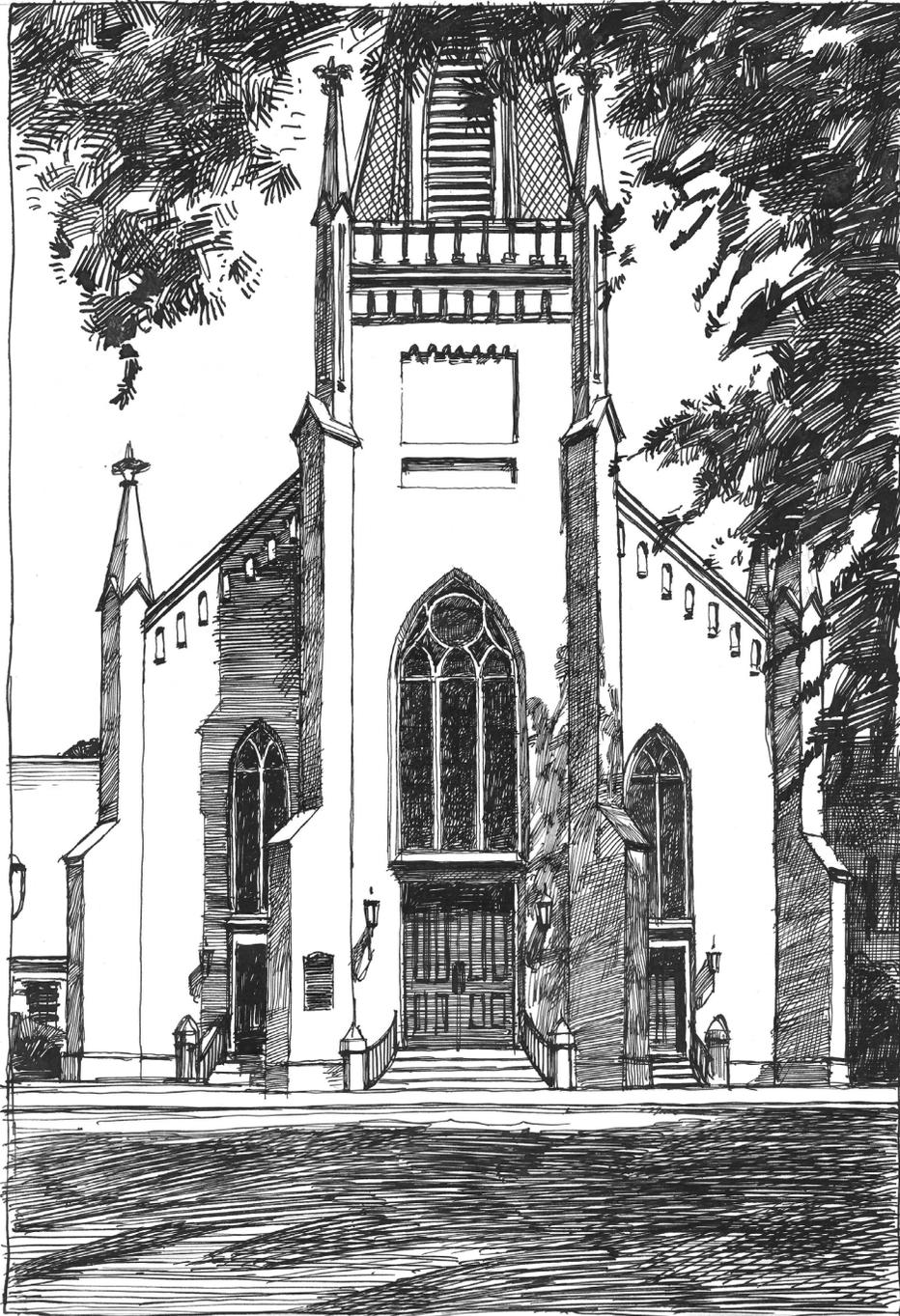


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 8, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



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.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Caroline Ford.

FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Prelude on *Austrian Hymn* | John S. Dixon | Minuet in E-flat | G. F. Handel

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!

+**Hymn No. 81** | “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” | AUSTRIAN HYMN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Mary Bowman

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a troubled and divided people. We are suspicious of those whose ideas and ways of living are different from our own; we hoard your gifts and are reluctant to share with those in need. Our trust is weak and we despair over the problems that face our families, communities, nation, and world. Forgive our sin and restore our trust in you. Increase our love so that we may follow Jesus and live faithful lives of grace and generosity.

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 James Long

+**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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PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination | Lucy Baum**Scripture** | I Kings 17:7-16 | pew Bible p. 324

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Anthem** | “O Love” | Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow in the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be. That morn shall tearless be.

Scripture | Luke 7:36-50 | pew Bible p. 66

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Holy Waste” | Lewis Galloway**+Hymn No. 223** | “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” | HAMBURG**RESPONSE**

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 | Officer Nominating Committee | Abigail James**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “My Eternal King” | Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or escaping hell, not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward, but as thyself has loved me, O everloving Lord! E'en so, I love Thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing, solely because Thou art my God, and my eternal king.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Statement of Purpose

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

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SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 295** | “Go to the World!” | SINE NOMINE

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | Peter Lutkin

Postlude | Fugato on *Sine Nomine* | Richard Proulx

IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Page Rogers upon the death of her mother, Syble Balentine Carson, on February 27, 2026.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Miller James Long is the son of Laura and Ben Long.

The officers being ordained and installed today are Katie Curry and Jonathan Stafford.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Sidbury by Debbie Sidbury.

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 Dr. Lewis Galloway, *Transitional Pastor*

Lucy Baum, *Director of Formation*

The Reverend Mary Bowman, *Parish Associate*

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

Dr. Lillian Quackenbush, *Guest Conductor*

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Help us celebrate the Westerly Hills scholars who have achieved perfect attendance for the past month! Scan the QR code to shop the list of their favorite snacks and help keep the cart stocked.

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March 1 - 27

Honor or remember a loved one this Easter by purchasing a lily for the sanctuary. (\$15). Scan the QR code to order by Friday, March 27.

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