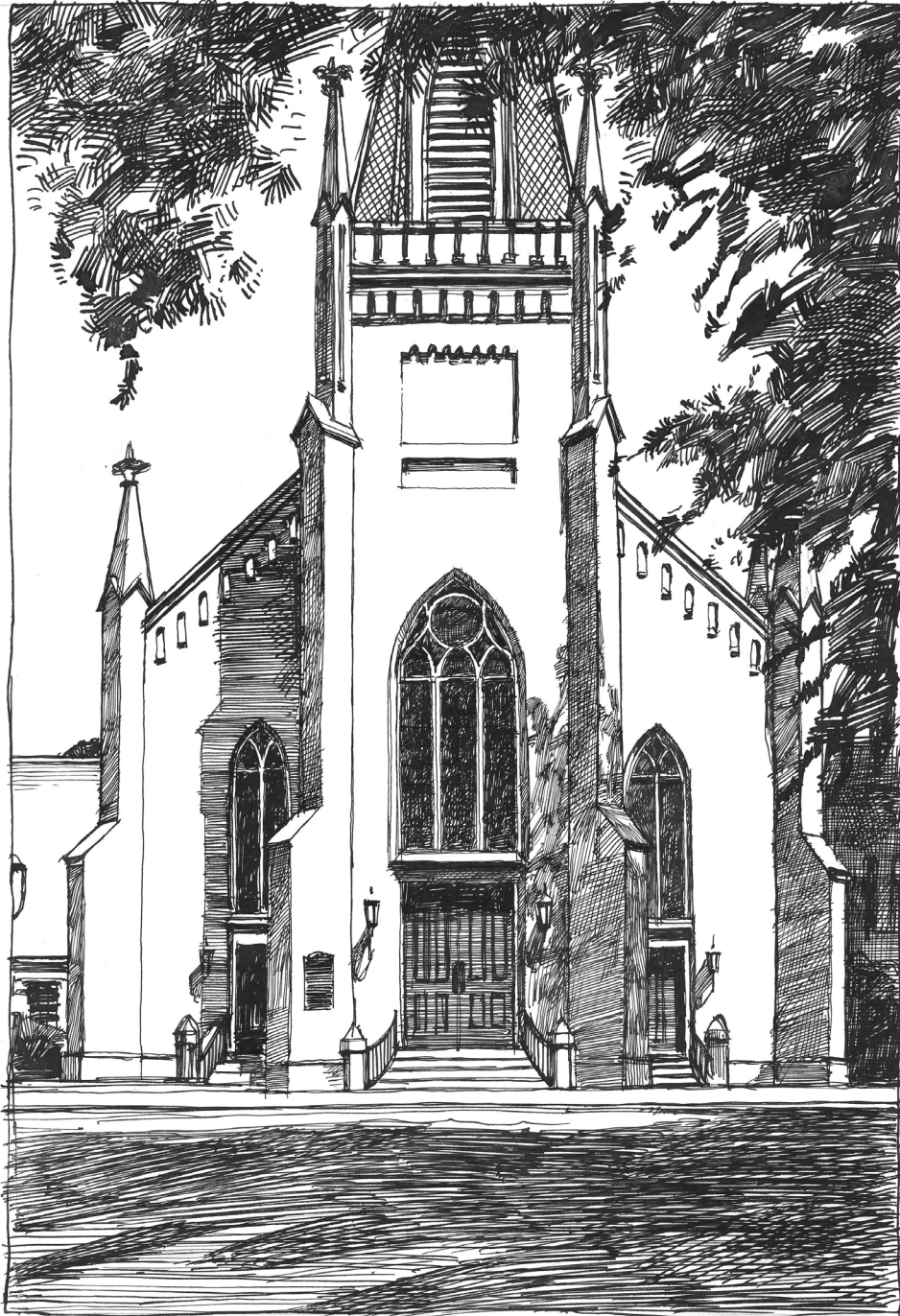


# First Presbyterian Church

9 & 11 AM WORSHIP | APRIL 5, 2026 | EASTER 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** | Flourishes | Carlyle Sharpe**Chiming of the Trinity****Easter Proclamation** | Lewis Galloway

In the early morning, the women arrived at the tomb to find that the stone was rolled back and the tomb was empty.

**The angel said, "Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here, for he has been raised from the dead."**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

**ADORATION****Choral Call to Worship** | Thomas Matthews

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia!*

**+Processional Hymn No. 232** | "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" | EASTER HYMN | arr. John Rutter  
*Please stand as the choir passes your pew.*

**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Lucy Baum**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we confess that at times we fail to live a resurrected life. We are weighed down by the troubles of the world and the struggles in our own lives. We are quick to judge others and slow to forgive. We have hurt others by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always lived as faithful followers of Jesus. Lord, forgive our sin and remove the stone that holds us captive in death. In the power of your Spirit, release us from the tomb of sin and set us free to live a new life.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**+Response** | HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**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****Prayer for Illumination** | Lucy Crain**Scripture** | Isaiah 65:17-25 | pew Bible p. 696

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Anthem** | “Hallelujah” from *Mount of Olives* | Ludwig van Beethoven

*Hallelujah unto God's almighty son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choir, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Praise the Lord.*

**Scripture** | Matthew 28:1-10 | pew Bible p. 33

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** | “Life Before Us” | Lewis Galloway**+Hymn** | “Rejoice This Easter Day” | DARWALL'S 148TH | arr. Jeremy Bankson

**Rejoice this Easter day! Christ conquered sin and death!**  
**Rejoice, give thanks, and praise God with your ev'ry breath.**  
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**God's power cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;**  
**the keys of death and hell are to our Savior giv'n;**  
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the judge, shall come**  
**to glorify the saints for their eternal home:**  
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**RESPONSE****+Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles' Creed | Anna Dickson

**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.**

**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** | Special Easter Offering for Crisis Assistance**Offertory Anthem** | “The Lord Is Risen” | G. F. Handel

*The Lord is risen indeed; rejoice and sing praises to our Savior! From the grave he rose and now reigns evermore. Alleluia, amen!*

**+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****PRAYER REQUESTS****GIVE ONLINE****TEXT TO GIVE****VENMO**

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**+Hymn No. 268** | “Crown Him with Many Crowns” | DIADEMATA**+Benediction****+Benediction Response** | “Hallelujah” from *Messiah* | George Frideric Handel

*Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

**Postlude** | Toccata from *Symphony No. 5* | Charles-Marie Widor**ABOUT THIS SERVICE**

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*A Note About Today's Special Offering:*

Job loss. A medical bill. A car repair. One unexpected crisis can push a family to the edge of losing their home. In the space between financial crisis and homelessness, there's often no affordable housing safety net to catch them. Crisis Assistance Ministry stands in that gap. Today, 100% of our offering will go to Crisis Assistance Ministry's Eviction Prevention Program, which helps Charlotte neighbors stay in their homes during times of financial crisis. By preventing eviction, we reduce homelessness and provide stability for families when they need it most. Together, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful and lasting impact in our community. You can give in the offering plate, via Venmo, by text, or online using the QR code in this bulletin.

The rosebuds in the Sanctuary celebrate the births of Ronya Teresa Spahr, daughter of Jacob and Natascha Spahr, on March 25, 2026 and Walker Hughes Townshend, son of Annie and Charles Townshend, on April 1, 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***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***Kaitlyn Davros**, *Associate Director of Music Ministries***Dr. Lillian Quackenbush**, *guest conductor***Eli Mathew**, *trumpet***Jacob Sims**, *trumpet***Rachel Faille**, *horn***Gabriel Crane**, *trombone***Joe Skillen**, *tuba***Trevor Cook**, *timpani*

# Happy Easter!

We're so glad you decided to join us for worship today! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or it's your first time here, keep reading for details about today's worship.

**Are you new here?** Please fill out a Connect Card, which can be found in the seatback of the pew in front of you, or scan the "Virtual Connect Card" QR code in the front of your bulletin.



## Today's Children's Offerings:

A nursery is available for children ages 0-2 in room P311. During the service, children will be invited to participate in the Time for Children, after which ages 3 through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.



COVENANT NETWORK  
OF PRESBYTERIANS

Our church is a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, which seeks equity still not fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church.

## Do you need support?

First Presbyterian's on-site Counseling Center is home to two therapists from Presby Psych, a nonprofit practice committed to accessible, holistic mental health care. No referral from a church minister is needed, and services are available to members and the public. Call (704) 554-9900 to schedule an appointment.

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Stephen Ministers are trained to engage in confidential, structured, and caring relationships with people who are going through a difficult period. If you are in a tough season and need extra support, email Mary Bowman ([mbowman@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:mbowman@firstpres-charlotte.org)).

If you have a pastoral emergency outside regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 to reach the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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# Announcements

**Church Closure** – *We will be closed tomorrow, April 6*

## Operation Sandwich

*TODAY, 10 a.m., Front Lawn*

Come after 9 a.m. worship or before 11 a.m. worship to make sandwiches for Roof Above to support our unsheltered neighbors.

## Second Saturday Service at Crisis Assistance

*April 11, 9 a.m., 500-A Spratt St.*

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship while supporting an important ministry at Crisis Assistance Ministry's Free Store. No experience is needed, and everyone is welcome (ages 8 and up). Scan the QR code to register.

## Adult Sunday School

*April 12, 9:45 a.m.*

**Passages, S203 & Zoom** – John and Becky Hart will return for a final class session on Isaiah.

**The Bible Jesus Read, P212 & Zoom** – Next Sunday's topic will focus on wisdom literature from Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

## Congregational Meeting

*April 12, following worship, Sanctuary*

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving the APNC's nomination, Lucy Baum, for Associate Pastor for Christian Formation.

## A Binding Truth

*April 12, 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Join us for a powerful PBS-highlighted documentary about two Myers Park High School classmates who uncovered a shocking discovery involving their families and slavery. A light lunch will be served. Scan the QR code to register.

## Pastor Nominating Committee Listening Sessions

*April 19, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall Overflow*

*April 26, 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

The PNC is hosting two listening sessions to hear directly from the congregation — your hopes, your dreams, and your concerns — as we seek to discern the gifts and skills of our next senior pastor. Can't make a session? Share your input by email: [PNC@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:PNC@firstpres-charlotte.org).

## Presbyterian Women's Birthday Dinner

*May 7, 5:30 p.m., Courtyard and Fellowship Hall*

Join us for drinks in the courtyard, a festive dinner and program, the installation of new officers, and the presentation of Honorary Life Memberships to women who have made a lasting impact on our church community. Dinner is \$15. Scan the QR code to register.



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The Easter lilies are given to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of:  
(*honoraria in italics*)

Belle Ward and Sid Abernethy  
Conrad and Carolyn Bare  
George and Blanche Bondranko  
John and Jean Born  
Kay Brothers  
Gail Weaver Bunn  
Mark Burud  
Anthony "Hap" Chandler  
Jerry Clark  
Peyton Elizabeth Clark  
Eugene W. and Mary T. Cochrane  
Bob Cole  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farabow  
Carl and Anna Faust  
Sr. Roberto Gallego  
*Jean Gilcrest*  
Kaye Greene  
Dr. and Mrs. Edward H. Hagerty  
Dr. and Mrs. William W. Halligan, Jr.  
Evelyn and Irvin Hankins  
Cornelia and Dick Harbison  
Taylor Harbison  
Will Harbison  
The Parents of Bill and Norene Hart  
Bob and Frances Hasty  
Bill and Tet Henley  
Virginia Herron  
Barbara and Pressley Hoover  
Elizabeth Hosbach  
Sara and Nevin Hoy  
James R. Ingram, III  
The Parents of Gibbs and Bryan Ives and  
The Parents of Jane and Frasier Ives  
Rev. and Mrs. Robert J. James  
Barbara Johnson  
Nancy Johnson  
Joe and Ann Kenny  
Royal and Evelyn Kinner  
Betty and John Kinnett

Rev. Richard H. Lindsey, Jr.  
Jack Lomax  
*Frances Love*  
Arlene Main  
Paul H. Mann and Margaret Sue Mann  
Jim Martin  
Larry and Dowd Maye  
Dee Dee and Peter McKay  
John M. Murchison  
Helen and Billy Neil  
Margaret and Joe Neil  
Vincent Thomas Novak  
Kirk Raymond Orrell  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parnell  
Robert Parnell and Joe Parnell  
Bill Pendergrass  
Dottie Pendergrass  
*Baker Wade Pernel*  
*Grayson Fritz Pernel*  
Nancy Plummer  
Amelie Pressly  
Margaret and Lowry Pressly  
Thomas Baker Price  
Judith Blair Richardson  
Charles Griffith Ross  
Martha Rankin Schweppe  
Virginia and Fontaine Scott  
Mr. and Mrs. Reid Shoemaker, Sr.  
David Sidbury  
Dolly and Jack Tate  
Becky Temple  
Connie and Charlie Thompson  
Don and Nancy Thorpe  
Mrs. Irma Vallejo  
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