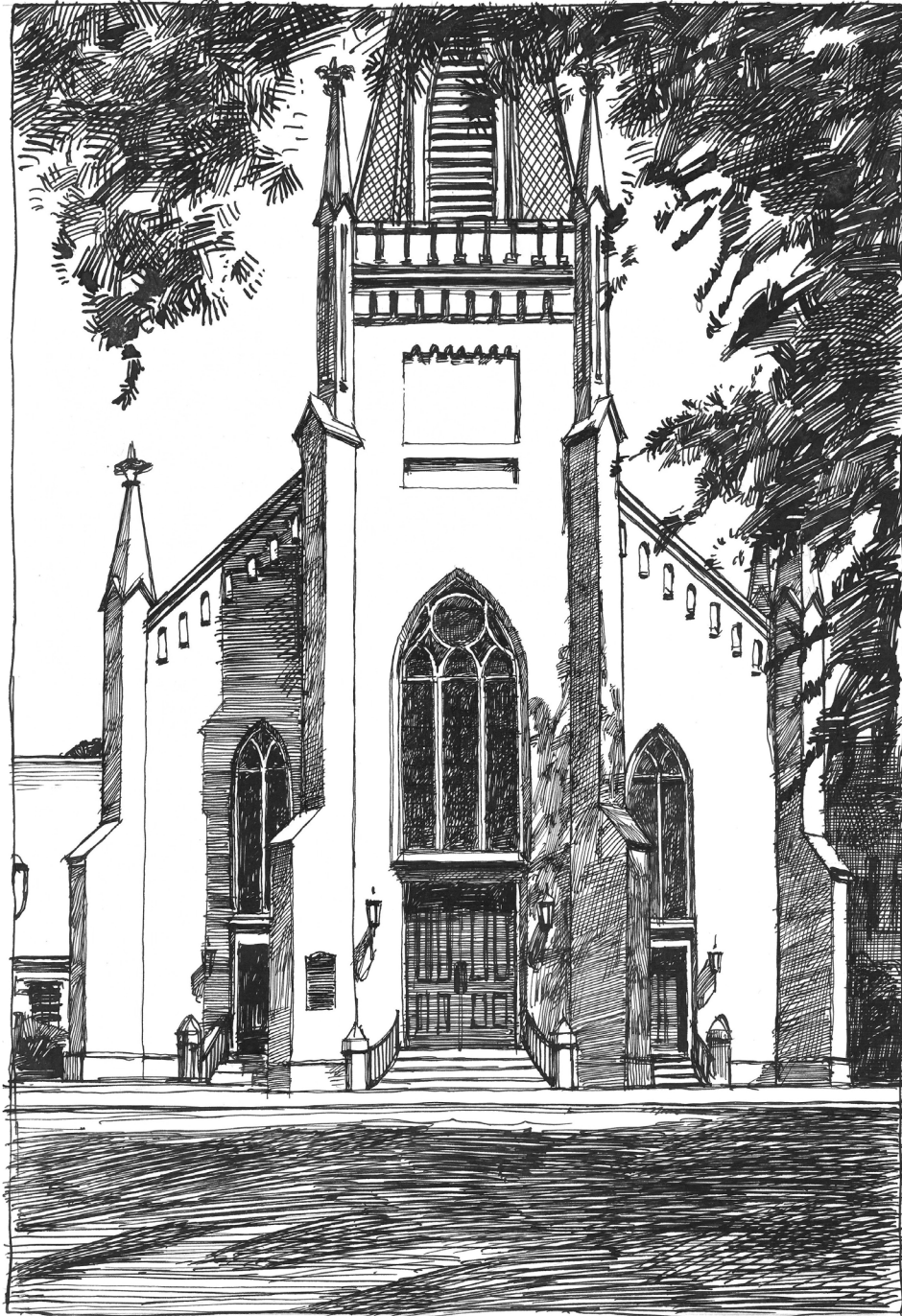


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 14, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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PREPARATION**Prelude** | God of Grace | Paul Manz**Words of Welcome** | Lewis Galloway**Chiming of the Trinity**

ADORATION**+Call to Worship** | Margo Fraga

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. Let us worship God!

+Hymn No. 307 | "God of Grace and God of Glory" | CWM RHONDDA

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.

CONFESSION**Call to Confession** | Margo Fraga**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and strengthen our common witness to our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**+Response to Pardon** | 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.

PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination** | Millie Snyder**Scripture** | 2 Timothy 1: 1-7 | pew Bible p. 211

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Anthem** | "I Sing Because I'm Happy" | Rollo Dilworth

I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Sermon | "A Faith that Lives in You" | Millie Snyder

+Hymn | “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” | HYFRYDOL

God, the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-spiced flame and hovering dove, breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love: give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace; sent them forth as bold apostles to our church in every place.

Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, Word made flesh, Love crucified, teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride: in our tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd's care; grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, life bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall, fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all: as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts oversee its life steadfastly, yet not overlook its faults.

Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse, deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse: help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim, that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.

RESPONSE**+Affirmation of Faith** | adapted from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism* | John Garver

What is the chief end of humankind?

Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

What is God?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in God's being are wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

How many persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

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**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** | Casey Aldridge

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.

TEXT
TO GIVE

**Stewardship of Life** | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “Beside a Stream of Living Water” | arr. Thomas Keesecker

Beside a stream of living water stands a tree of God's blessed people, its roots run deep, from those before us. By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding. So many rings, a living history, some are thin from years of struggle, some circle wide from times of plenty. By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding. The branches soar beyond the steeple, leaves as varied as its people; so many gifts and yet one body. By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding. O tree of life, O tree of glory, may our witness tell God's story for all who follow in the future. By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

VENMO

**+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 | Casey Aldridge

INSTALLATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Presentation of the Candidate | Olanda Carr

Constitutional Questions | Tommy Lawson & Linda Henley

Laying on of Hands & Prayer of Installation | Anna Dickson

Declaration of Installation | Anna Dickson

Charge to the Pastor | Anna Dickson

Charge to the Congregation | Lewis Galloway

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

SENDING FORTH

+**Benediction** | Lucy Baum

+**Benediction Response** | "Amen" | DANISH

Postlude | Grand Symphonic March, op. 74 | Tchaikovsky

IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Kim Bowman and family upon the death of her father, Tomas Luss, on June 9.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beverly and Roy Michaux by their daughters, Susan and Alice.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Chizara Ifeoma Obi, daughter of Jenny and Jide Obi, on May 27.

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*

The Reverend Anna R. Dickson, *Executive Pastor and Associate for Congregational Care*

The Reverend Lucy Baum, *Associate Pastor for Formation and Fellowship*

Lee Northcutt, *Guest Organist*

Shallowford Presbyterian Church Chapel Choir, *Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta*

Lucas Gray, *Guest Conductor*

Dr. Jinhee Kim, *Accompanist*

INSTALLATION COMMISSION

Tommy Lawson, *Moderator & Ruling Elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church*

The Reverend Casey Aldridge, *First Presbyterian Church, Concord*

Olanda Carr, Jr., *First United Presbyterian Church*

The Reverend Anna Dickson, *First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte*

John Garver, *Ruling Elder, Providence Presbyterian Church*

Linda Henley, *Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte*

The Reverend Margo Fraga, *Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church*

The Reverend Dr. Millie Snyder, *Myers Park Presbyterian Church*

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