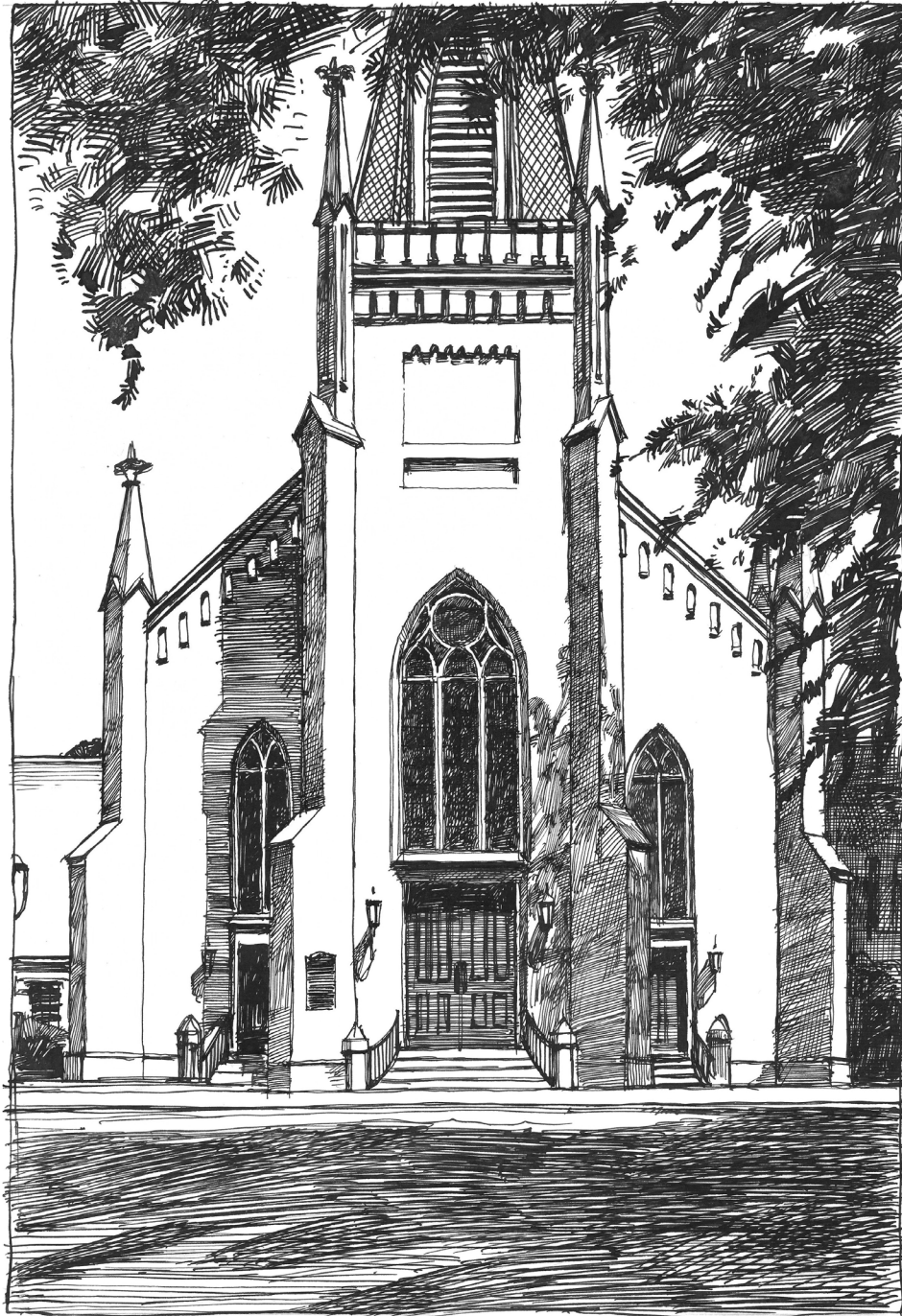


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 21, 2026 | FOURTH 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** | Festive Trumpet Tune | David German**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. 475** | “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” | NETTLETON**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Anna Dickson**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Lord, we bow before you to confess our sin. At times we have forgotten that you are our creator, redeemer and sustainer. We have forgotten your claim upon our lives, your call to do your will, and your plan to redeem creation. We have lived diminished lives. We have wounded our neighbors, hurt your image in us, and failed to live as your people. Forgive us, Lord, and restore in us a right mind and a loving spirit. Forgiven and restored, may we be bold witnesses to your love for all people and for the world that you have made.

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.

Time with Children

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PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Genesis 12:1-4 | pew Bible p. 10

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

Music | “It Is Well with My Soul” | arr. Craig Courtney

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say “It is well with my soul.” My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought – not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, O my soul! And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

+ Please stand if you are able

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Scripture | Galatians 3:19-4:7 | pew Bible p. 189

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “God’s Big Idea” | Lewis Galloway**+Hymn No. 39** | “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | FAITHFULNESS**RESPONSE****+Affirmation of Faith** | Nicene Creed | Lucy Baum

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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 | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “One Faith, One Hope, One Lord” | Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism, and faith, one God and father of all, who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God.

+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**PRAYER
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+**Hymn No. 318** | “In Christ There Is No East or West” | ST. PETER

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude | Ceremonial Procession | Raymond H. Haan

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Alexander and Dr. Alex Alexander by Jean Gilcrest.

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*

Loretta Giles, *Soloist*

Dr. David Dennis, *Guest Conductor*

Eric Millard, *Trumpet*

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