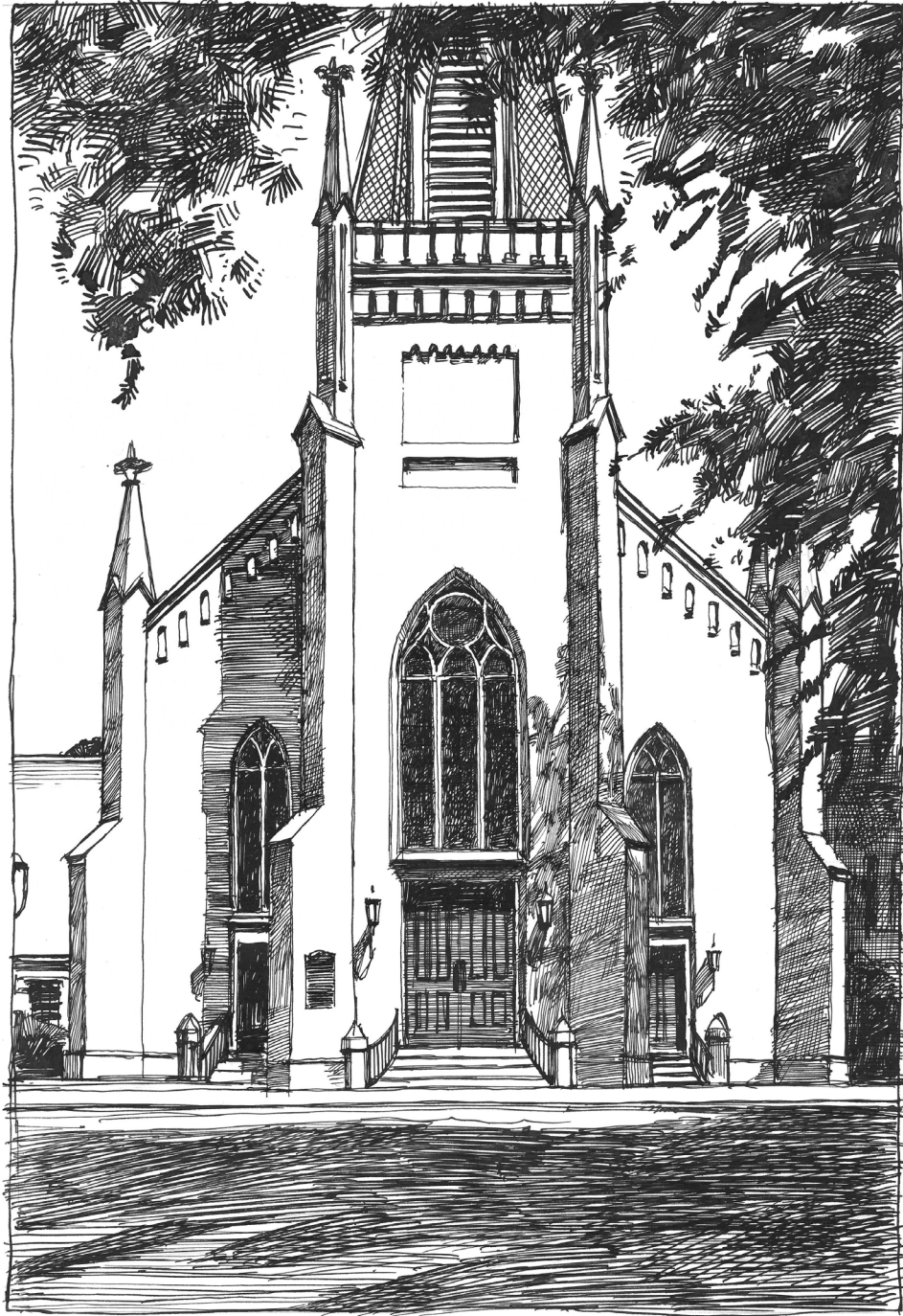


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 2, 2026 | TENTH 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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Are you
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Contact
Jane Ives,
Membership
Coordinator,
jives@firstpres-
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The Elder
assisting with
the baptism
today is Bill
Schweppe.

FIRST
CHURCH
MOBILE
CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Praeludium in E minor | Nicolas Bruhns

Words of Welcome | Chuck Williamson

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. 757** | "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" | KINGSFOLD

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Lucy Baum

Prayer of Confession

God of all people of the world, we are grateful that we are a part of your worldwide family. We confess that we often allow divisions to spring up or differences to separate us from one another. We are quick to judge others who are not like us. Forgive our prejudice against those of different faiths, those of different languages, and those of different lifestyles. Teach us to live in unity and harmony with all people.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Hugh McClain Schweppe

+**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****Scripture** | Genesis 12:1-3 | pew Bible p. 10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Anthem** | “Lord of the Small” | Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord, the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid. He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise Him, O praise him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give; our afraid, lispings praise God will never despise. He sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Scripture | Matthew 20:1-16 | pew Bible p. 21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Standing at the Back of the Line” | Chuck Williamson**+Hymn No. 767** | “Together We Serve” | SAN ANSELMO**PRAYER
REQUESTS****RESPONSE****Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** | Anna Dickson

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.

**GIVE
ONLINE****Stewardship of Life** | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” | arr. Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts today; with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always. Laud and honor to the father; laud and honor to the son. Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one. One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

**TEXT
TO GIVE****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**

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 733** | “We All Are One in Mission” | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH

Postlude

IN LOVING MEMORY

We join our prayers with Brian Bailey and his family upon the death of his mother, Martha Maurice Bailey, on July 23, 2026.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Hugh is the son of Nicole and Mac Schweppe.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Hugh McClain Schweppe.

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. Charles Williamson, *Parish Associate*

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

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

Kaitlyn Davros, *Associate Director of Music Ministries*

Dr. David Dennis, *Guest Conductor*

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