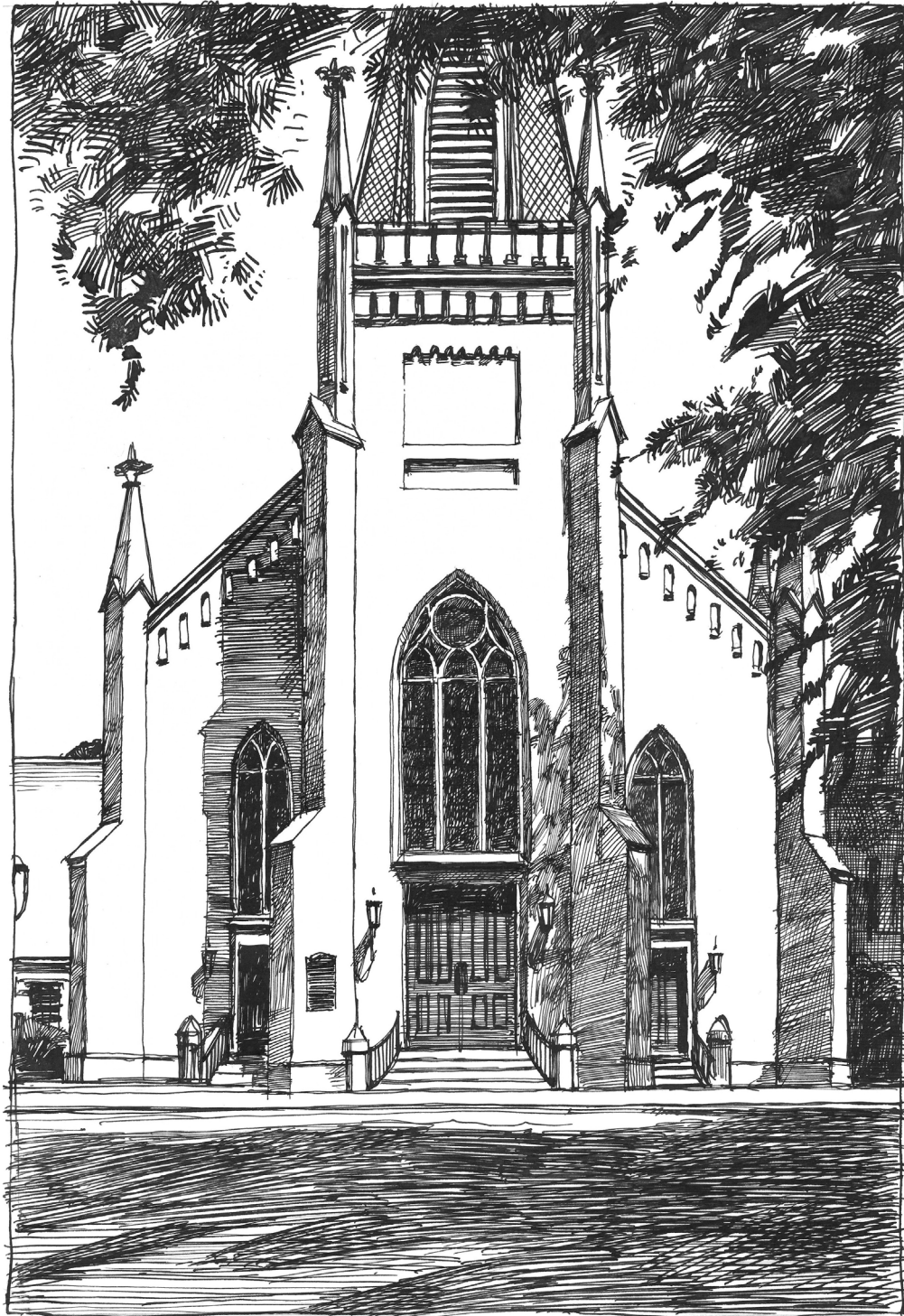


First Presbyterian CHURCH OF CHARLOTTE



AUGUST 30, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Welcome!



Scan to fill out our Virtual Connect Card to help us get to know you.

Prayer Request



Scan to submit a confidential prayer request.

Preparation

Prelude | Allegretto from Sonata No. 4 | Felix Mendelssohn

Words of Welcome | Lucy Baum

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship | Eric Thiman

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power!

+Hymn No. 49 | "The God of Abraham Praise" | LEONI

Confession

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

God of liberation, you heard the cries of your people in Egypt and delivered them from bondage to freedom. Forgive us when we become complacent in our own comfort and close our ears to our neighbors' cries for justice. God of wonder, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and he turned aside to see you. Forgive us when we are so distracted and small-minded that we do not notice when the ground where we stand is holy. God of our ancestors, you promised to be with Moses when he went to Pharaoh. Forgive us when we shrink from your call because we do not trust that you will be with us, too. Have mercy on us, and restore us by your Spirit, that we might respond through lives of love and service.

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
Tucker Lewis
Stevenson**

son of Sara and
John Stevenson

The Elder assisting
with today's baptism
is Bill Stevenson.

+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.

Children ages 3 through first grade may leave for First Church at this time. They will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

+ Please stand if you are able



Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 | pew Bible p. 556

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music | "Give Me Jesus" | arr. Tom Trenney

In the mornin' when I rise, in the mornin' when I rise, in the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus. O when I am alone, O when I am alone, O when I am alone, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, my cry; Jesus! O when I come to die, O when I come to die, I heard my mother say, "Give me Jesus."

Scripture | Exodus 3:1-12 | pew Bible p. 50

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Sermon | "Ablaze but Not Consumed" | Lucy Baum

+Hymn No. 69 | "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" | HERE I AM

Response

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer | Lewis Galloway

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 | "Look at the World" | John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us joyful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Ev'ry good gift, all we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

+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

Ways to Give

In Person

Place your gift in the offering plate during **Presentation of Tithes and Offering**

Give Online

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Text to Give

Text "givetofpc" to 73256

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Sending Forth

+Hymn No. 63 | "The Lord is God" | AZMON

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | "Amen" | DANISH

Postlude | Rondeau | Jean Joseph Mouret

About Today's Service

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Tucker Lewis Stevenson by grandparents Bill and Leslie Stevenson.

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

Kaitlyn Davros
Associate Director of Music Ministries

Kelly Harder
Soloist

In Loving Memory

We join our prayers with Tina Early and Chrisie Lewis and their family upon the death of their mother, Katherine Currence, on August 17, 2026.

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

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Bring your family and join the Local Outreach Committee as we help sort clothes at the free store. Ages 10 and over are welcome.

Contemplative Service Resumes

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Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

September 20, 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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October 4, 3 p.m., Little Sugar Creek

Come wade in the water with us and help clean up trash at Little Sugar Creek! We'll have a "most unusual trash" showdown and ice cream afterward at The Local Scoop. Registration is open now.

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