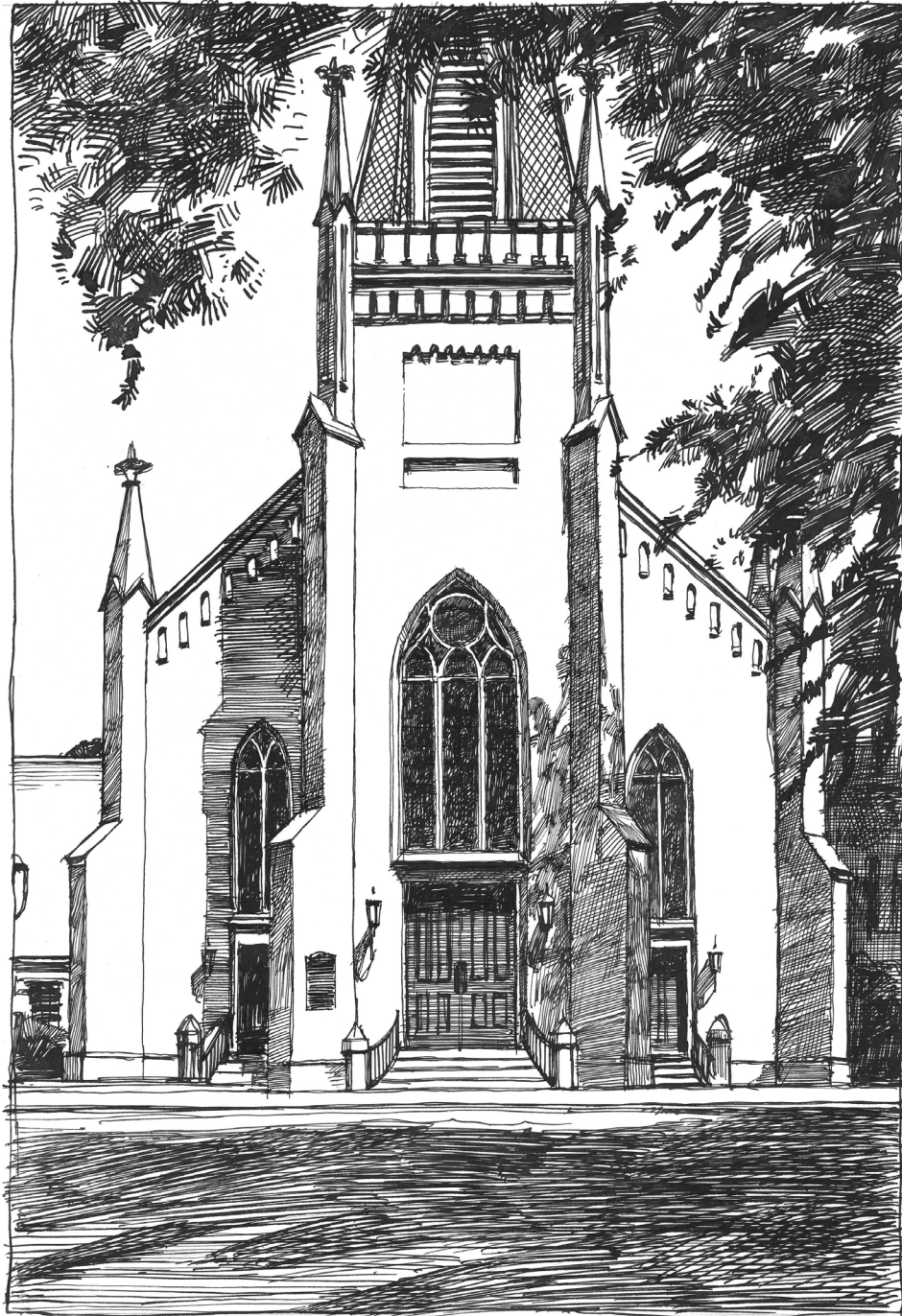


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 9, 2026 | ELEVENTH 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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FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | “Largo” from *Cello Sonata in G Minor*, Op.65 | Frédéric Chopin**Words of Welcome** | Lewis Galloway**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. 612** | “We Praise You, O God” | KREMSER**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Lord, in Jesus Christ you have shown us the power of love and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet, we have resisted your claim upon our lives and run when you have called. In our sin and brokenness, we have failed to listen to your voice, refused to share the gifts entrusted to our care, and struggled to love others as you have loved us. Call us back, O Lord, forgive us, and restore us, so that we may follow in your way and live as faithful followers of 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.

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**Scripture** | Jonah 1:1-17 | pew Bible p. 859

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

Scripture | Mark 1:14-20 | pew Bible p. 35

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Sermon | “Defining Moments” | Lewis Galloway+**Hymn No. 726** | “Will You Come and Follow Me” | KELVINGROVE

+ Please stand if you are able

RESPONSE+**Affirmation of Faith** | from *A Brief Statement of Faith* | Lucy Baum

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | "Cantique de Jean Racine" | Gabriel Fauré

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, eternal light of the earth and the sky, on this thy holy day we kneel in adoration. O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye! Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illum'ning that they may waken, thy mercy to tell! O Christ, bestow thy blessing unto us, we implore thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee. Accept the hymns we chant unto thine everlasting glory, and these thy gifts we return unto thee!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**Invitation to the Table****The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus | LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

**PRAYER
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Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion (sung by the choir)

Hymn No. 537 | “When at This Table” | FEASTDAY

Hymn No. 507 | “Come to the Table of Grace” | TABLE OF GRACE

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 536** | “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen” | SURGE ECCLESIA

+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

IN LOVING MEMORY

We join our prayers with Allen Shifflet and his family upon the death of his mother, Anne Frysinger Shifflet, on July 29, 2026.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Every Communion Sunday, we ask the congregation to participate in a food drive to collect items for our onsite Nourish Up Food Pantry. When we come to the communion table to be spiritually nourished, we bring food donations to nourish those of God's children who suffer from physical hunger. Collection bins are in front of the Sanctuary and Welcome Center today, and permanently located in the Welcome Center.

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

John Mooney, Cello

Dr. David Dennis, Accompanist

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