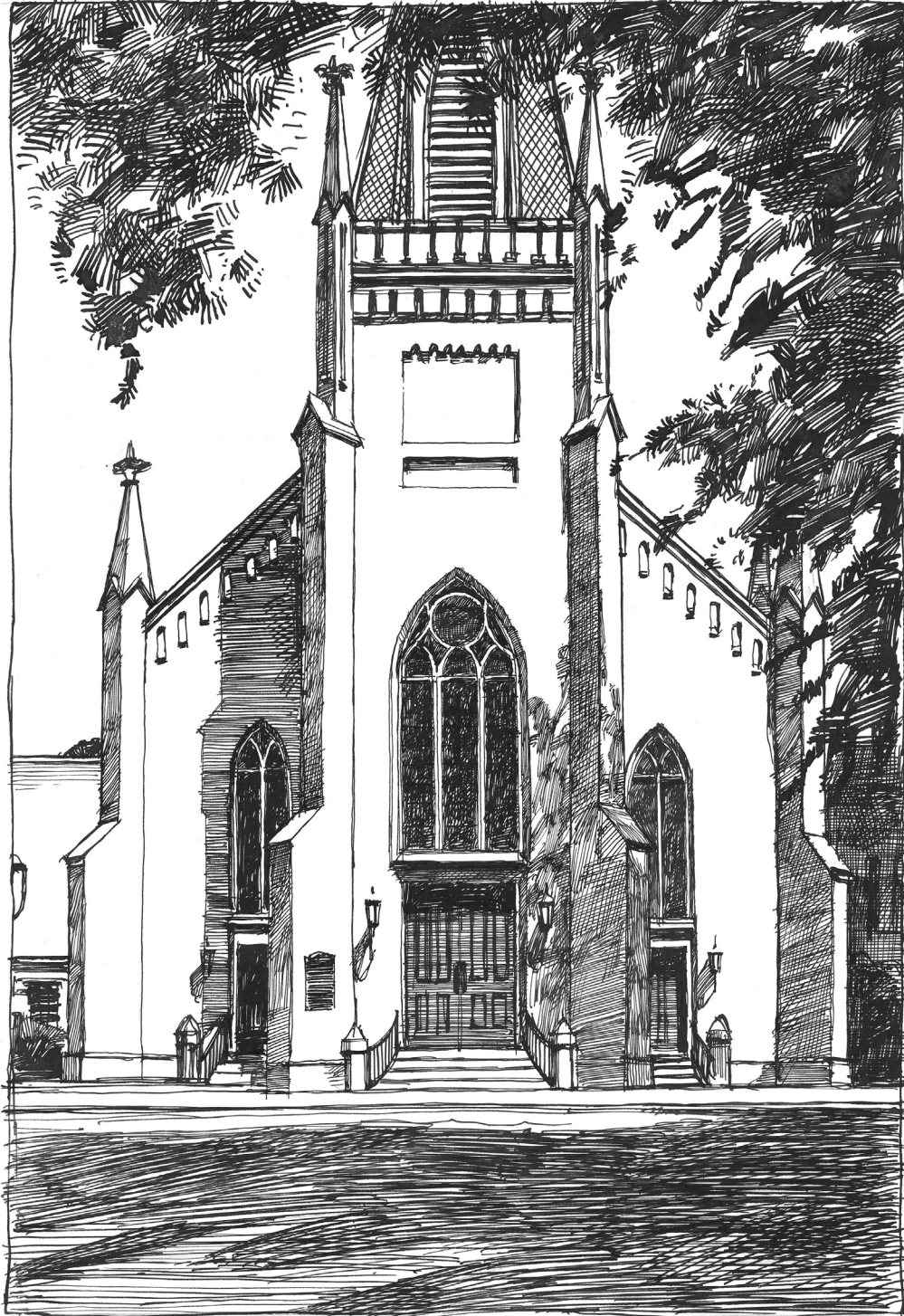


TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP



SIXTEENTH 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 | Two Settings of *Old Hundredth* | Johann Walther, Johann Pachelbel

Words of Welcome | Lewis Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship | Hal Hopson

O be ye joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with a song.

+Hymn No. 610 | "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" | AZMON

Confession

Call to Confession | Lucy Baum

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have made us in your image and called us to love and serve you. In the midst of the struggles of life, we forget who we are, we become discouraged, and we feel that we are all alone. Forgive us for losing our way, for not trusting in you, and for the hurt we have caused others. Speak to us, Lord, and fill us with your Spirit. By your grace, forgive our sin and give us the courage to be faithful to you until life's end.

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 3 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 | II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 | pew Bible p. 213

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

Anthem | "You Do Not Walk Alone" | Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone, may you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.

+ Please stand if you are able



Scripture | 1 Kings 19:1-18 | pew Bible p. 326

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Sermon | "The Thin Sound of Silence" | Lewis Galloway

+Hymn | "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" | REPTON

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm!

Response

+Affirmation of Faith | Apostles' Creed | Anna Dickson

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.

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 | Crisis Assistance | Carol Hardison

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | "With a Voice of Singing" | Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

+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
fpc.tiny.us/give



Text to Give

Text "givetofpc" to 73256

Venmo 
@FirstPresofCharlotte



Sending Forth

+Hymn No. 826 | "Lift High the Cross" | CRUCIFER

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | Young

'Til all the world adore his name, amen!

Postlude | Fugue in C | Dietrich Buxtehude

About Today's Service

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Liz McKeithen.

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

William P. Young, III
Director of Music Ministries

Kaitlyn Davros
Associate Director of Music Ministries

Carol Hardison
Executive Director of Crisis Assistance Ministry

In Loving Memory

We join our prayers with the family of Dr. Ameen I. Ramzy upon his death on August 20, 2026; and with Matt Baum and his family upon the death of his father, Mark Raymond Baum on September 9, 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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Sunday mornings, C101 & C102

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