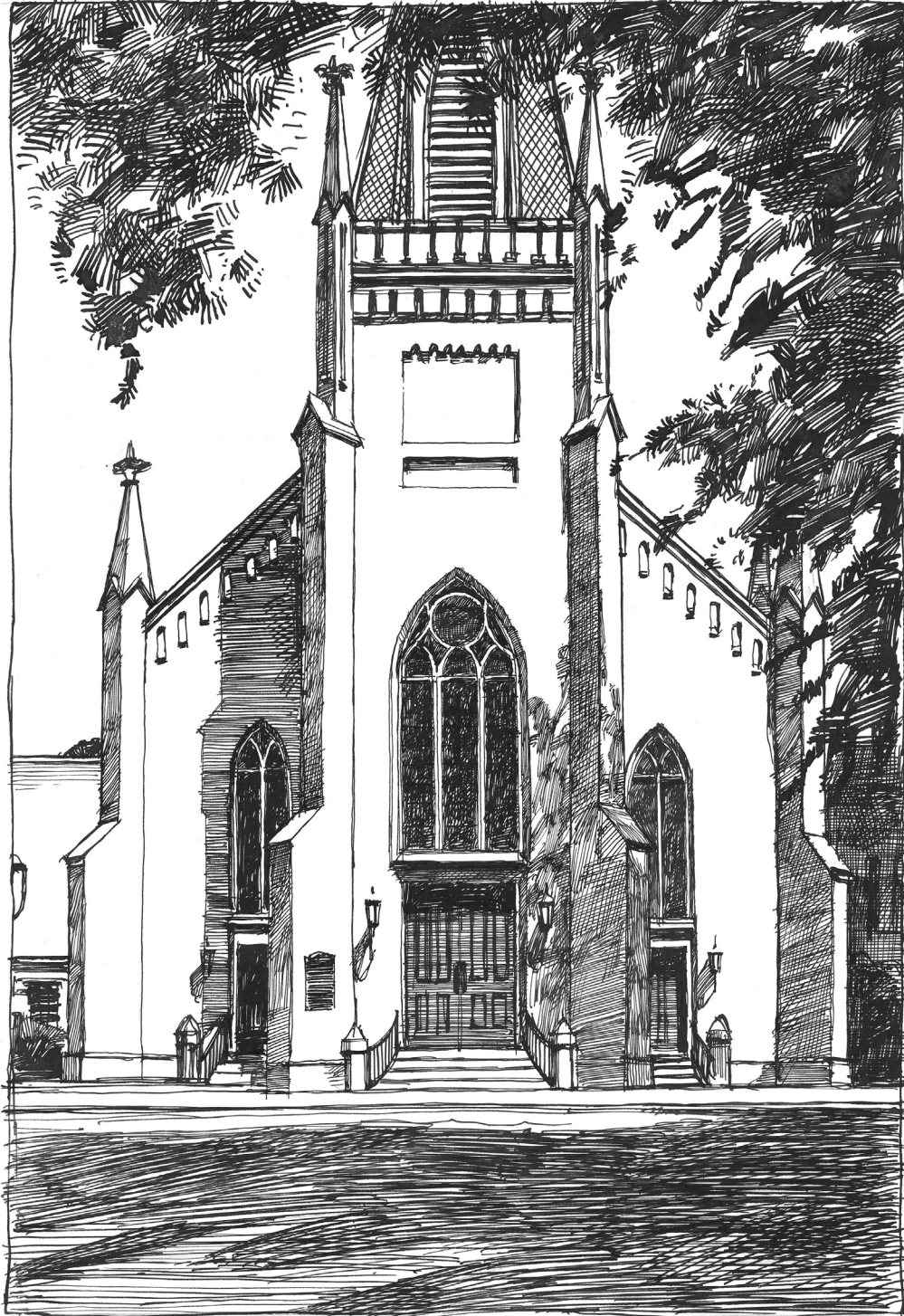


TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP



SEVENTEENTH 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 | Prelude on *Lobe den Herren* | Johann Walther

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. 35 | "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" | LOBE DEN HERREN

Confession

Call to Confession | Lucy Baum

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you claim us as your own and declare that we are your beloved children. Sometimes we forget who we are and fall into sin. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and demean our brothers and sisters. We are so focused on ourselves that we turn away from the needs of others. Forgive our sin, O Lord, reclaim us, and fill us with your Spirit. Empower us to follow Jesus in the path of self-giving service and thereby find our true freedom.

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
Mae Katherine
Cauble**

daughter of Lillie and
Ben Cauble

The Elder assisting
with today's baptism
is Katy Cochran.

+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.



Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | Isaiah 43:15-25 | pew Bible p. 672

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | "All Things New" | Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss; strength after weakness, crown after cross. Sweet after bitter, hope after fears; home after wandering, praise after tears. Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end. He is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new. Sight after mystery, sun after rain; Joy after sorrow, peace after pain; near after distant, gleam after gloom. Love after loneliness, life after tomb. Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.

Scripture | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | pew Bible p. 165

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Sermon | "Saints Alive" | Lewis Galloway

+Hymn No. 39 | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | FAITHFULNESS

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.

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good measure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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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+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. 463 | "How Firm a Foundation" | FOUNDATION

Congregational Meeting

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | "Amen" | DANISH

Postlude | Prelude in G | Johann Sebastian Bach

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 Mae Katherine Cauble.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Theodore Michael Fischer (Teddy), son of Scott and Alyson Fischer on September 3.

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

In Loving Memory

We join our prayers with the family of Colleen Cook and her family upon the death of her mother, Donna Lynn Hilfier, on September 13, 2026.

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Before worship, September 27 & October 24

Are you registered to vote? Have you moved since the last election? Stop by the voting advocacy tables and make sure your info is up to date!

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Come learn about the upcoming Cuba Trip and meet previous trip attendees.

Operation Sandwich

October 4, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

We invite children, youth, and adults to help us make sandwiches to feed our friends at Roof Above.

Stream Clean with Earth Care

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

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