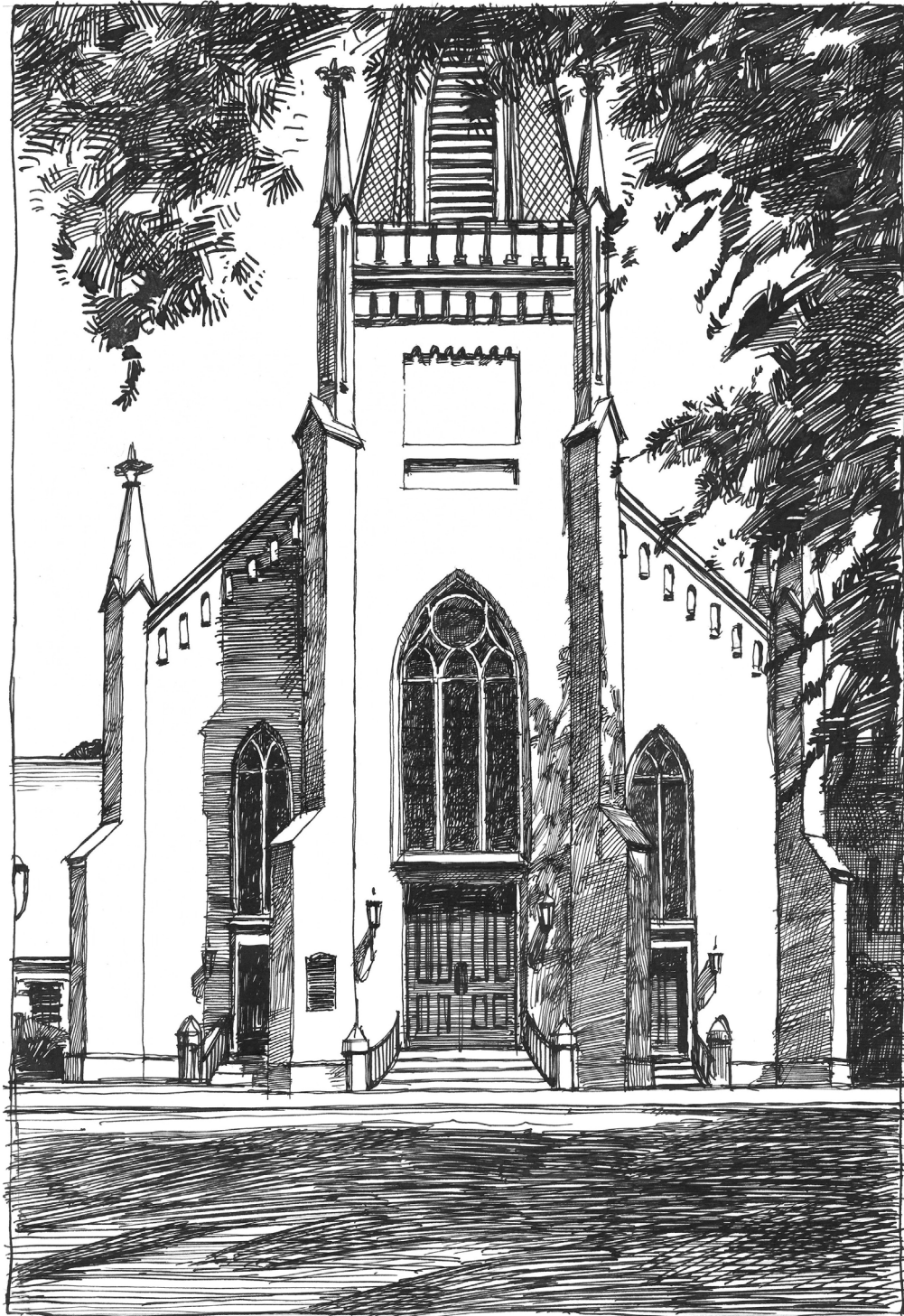


First Presbyterian CHURCH OF CHARLOTTE



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP



FIFTEENTH 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 | Minuet in E-flat | G. F. Handel

Words of Welcome | Lewis Galloway

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. 81 | "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" | AUSTRIAN HYMN

Confession

Call to Confession | Lucy Baum

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, Creator of all time and space, we give you thanks for the gift of our lives. We confess that we have often wasted time on idle pursuits, selfish indulgences, and harmful activities. Forgive us, Lord, for squandering the gift of time by chasing distractions, ignoring our neighbors, and misusing your gifts. Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Loving God, help us to see every moment of life as a holy gift to be used for the good of others and for the work of your Kingdom.

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 | Exodus 20:1-17 | pew Bible p. 66

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

+ Please stand if you are able



You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | "Hear My Prayer" | Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer in the mornin' when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done and you come to take me home, just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

Scripture | Luke 6:1-11 | pew Bible p. 63

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon | "Not Just Anytime" | Lewis Galloway

+Hymn No. 697 | "Take My Life" | stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6 | HENDON

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.

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

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Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “From All that Dwell Below the Skies” | Gordon Young

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise. Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

+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. 53 | “O God Who Gives Us Life” | NOEL

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | “Amen” | John Rutter

Postlude | Toccata in F | Dietrich Buxtehude

About Today's Service

Sanctuary Flowers

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Elizabeth Anne Blumenthal, daughter of Sara and Ethan Blumenthal, on August 30.

If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at dianenmayer@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

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