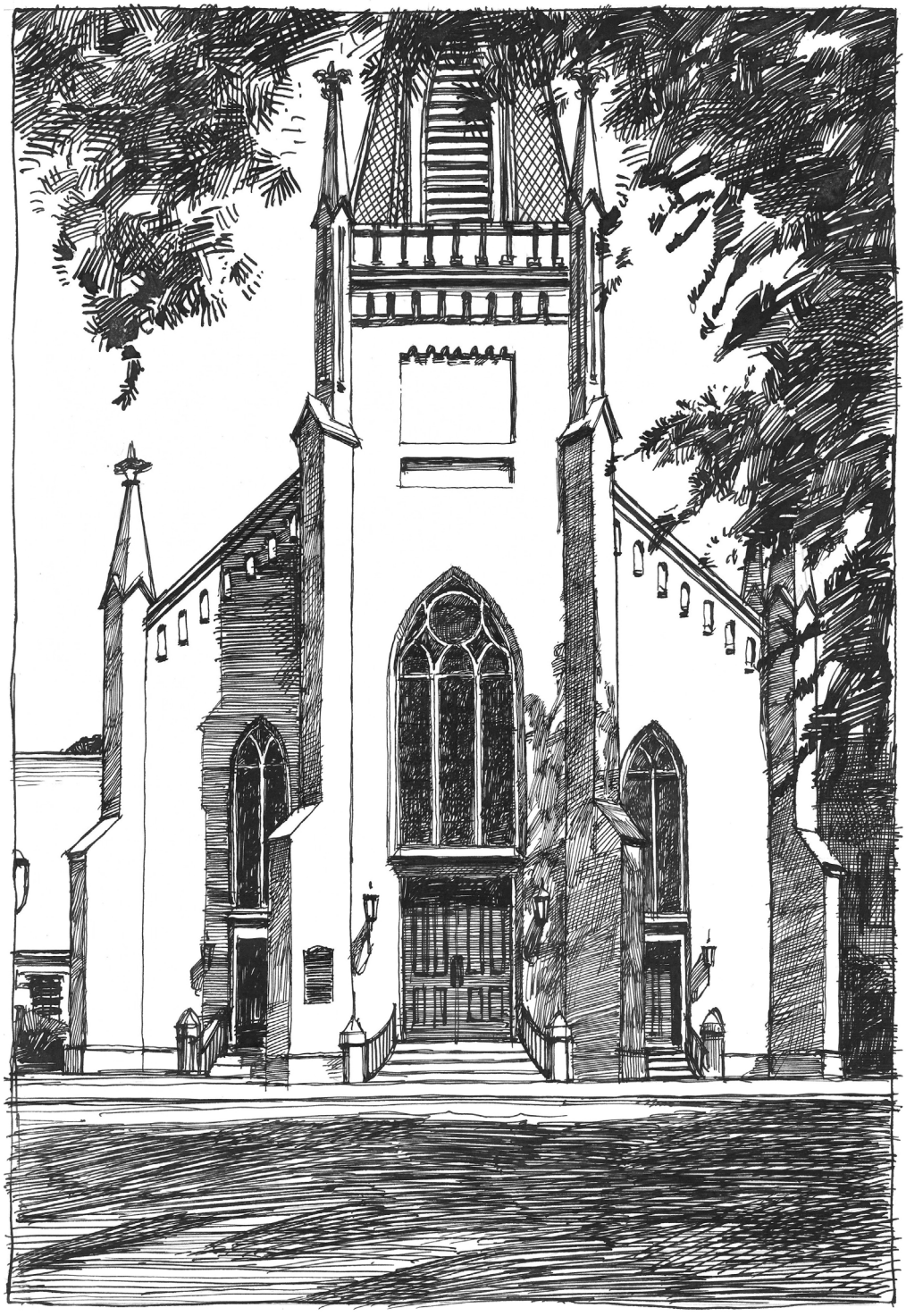
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



NOVEMBER 1, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP

TWENTY THIRD 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 | Fugue in E-flat (St. Anne) | J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome | Lewis Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

+Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
In life and in death we belong to God.
Baptized into Christ's death, We live unto him.
Come, let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn | "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out dominions, princedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbors in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have taken your love for granted; we have failed to rely on you in times of struggle; we have turned from the path you have set before us. Lord, forgive us and fill us with your Spirit so that we may live in your love and walk in your way.

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.

+ Please stand if you are able

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | Daniel 3:19-30 | pew Bible p. 823
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Scripture | 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, 9-17 | pew Bible p. 168
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Sermon | "Faithful" | Lewis Galloway

+Hymn No. 687 | "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" | ST. ANNE

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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Response

+Affirmation of Faith | Apostles' Creed | Lucy Baum

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.

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | "It Is Well" | arr. Mack Wilberg

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say "It is well, it is well with my soul." Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Today we will take communion by intinction. All are invited to come down the center aisle to one of four communion stations. Take a piece of gluten-free bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of communion. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served communion at their seats.

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.

+ Please stand if you are able

...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 No. 552 | 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.

Prayers of the People and Remembrance of the Saints of the Church

Music | "Give Me Jesus" | arr. Tom Trenney | Kelly Harder, soloist

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion (sung by the choir)

Hymn No. 501 | "Feed Us"
Hymn No. 533 | "In the Singing"
Hymn No. 698 | "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

Prayer After Communion 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.

Sending Forth

+Hymn No. 326 | "For All the Saints" | SINE NOMINE

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | "Amen" | DANISH

Postlude | Fugato on *Sine Nomine* | Richard Proulx

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Natalie Dianne Marinelli, daughter of Brandon and Maris Lafferty Marinelli, on October 27, and of grandmother Anne Lafferty's special birthday on October 29.

In Honor of All Saints' Day

We remember the members of our church who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year.

Marie Porter—1/3/2026
Bill Wallace—1/26/2026
Nancy Plummer—3/23/2026
Jack Borns—4/17/2026
Charlie Daul—6/20/2026
Jane McLaney—7/4/2026
Frances Love—7/17/2026
Liz McKeithen—8/10/2026
Lisa Neely—8/19/2026
Ameen Ramzy—8/20/2026

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