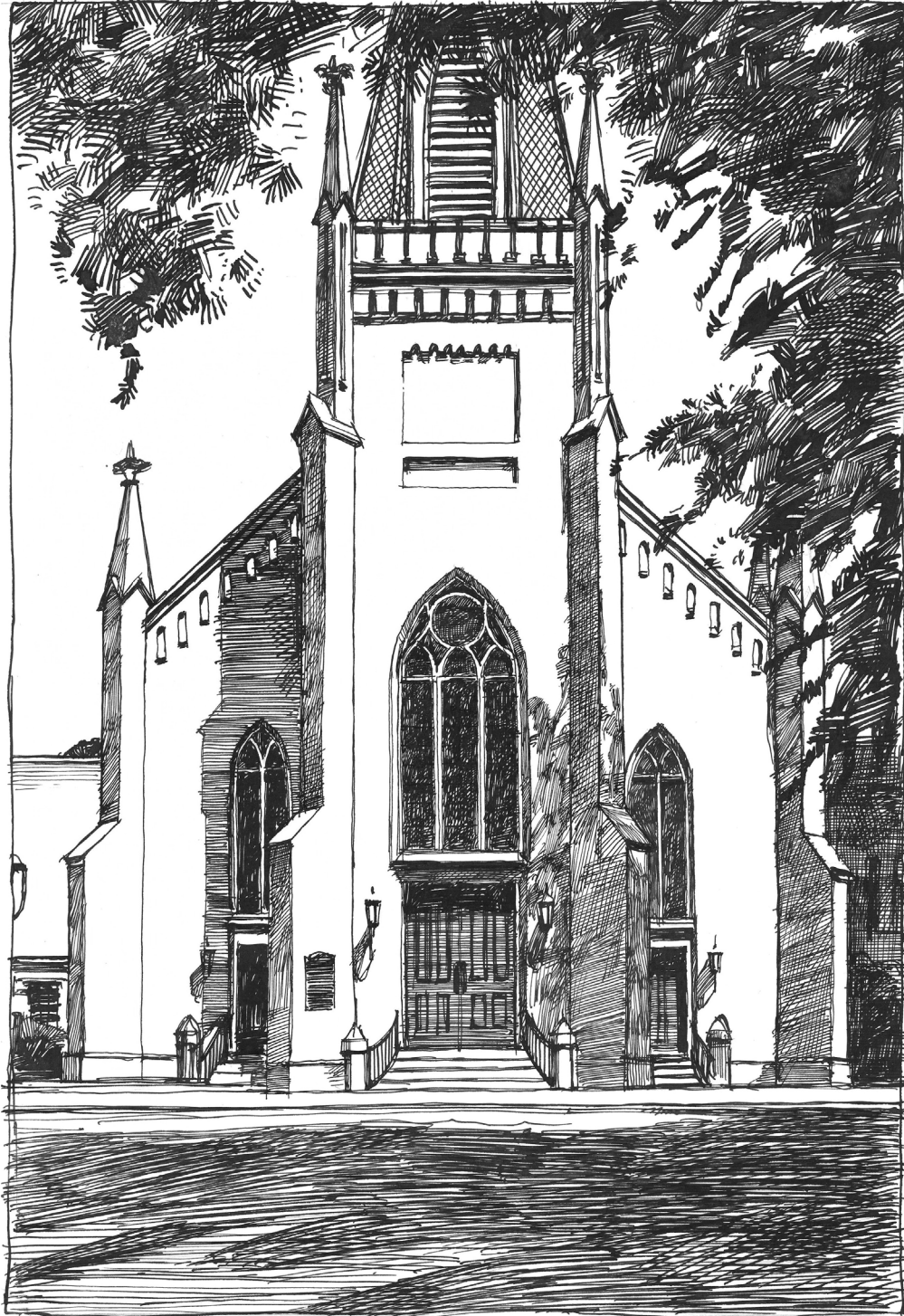


TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



OCTOBER 4, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP



NINETEENTH 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 *Old Hundredth* | Healey Willan

Words of Welcome | Lewis Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship | Young

The earth is the Lord's and all that is therein. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of Glory shall come in. Amen.

+Hymn No. 32 | "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" | ELLACOMBE

Confession

Call to Confession | Lewis Galloway

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways in which we have failed to be the people you have called us to be. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have lived timid lives, ignored the needs of others, and turned away from what is right, just, and true. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may walk in your light and live as faithful followers of Jesus.

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 | Isaiah 5:1-7 | pew Bible p. 634

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture | Matthew 21:33-46 | pew Bible p. 24

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | "Martha's Vineyard" | Amantha Barbee

+Hymn No. 712 | "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" | FOREST GREEN

+ Please stand if you are able



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.

Stewardship of Life | Konpayon | Melissa Hoffmann

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | "For the Beauty of the Earth" | arr. John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise.

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.

...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.

Ways to Give

In Person

Place your gift in the offering plate during **Presentation of Tithes and Offering**

Give Online

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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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion (sung by the choir)

Hymn No. 521 | "In Remembrance of Me"

Hymn No. 525 | "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

+Hymn | "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" | REGENT SQUARE

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | "Amen" | DANISH

Postlude | Sinfonia from *Cantata 29* | J. S. Bach

About Today's Service

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Melton by her family.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Ruthie Lanier Rogers, daughter of Maggie and Tucker Rogers on September 29.

Today's Special Offering

Today's offering (all cash, checks, and online gifts designated to the "Haiti Mission" fund) will go to our mission partner Konpayon to support community-led education, health, and agronomy programs in Bayonnais, Haiti. Thank you for your support.

Today's Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Amantha Barbee
Guest Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Lewis Galloway
Transitional Pastor

The Reverend Anna R. Dickson
Executive Pastor and Associate for Congregational Care

William P. Young, III
Director of Music Ministries

Kaitlyn Davros
Associate Director of Music Ministries

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Today

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 today, and permanently located in the Welcome Center.

Stream Clean with Earth Care

Today, 3 p.m., Little Sugar Creek

Come wade in the water with us and help clean up Little Sugar Creek! We'll have a "most unusual trash" competition and ice cream at The Local Scoop on Park Road. Registration is open now. Scan the QR code or stop by the table in the Welcome Center after worship to sign up.

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October 11-25

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