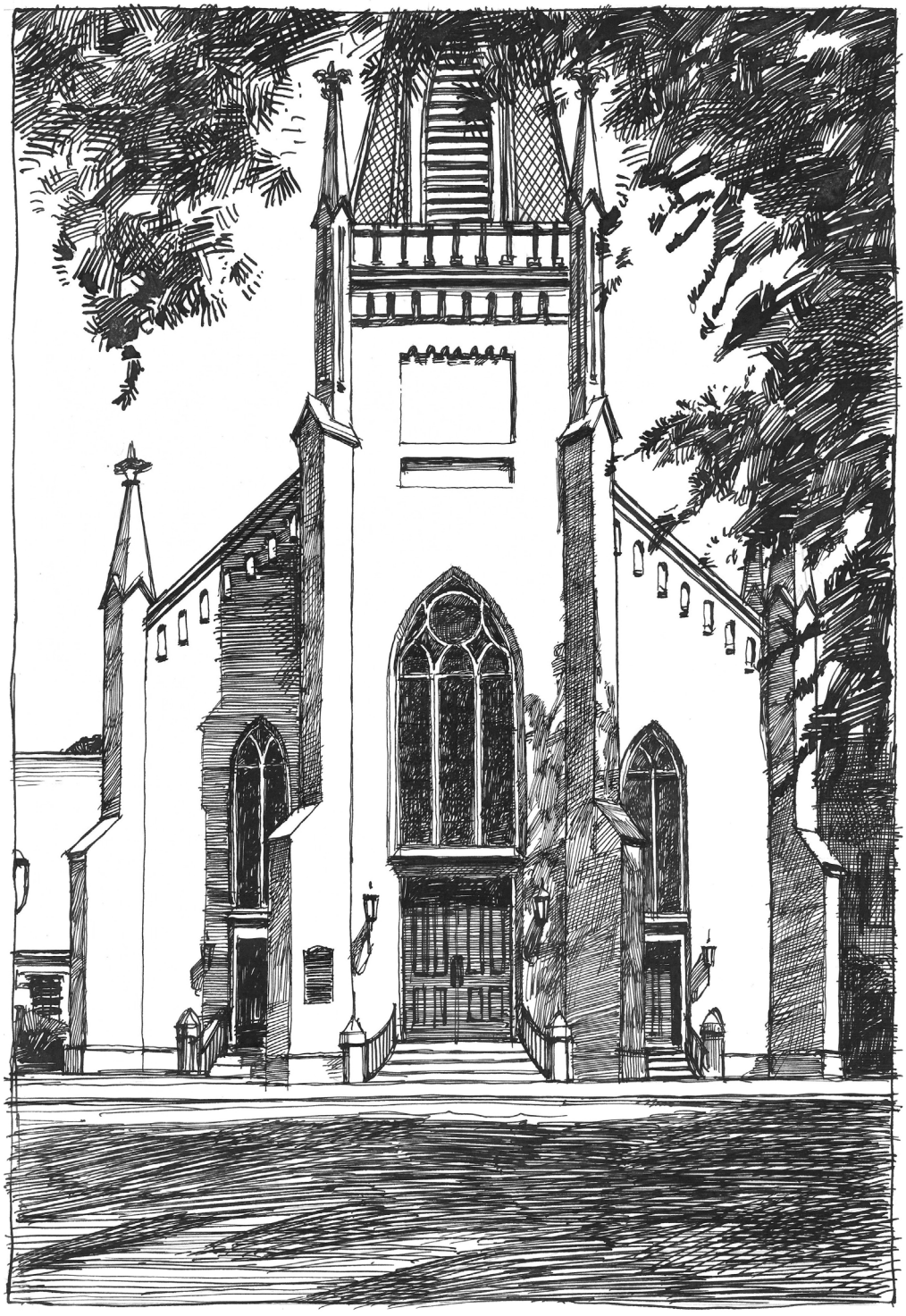
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



NOVEMBER 15, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP

TWENTY FIFTH 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 | Trumpet Tune in F Major | Scott Hyslop

Words of Welcome | Lewis Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

+Call to Worship | from Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

+Hymn No. 308 | "O God in Whom All Life Begins" | NOEL

Confession

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. Sometimes we feel as if we have so little to offer others; we do not believe we have any special gifts or talents. Yet, you have created us in your image, and Jesus shows us the treasure hidden within each one of us. Forgive us for not seeing ourselves as you see us. Forgive us for not using the gifts you have given us to help others. Forgive the wrongs we have done and the good we have left undone. Out of fear, we have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and teach us how to live a new life in service to you and in loving community with others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray.

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

+ Please stand if you are able

Scripture | Genesis 18:1-15 | pew Bible p. 14

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

Anthem | "For Everyone Born" | arr. Tom Trenney | Brooke Smith, soloist

For everyone born, a place at the table; for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace. For young and for old, a place at the table; a voice to be heard, a part in the song; the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace. For everyone born, a place at the table to live without fear, and simply to be; to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace, justice and joy!

Scripture | 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 | pew Bible p. 174

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

Sermon | "The Gift of Others" | Lewis Galloway

+Hymn No. 317 | "In Christ There Is No East or West" | MC KEE

Response

+Affirmation of Faith | from *A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)* | Lucy Baum

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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 | Presentation of New Members

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

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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+ Please stand if you are able

Offertory Anthem | "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" | Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died one voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism, and faith, one God and father of all, who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died one voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God.

+Doxology | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

+Hymn No. 733 | "We All Are One in Mission" | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | "Amen" | DANISH

Postlude | Rigaudon | Campra, arr. Wallace

About Today's Service

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Davis Christian Flohr by the Flohr family.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Rhys Jameson Armstrong, son of Julia Jameson and Evan Armstrong, on October 24.

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

Presentation of New Members

Today we welcome Donna and Matt Brown; Harlan Carroll; Stephanie and Tim Cavanaugh; Ashley Edwards; Dana Esposito; Kaycie Jackson; Scotty Jackson; Maria and Ross Tauchert; and Bradley Thompson into the full life of First Presbyterian Church.

Today's Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Lewis Galloway
Transitional Pastor

The Reverend Lucy Baum
Associate Pastor for Formation and Fellowship

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

Kaitlyn Davros
Associate Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Lillian Quackenbush
Guest Conductor

Eric Millard
Trumpet

John Mooney
Cellist

Members of the Youth Choir