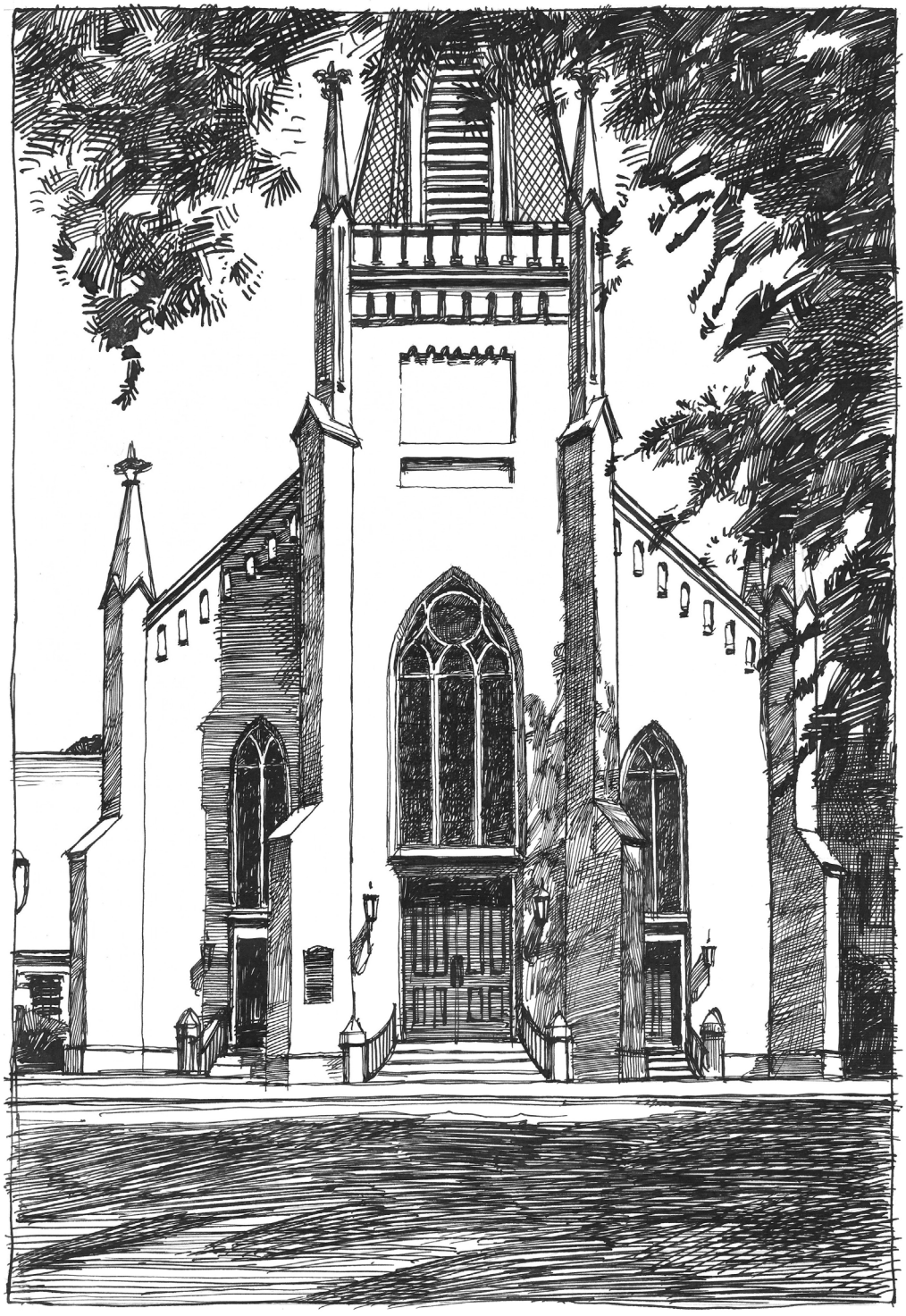
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



NOVEMBER 22, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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 | My Heart Abounds with Thanks and Praise | Johannes Brahms

Words of Welcome | Lewis Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship | "Little Things" | Mark Burrows | Carol Choir

Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the beauteous land. Little deeds of kindness, little words of love, make our earth an Eden, like the heaven above. All the little moments, humble though they be, make the mighty ages of eternity.

+Hymn No. 367 | "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" | ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Confession

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, you have called us to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In Jesus we see the beauty and the cost of love, but we have failed to follow in his way. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We can be quick to judge and slow to forgive. At times we have lived only for ourselves and ignored the needs of our neighbors. Lord, forgive our sin, and teach us how to be more loving in all our relationships. As your servants, may we comfort the troubled, care for the forgotten, and offer hospitality to the stranger. In all that we say and do, may our lives reflect the love of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+Response to Pardon | ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism of
Annie Brooks Peacock
daughter of Carson and Bryce Peacock

The Elder assisting with today's baptism is Rick Rogers.

+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

Anthem | "Thanks Canon" | arr. Donald Moore | Kirk Choir
Praise and thanksgiving, sing alleluia. Thanks for the food we eat and for the friends we meet; for each new day we greet, alleluia. Sing and give thanks, praises we bring; sing and give thanks, praises we sing.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | 1 John 4: 7-11 | pew Bible p. 241
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Scripture | 1 Corinthians 13 | pew Bible p. 175
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Sermon | "The Strength to Love" | Lewis Galloway

+Hymn No. 693 | "Though I May Speak" | GIFT OF LOVE

Ways to Give

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

Give Online
fpc.tiny.us/give

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Text "givetofpc" to 73256

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Response

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer | Lucy Baum
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 | "The Prayer of St. Francis" | arr. René Clausen
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is injury, help me to pardon. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring light. Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy. O Lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and in pardoning that we are pardoned. For in dying we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

+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

+ Please stand if you are able

Sending Forth

+Hymn No. 643 | "Now Thank We All Our God" | NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | "Amen" | DANISH

Postlude | Now Thank We All Our God | J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

About Today's Service

Sanctuary Flowers

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Gracie Ruth Cochran, daughter of Chelsea and David Cochran on November 13.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Crystal Sellers by her family.

The Thanksgiving cornucopia display is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Larry and Dowd Maye.

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 Special Offering

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program, which is used to purchase fresh foods for our onsite Nourish Up food pantry. Thank you for supporting our mission to provide food for those experiencing food insecurity.

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

Jim Twyne
Guest Organist

David Dennis
Guest Pianist

Kelly Harder
Conductor

Melanie Twyne
Children's Choirs

Trevor Cook
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Kick off the Advent Season by making an Advent Wreath! Families and/or friends of all kinds—with or without children—are invited to share in fellowship as we create wreaths together. $20 includes your wreath, 5 candles, and a light breakfast. Registration required.

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December 5 and 12

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