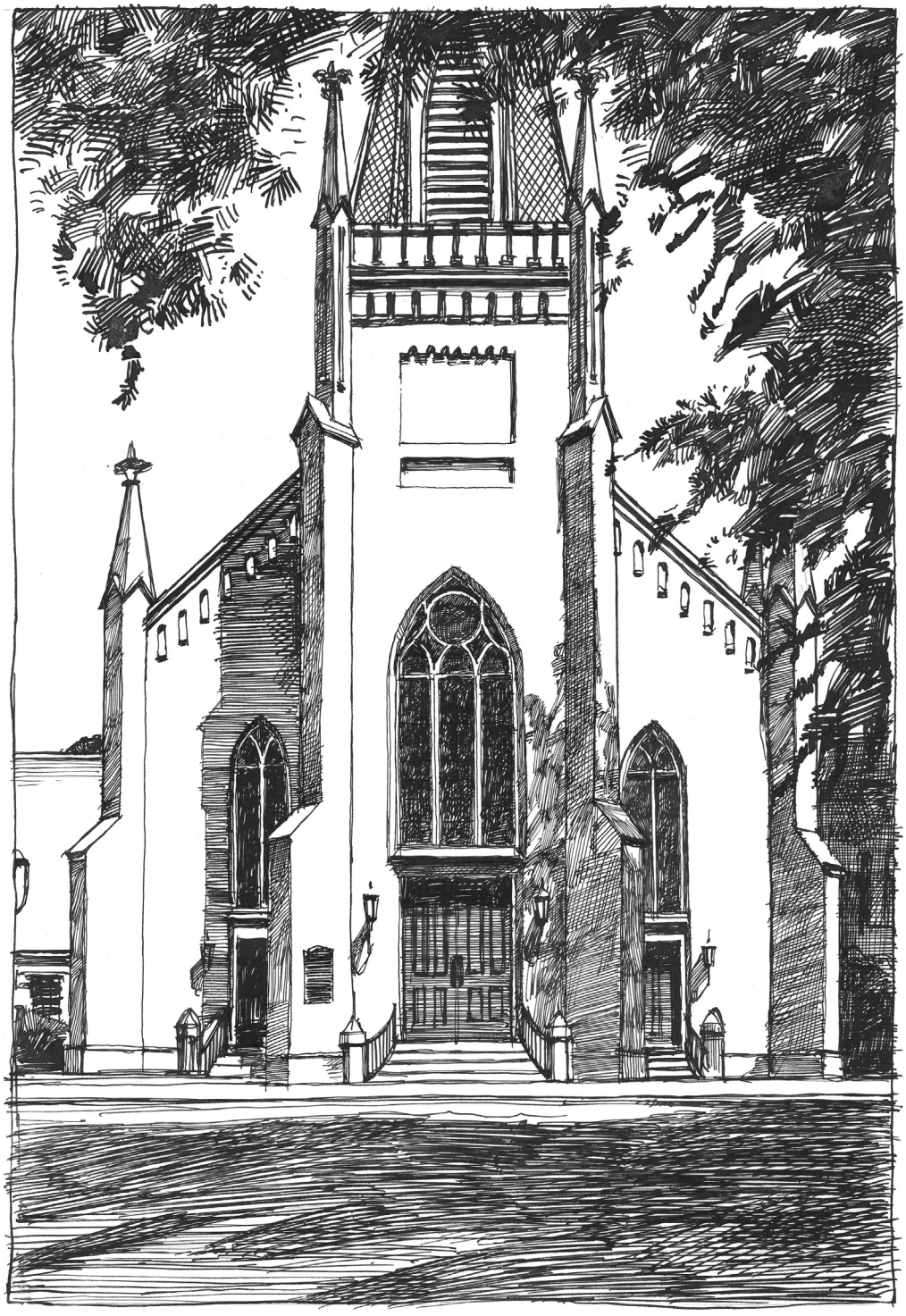
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



NOVEMBER 8, 2026
11 AM WORSHIP

TWENTY FOURTH 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 | Capriccio | Kevin McChesney | Adult Handbells

Words of Welcome | Lucy Baum

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship | Eric Thiman

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power!

+Hymn No. 619 | "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" | LAUDA ANIMA

Confession

Call to Confession | Chuck Williamson

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have called us to be the light of the world, but we confess that our lanterns are running low on oil. Forgive us when we turn on the porch lights to welcome some people, but leave others out in the dark. Forgive us when we speak in half-truths and hide ourselves in the shadows, rather than stepping into the light of your truth. Forgive us when we waste energy trying to outshine our neighbors instead of celebrating their time in the spotlight. Fill us once again with the oil of your Spirit, that we might glow with the light of your love for all people.

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 | Psalm 78:1-7 | pew Bible p. 537

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

Anthem | "Keep Your Lamps" | André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning. The time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over. The time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning. The time is drawing nigh.

+ Please stand if you are able

Scripture | Matthew 25:1-13 | pew Bible p. 28

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

Sermon | "Don't Miss It" | Lucy Baum

+Hymn No. 264 | "At the Name of Jesus" | KING'S WESTON

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.

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 | Room in the Inn | Fritz Porter

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" | Erik Dewar, ed. Forrest

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

+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. 362 | "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" | LLANGLOFFAN

+Benediction

+Benediction Response | Fourfold Amen | John Stainer

Postlude

In Loving Memory

We join our prayers with Becky Hart and family upon the death of her brother, David Kerr Heasley, on October 23, 2026.

About Today's Service

Sanctuary Flowers

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 Worship Leaders

The Reverend Lucy Baum
Associate Pastor for Formation and Fellowship

The Reverend Dr. Charles Williamson
Parish Associate

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

Trevor Cook
Percussion