



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Third Sunday in Easter
May 8, 2022
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Prélude, Op. 18

César Franck

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Hal Hopson

*O be ye joyful, be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with a song.*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Chuck Williamson

Prayer of Confession

You love us beyond our deserving, O God, and ask us to do the same.

When we insist that you must work according to our understanding, forgive us, Lord.

When we believe that your word is full of nice but impractical ideas, forgive us, Lord.

When we resist because you can't possibly have meant that, forgive us, Lord.

We confess that there are so many ways we refuse your call, hurt our neighbor, and threaten the creation you entrusted to our care. Have mercy on us, O God, in our brokenness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 581)

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

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Kyle McKenzie Bullard, Sr.
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*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. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Ruth Nicholson, upon the death of her mother, Amine Edwards; and to Hank Ralston, upon the death of his mother, Helen Ralston.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Kimbrough.

The rosebud celebrates the birth of Henry James Parker, son of Melissa and Justin Parker.

We welcome Kyle Bullard into the full life of First Presbyterian Church. We celebrate his commitment to membership and stewardship to God through this congregation.

McKenzie is the son of Courtney and Kyle Bullard.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is David Burton.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sermon

The Reverend Pen Peery

"It's True, But I'm Working on It: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Response

Prayers of the People

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Stewardship of Life

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

"If Ye Love Me"

arr. Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

*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 and the Lord's Prayer

(The Lord's Prayer is offered by the children of the church and our FPC schools.)

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Amen"

DANISH

Postlude

"The Head That Once was Crowned with Thorns"

arr. Charles Callahan

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

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Pastor on call
If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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First Presbyterian Church Announcements

Fresco Tours, May 11 and 18, drop-in 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Fresco Lobby

Attend a tour of the "Good Samaritan" fresco – no registration necessary. | Contact mnrogers234@gmail.com with questions.

Recalling Brooklyn: Lunch and Walking Tour, May 15, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Dr. Willie Griffin, staff historian of the Levine Museum of the New South, will speak about Charlotte's former Brooklyn neighborhood featured in "Tomorrow's Bread," and moderate a conversation with former residents. Following a lunch of subs and chips, a walking tour will be offered. There is no cost to attend. | Register at fpc.tiny.us/brooklyn

Youth Summer Kickoff, May 15, 7 p.m., The Porters' House (1910 Beverly Dr.)

All youth and parents are invited to celebrate the summer season for an evening fellowship together! | Register at fpc.tiny.us/youthsummer

Reception for Shantiqua Neely, May 15, following worship, Front Lawn

Stop by to thank Shantiqua for her service and enjoy some lemonade and cookies.

Senior Chair Yoga, May 19, 10-10:45 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

Join our Faith Community Nurse, Catherine Lynn, for a gentle series of seated and standing postures, focusing on balance, mobility, and breath. | Register at fpc.tiny.us/chairyoga

Yoga on the Lawn, May 19, 12-12:45 a.m., Front Lawn

Bring your yoga mat to the lawn for a vinyasa-style flow and restorative stretch with Catherine Lynn. | Register at fpc.tiny.us/yoga

Advocacy Seeking Committee Members

All that is required is an interest in the areas of Education, Housing and Homelessness, or Anti-Racism and a desire to learn more about what is going on in Charlotte. | For more info, visit firstpres-charlotte.org/advocacy/

In Loving Memory of

L. Boyd Hood (Boyd)
January 2, 1953 - April 29, 2022

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.
Revelation 14:13

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