



# First Presbyterian Church

*For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte*

*Founded in 1821*

## Order of Worship

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 30, 2022  
11 a.m.*

### Preparation

Prelude

Voluntary on *Old Hundredth*

Healey Willan

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

### Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Williams/ed. Young

*This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us rejoice! Amen!*

\*Hymn No. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

NICAEA



# Confession

## Call to Confession

The Reverend Robert Galloway

## Prayer of Confession

**You give us your word, O God, so that we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

## Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*Response to Pardon

NETTLETON

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

# Sacrament of Baptism

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Henry James Parker  
Michael Briggs Parker  
Madeline Ryan Parker

## \*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 age 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

## Anthem

"Unclouded Day"

arr. Shawn Kirchner

*O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies. They tell me of a home far away, and they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise. O they tell me of an unclouded day. O the land of cloudless days; O the land of an unclouded sky. O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise. O they tell me of an unclouded day. O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone; they tell me of a home far away, where the tree of life in eternal bloom sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day. They tell me of a King in his beauty there; they tell me that mine eyes shall behold where he sits on a throne in the city that is made of gold. O the land of cloudless days. O the land of an unclouded sky. O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise. O they tell me of an unclouded day.*

## The Prayer of Confession

was written by Thom Shuman.

## We welcome Lil and Cliff Boylston and Shirley Ledford

into the life of First Presbyterian Church. We celebrate their commitment to membership and stewardship to God through this congregation.

**Henry, Briggs, and Maggie Parker** are the children of Melissa and Justin Parker.

**The Elder assisting** with the baptism today is Mark Caldwell.

**Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program**, a hunger relief and at-risk youth ministry of the Presbytery of Charlotte.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah and Carlton Andrews by their family.

## Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

pew Bible pg. 181

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"The Essence of Who We Are: Our Story"

The Reverend Pen Peery

## \*Hymn No. 774

"There Is Now a New Creation"

STUTT GART

## Response

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Anna Dickson

**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

Stewardship

Cuba Trip Commissioning

New Members

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Mike Fischer

## Offertory Anthem

"It Is Well with My Soul"

arr. Mack Wilberg

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say "It is well, it is well with my soul." Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.*

## \*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## Sending Forth

## \*Hymn No. 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

## \*Benediction

## \*Benediction Response

RANDOLPH

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

## Postlude

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach

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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Are you interested in joining our church?

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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

### High School Happy Halloween Hike, October 31, 9:30 a.m.

High Schoolers are invited to join us for a hike day on Halloween! | Contact: twall@firstpres-charlotte.org.

### Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation, November 13, 12 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

Join this interactive table game for learning and conversation about how race, hunger, poverty, and wealth are related. Co-led by Sherri Chisholm, Executive Director of Leading on Opportunity. | Contact: gkeesler@firstpres-charlotte.org.

### Middle School Fall Retreat, November 18-20, Montreat, NC

Registration for the Middle School Fall Retreat is open until November 1. | Contact: kpotts@firstpres-charlotte.org.

### High School Fall Retreat, November 19-20, Montreat, NC

Registration for the High School Fall Retreat is open until November 1. | Contact: kpotts@firstpres-charlotte.org.

### Singing in the Season, December 4, 6:30 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

Sign ups (to decorate one of the trees, provide cookies, help set out refreshments and to get tickets) for this combination concert and sing-along featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Kirk Choir, Ivey Handbells, orchestra and Christmas cookies will be coming soon! | Contact: coverbey@firstpres-charlotte.org.

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