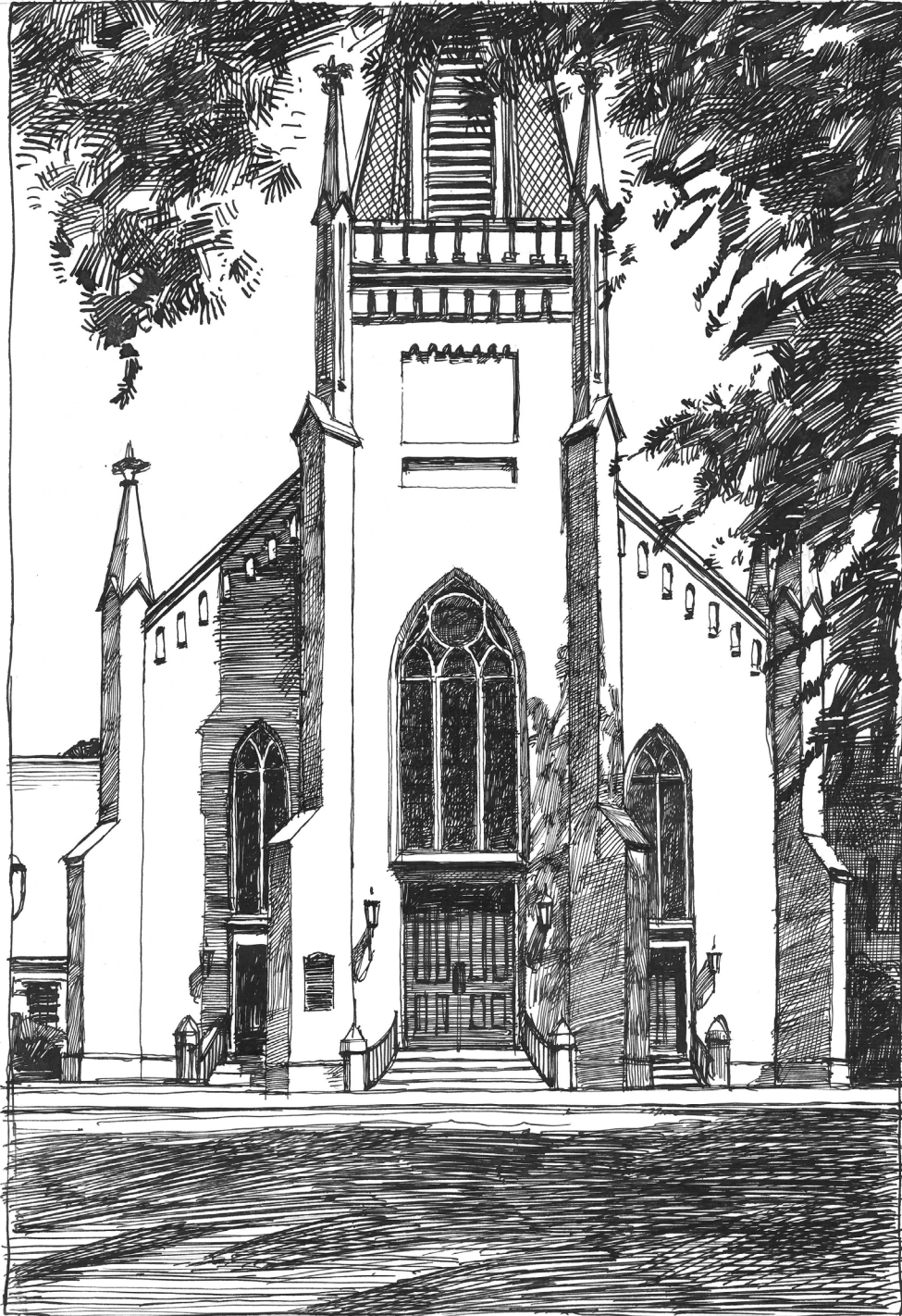


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



First Presbyterian
Church of Charlotte

VIRTUAL
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CARD**PREPARATION**

Prelude**Words of Welcome** | Anna Dickson**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. Amen!***+Hymn No. 81** | “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” | AUSTRIAN HYMN**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession | Robert Galloway**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you invite us to trust you with our whole lives. We confess that, too often, we place our trust elsewhere, choosing to rely on our own efforts and our own wisdom instead. Forgive us for living as if you are indifferent to us, and help us to seek you with open and courageous hearts, so that we might live as you intend, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
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.

Anthem | “Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door” | Spiritual | Carol & Kirk Choirs

*Somebody’s knocking at your door; somebody’s knocking at your door; O sinner, why don’t you answer?
Somebody’s knocking at your door. Knocks like Jesus. Can’t you hear him? Answer Jesus. O sinner, why
don’t you answer? Somebody’s knocking at your door.*

Time with Children

*Children age 3 through first grade are invited to worship in First Church following the Time with Children.
The First Church sign-in can be accessed with the QR code. Older children are encouraged to stay and
worship with their families.*

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CHECK IN**PROCLAMATION**

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Matthew 5:1-2, 7:7-11 | pew Bible p. 4

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

+ Please stand if you are able

Anthem | “Hear My Prayer” | Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer in the mornin' when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done and you come to take me home, just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

Sermon | “Intentions: I Want to Pray More” | Anna Dickson**Anthem** | “Standing in the Need of Prayer” | arr. Moses Hogan

It's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, not my mother, not my father, not the deacon, not the preacher, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Martha Ogburn on the death of her mother, Nancy Burns.

RESPONSE**Affirmation of Faith** | from “A Brief Statement of Faith” | Pen Peery

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.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of 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 Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “Allegro con moto” | arr. Jason Krug | Ivey Ringers**+Doxology** | Hymn No. 606 | 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.

+Prayer of Dedication**Installation of Elders and Deacons**

Statement of Purpose | Constitutional Questions

PRAYER
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+**Hymn No. 175** | “Seek Ye First” | LAFFERTY

+**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

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Walter Garrison King, son of Dorothy and Hamilton King.

We believe that God put the wiggle in children, and all are welcome in worship regardless of their ability to sit still. If you'd like to step out of the Sanctuary with your child, please feel free to visit the Chapel (to the right of the Sanctuary) where the service is streaming.

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

Our Worship Leaders:

**The Reverend
Pendleton B. Peery**
Senior Pastor

**The Reverend
Anna R. Dickson**
*Associate Pastor for
Congregational Care*

**The Reverend
Robert L. Galloway**
*Associate Pastor for
Christian Formation and
Young Adults*

**The Reverend
Charles C.
Williamson**
Parish Associate

William P. Young, III
*Director of
Music Ministries*

CHURCHWIDE

Save the Date for the Youth Fundraising Breakfast,
February 26, Wood Fellowship Hall

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.

YOUTH

Registration is open for Montreat Worship and Music Conference - Grades 3-12 are eligible to attend. \$50 early-bird discount available through January 30. | Registration: <http://bit.ly/3kx4111> | Contact Coverbey@firstpres-charlotte with questions.

Youth Sunday School, *February 5, 9:45 a.m., Youth Corner* - Youth will be writing notes and letters to homebound members of FPC!

CHILDREN

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Stop Hunger Now, *February 5, 12 p.m.* - Children's ministry will host this food packing event. Limited volunteer spots available. | Find link in Realm.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**MONDAY, JANUARY 30**

Room in the Inn, 5:30 p.m., FBDR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., Zoom

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301

Girls Basketball Practice, 6 p.m., Gym

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206

Loaves & Fishes, 1 p.m., P121

Children's Basketball Practice, 5 p.m., Gym

Carol Choir, 6 p.m., P306

Kirk Choir, 6 p.m., P119

Holy Land Prep Class, 6 p.m., FBDR

Knox Handbells, 7 p.m., P117

Ivey Handbells, 7:30 p.m., P114

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., P119

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m., P206

Youth Basketball Practice, 5 p.m., Offsite

Plowshares Book Discussion, 7 p.m., FBDR & Zoom

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

DBSA Meeting, 12 p.m., P201

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301

Loaves & Fishes Pantry, 1 p.m., P121

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Officers' Retreat, 9 a.m., WFH Overflow

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center

Contemplative Worship, 9 a.m., Chapel

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Various rooms

Worship, 11 a.m., Sanctuary

Rise Against Hunger, 12 p.m., WFH



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