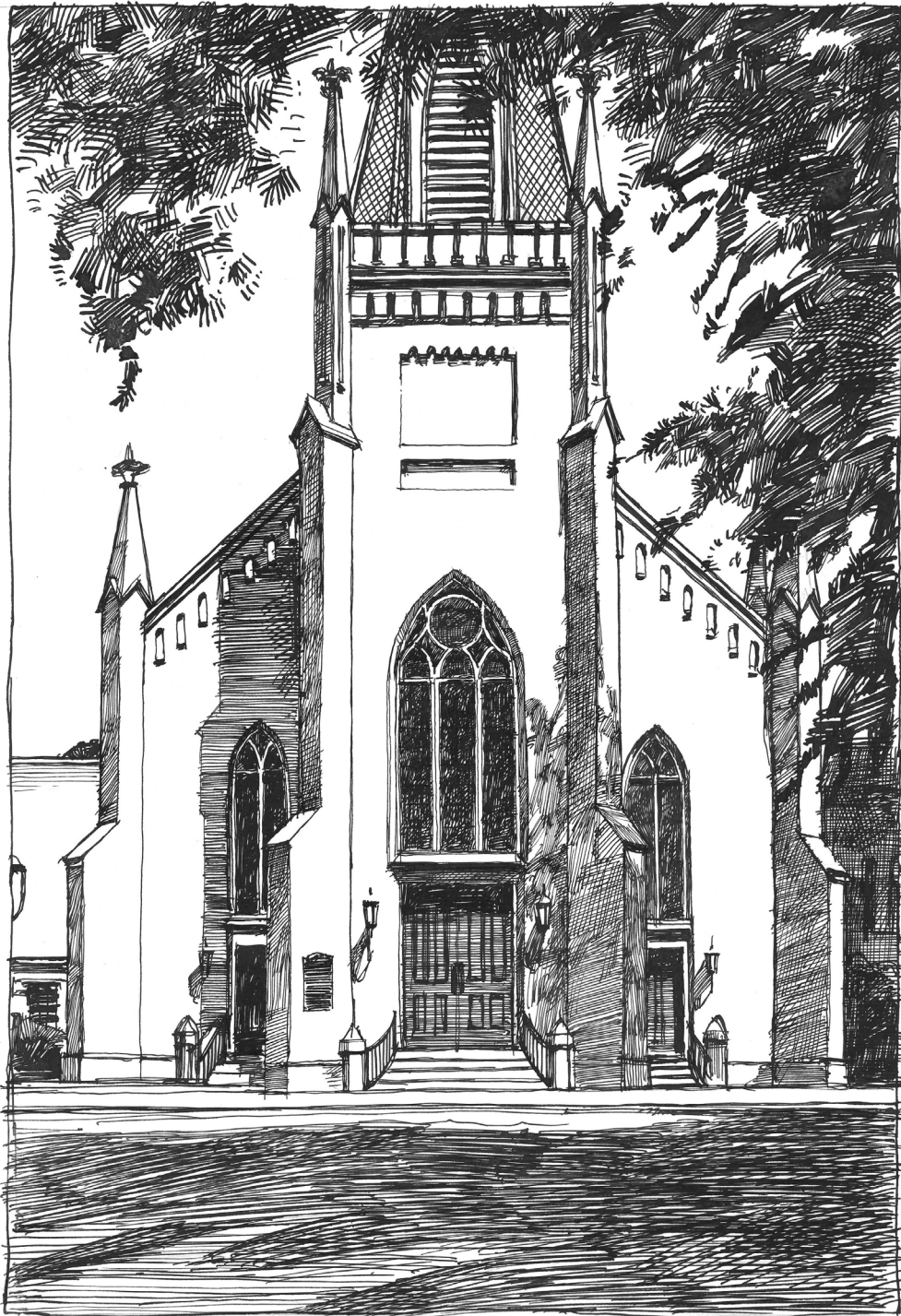


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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Are you interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, jives@firstpres-charlotte.org.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Lindsay Schall.

FIRST
CHURCH
MOBILE
CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Prelude and Fugue in G Major | Johann Krebs

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name; from early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known. Ye people come, and bow before his throne.

+**Hymn No. 12** | “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” | ST. DENIO

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, we call ourselves your followers and disciples, but we routinely stray from your teachings. We imagine that we set the pace, racing to the finish, certain that winning means doing it our way. We hurt others by our words and our deeds. We harm the earth you entrust to our care. We find it easy to lie, and hard to be truthful. Lord, we need you to heal us, to cleanse us of our sin, and to return us to the path you would have us follow.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Greyson Paris Stafford is the son of Katie and Jonathan Stafford.

+**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 three 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.

+ Please stand if you are able

PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination****Anthem** | “Jubilate Deo” | arr. Peter Anglea

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; servite Domino in Laetitia. Introite in conspectus ejus in exultatione. Quoniam suavis est Dominus; in aeternum misericordia ejus, et usque in generationem et generationem veritas ejus.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.

Scripture | Matthew 5:1-2; 7:13-14 | pew Bible p. 4

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Intentions: I Want to Pursue My Goals” | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 450** | “Be Thou My Vision” | SLANE**RESPONSE****Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** | Robert Galloway

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 Call of Wisdom” | Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy, walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger, I am here; I am with you. I have called; do you hear me? I am here; I am with you. Silver is of passing worth; gold is not of constant value. Jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. I am here; I am with you. I have called; do you hear me? I am here; I am with you. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. I am here; I am with you. I have called; do you hear me? I am here; I am with you. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal, glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of the ages. I am here; I am with you. I have called; do you hear me? I am here. I am with 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**PRAYER
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+**Hymn No. 804** | “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” | MARION

Congregational Meeting

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH

Postlude | Prelude and Fugue in F Major | Johann Krebs

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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.

Please help us keep our Sanctuary clean by taking your bulletin with you when you leave.

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 Dr.
Charles C.
Williamson**
Parish Associate

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

CHURCHWIDE

Congregational Meeting, *February 12, 12 p.m., Sanctuary* - The Session has called a congregational meeting today after worship for the purpose of receiving the annual report.

Girl Scout Cookies, *February 12 & 19, 9:45 a.m. & 12 p.m., driveway* - Stop by to purchase cookies from our troop at Wilson STEM Academy.

Ash Wednesday, *February 22* - Stop by for ashes to go from 8:30-9:30 a.m. or 4-6 p.m. in the driveway, or attend worship at 12 p.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Youth Fundraising Breakfast, *February 26, 9:30 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall* - The entire congregation is invited to breakfast hosted by the youth ministry to fundraise for upcoming summer trips and retreats. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/youthbreakfast

The Willard: "Trauma and Grace", *March 26, 5 p.m., Sanctuary* - Join Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary in New York to hear her theology of grace. Tickets are \$15. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/willardserenejones

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.

ADULTS

Passages Class, *February 19, 9:45 a.m., S203 and Zoom* - "Peaceful Habitations, Secure Dwellings and Quiet Resting Places", a scriptural perspective on housing led by Hal Clarke.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, *March 5, 9 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall* - It takes about one hour to donate; one donation can save up to three lives. | Contact: clynn@firstpres-charlotte.org or 704-927-0262.

Women's Retreat, *April 21-23, Kanuga Conference Center* - Join the women of the church for a weekend of intergenerational fellowship, study, spiritual growth, and relaxation. | More info: firstpres-charlotte.org/pw | Register: fpc.tiny.us/pwretreat

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, *February 16, 4 p.m., Westerly Hills Academy* - Volunteers are needed to package and distribute food. | Contact: Hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org.

YOUTH

Congregational Breakfast Tickets on Sale, *through February 26, Welcome Center* - Stop by the Welcome Center 30 minutes before or after worship to buy tickets to the congregational Breakfast or grab a number from the Giving Wall!

PYC Lunch and Guest Speaker Joe Hamby from Roof Above, *February 12, 12 p.m., FPC* - We will walk to lunch in Uptown and hear from Joe Hamby on the issues facing our neighbors.

CARE

Stephen Ministry - We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you are in a season where you need extra support, contact Anna Dickson. | Contact: adickson@firstpres-charlotte.org

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser



Youth Ministry Fundraising Breakfast

February 26, 9:30-10:45 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

The entire congregation is invited to a congregational breakfast hosted by the youth ministry to fundraise for upcoming summer trips and retreats. Every ticket purchased and every donation go fully to the Youth Mission Fund. With your ticket purchase, you are also entered into a raffle to win tickets to the Charlotte Knights, Charlotte Hornets, and more! All tickets are \$12, and children four and under are free. There is also a Giving Wall set up in the welcome center, which supports the youth mission fund. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/youthbreakfast

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Local Outreach Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., P206
PW Circle 4, 1:30 p.m., P201
RITI, 5:30 p.m., FBDR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., Zoom
AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
Girls Basketball Practice, 6 p.m., Gym

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

PW Council Meeting, 10:15 a.m., S202
Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206
Willard Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., P209
Honorary Life Membership Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., FBDR
Loaves & Fishes, 1 p.m., P121
Children's Basketball Practice, 5 p.m., Gym
APNC, 6 p.m., P209
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 16

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m., P206
WDS Parent-Teacher Conferences, 9 a.m., S203
Youth Basketball Practice, 5 p.m., Offsite

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

DBSA Meeting, 12 p.m., P201
AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
Loaves & Fishes Pantry, 1 p.m., P121

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center
Contemplative Worship, 9 a.m., Chapel
New Member Class, 9:30 a.m., FBDR
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Various rooms
Worship, 11 a.m., Sanctuary



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