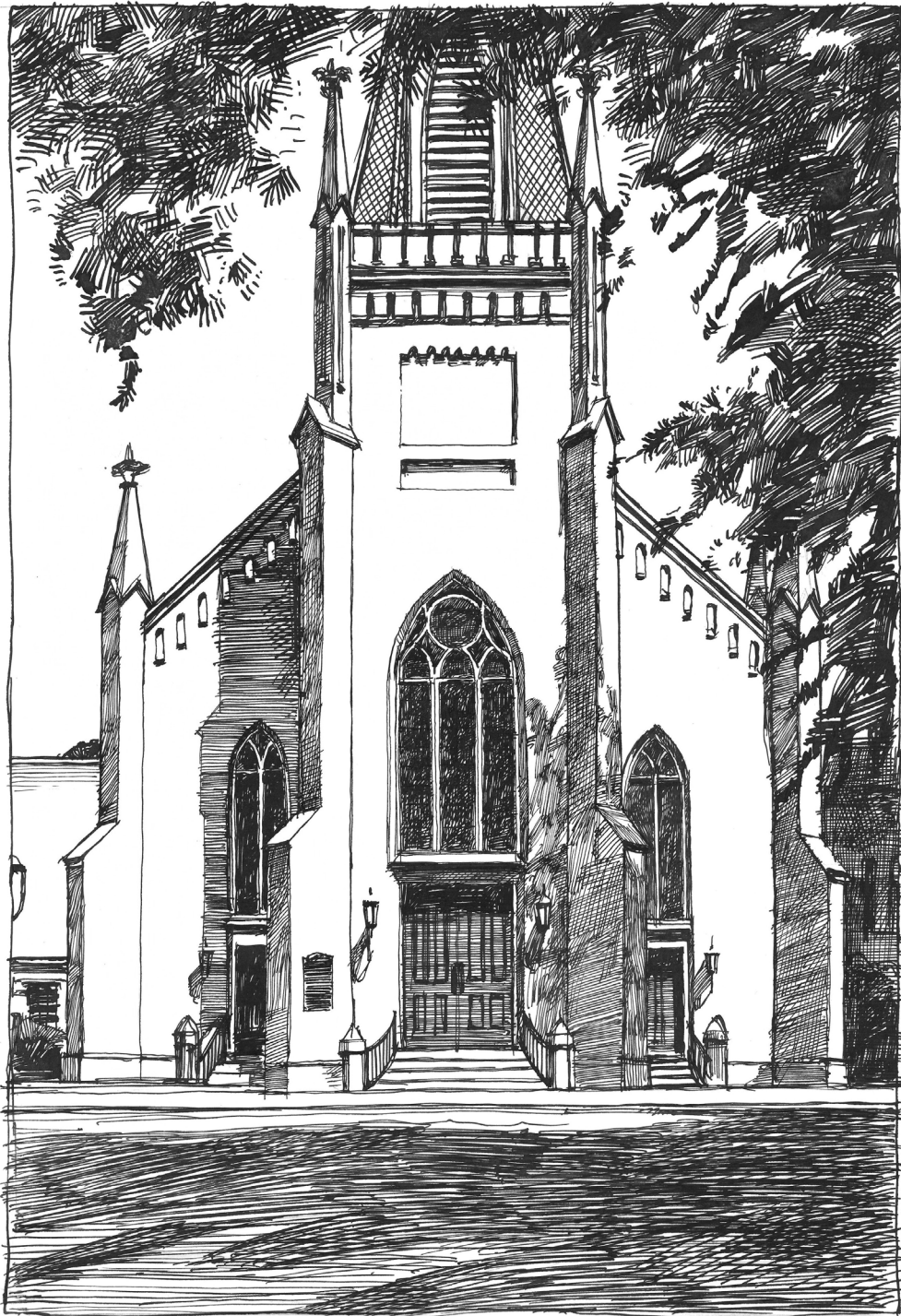


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



First Presbyterian
Church of Charlotte

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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 Caryn Overbey.

FIRST
CHURCH
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | “Blessed Assurance” | arr. Duane Funderburk | Kathleen Jarrell, violin

Words of Welcome | Robert Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

+**Hymn No. 307** | “God of Grace and God of Glory” | CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Oscar Dorantes

Prayer of Confession | The Book of Common Worship

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 | “I Danced in the Morning” | LORD OF THE DANCE | Carol Choir

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Kelly Amanda Potts

+**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**Anthem** | “What Wondrous Love Is This” | arr. Trevor Manor | Kirk Choir | Kathy Jarrell, violin

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking, down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing; I will sing to God, to the Lamb, Who is the great “I AM,” while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing!

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Hebrews 11:1-6 | pew Bible p. 225

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “God’s Activity” | Lorenzo Small, Sr.**Anthem** | “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” | arr. Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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 | New Members | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “Negro Spiritual Medley” | FUPC Praise Team**+Doxology** | OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+Prayer of DedicationPRAYER
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+**Hymn No. 166** | “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” | ST. FLAVIAN

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

We welcome Bonnie & Bernard Banks; Jane Elliott; Bill Ellis; Tim Harder & Kelly Potts; Bianca Harris; Tim Hood; Drew Hubbard; William Lowman; Rabbecca Namwawa; Jonathan & Mary Allyn Price; Marc Roberts; and John & Patsy Wyatt into the life of First Presbyterian Church.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the ministry of Rev. Lorenzo Small, Sr. to First Presbyterian Church.

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.

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.

Today's Worship Leaders:

**The Reverend
Oscar Dorantes**
*Director of Acción
Ministries*

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

**The Reverend
Lorenzo Small, Sr.**
*Senior Pastor
First United
Presbyterian Church*

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

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

CHURCHWIDE

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

ADULTS

Reading the Bible for Understanding Series: *Sundays, March 5-26, 9:45 a.m., P206* - Robert Galloway will be leading a four-week series on how to read the Bible for deeper understanding and daily application. Participants will learn a method that can be used for all scripture. This class is designed for those in their early 20's to mid 40's. | More info: rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org

Registrations Needed for the Blood Drive, March 5, 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall Overflow - It takes about 1 hour to donate; 1 donation can save up to 3 lives. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/blood | Contact: clynn@firstpres-charlotte.org or 704-927-0262.

20's of Tuesdays, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., off-site - Young adults in their early-mid 20's will meet for an open discussion based on the podcast, The Bible for Normal People. This group meets at various locations off campus. | More info: rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org

Passages Class: My Best-Loved Story of Jesus, March 5-April 2, 9:45 a.m., S203 and Zoom – Join pastors as they share their favorite story about Jesus and why it has meaning for them. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/passagessundayclass

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

Chair Yoga with Special Guest, March 1, 12 p.m., P206 - Chuck Williamson gets off his bike and joins us for a midday yoga break!

YOUTH

Senior Sunday Bulletin Photo Submissions, through March 1 - Please send a headshot or senior photo to be included in the bulletin for Senior Sunday by March 1!

Senior Slideshow Submissions, due February 27 - Parents please submit no more than 8 photos of your senior youth to Tristan Wall to be included in the Senior Slideshow by February 27. | Contact: twall@firstpres-charlotte.org

PYC, March 5, 6 p.m., FPC - High School will be making homemade Chia Pets and Middle School will be traveling to the 24/7 Prayer Room. Middle School please let us know if you are coming! | Contact: twall@firstpres-charlotte.org

Spring & Summer Trip Registrations, March 1-31 - Registrations for Middle School Massanetta, CROSS Mission Week, High School Beach Retreat, Montreat Youth Conference, and more will be open and opening back up for the entire month of March!

Youth Ushers Needed, Sunday mornings - Contact twall@firstpres-charlotte.org.

CARE

Prayer Ministry Spring Meetings, March 12, April 16, and May 21, 9:45 a.m., C307 - Join us for fellowship and to lift the prayer concerns of our community together. | Contact Anna Dickson or Katy Cochran with questions.

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

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.



Blood Drive

March 5, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall Overflow

Join a lifesaving mission: Give blood! We need 18 volunteers to sign up to give blood. All who give will receive a \$10 Visa Prepaid Card and be entered to win a \$3K Visa Prepaid Card. Appointments take about one hour. Give just one hour and your donation could save three lives! | Schedule your appointment: fpc.tiny.us/blood



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Local Outreach Committee, 12 p.m., P206
 Advocacy Committee, 12 p.m., P209
 RITI, 5:30 p.m., FBDR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., Zoom
 AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206
 Loaves & Fishes, 1 p.m., P121
 Carol Choir, 6 p.m., P306
 Kirk Choir, 6 p.m., P119
 Knox Handbells, 7 p.m., P117
 Ivey Handbells, 7:30 p.m., P114
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., P119

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center
 Contemplative Worship, 9 a.m., Chapel
 Senior Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
 K-5th Grade Sandwich Making, 9:30 a.m., Gym
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Various rooms
 Confirmation, 9:45 a.m., P304
 Worship with Communion, 11 a.m., Sanctuary
 Middle School PYC, 6 p.m., offsite
 High School PYC, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall



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