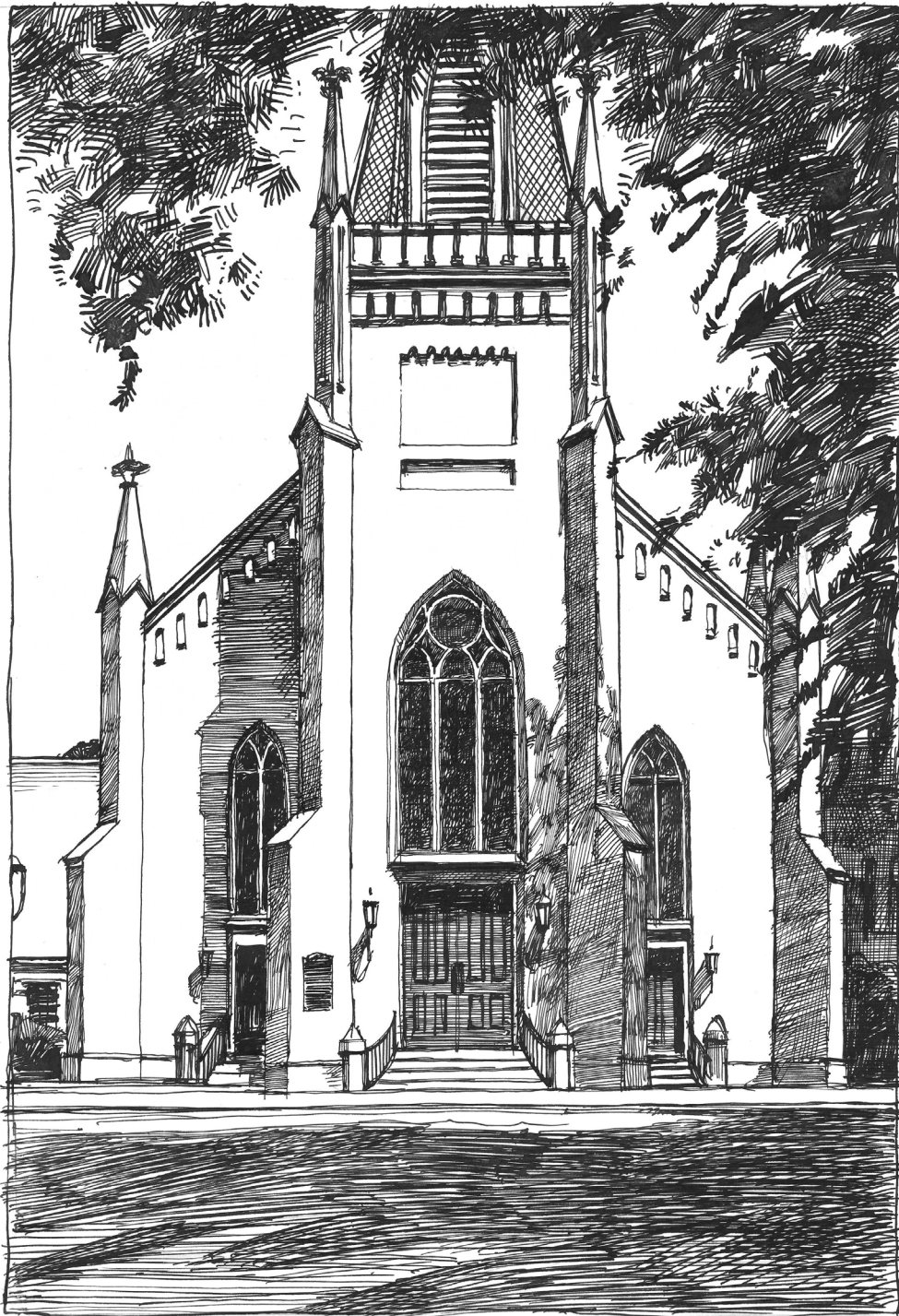


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 5, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



First Presbyterian
Church of Charlotte

VIRTUAL
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PREPARATION

Prelude | Voluntary on *Rhosymedre* | Ralph Vaughan Williams

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. 611** | “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” | HYMN TO JOY

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Chuck Williamson

Litany of Confession

○ God of life, grant us forgiveness –

For careless thoughts and thoughtless deeds; for empty speech, and for words that have wounded.

○ God of life, grant us forgiveness –

For foolish desires and hateful actions; for wastefulness, and for what we have left undone.

○ God of life, have mercy upon us –

And in Jesus Christ pardon and forgive our sin.

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

Miller Elizabeth Montague is the daughter of Caitlin and Addison Montague.

+**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

The Elder
assisting with
the baptism
today is David
Burton.

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PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination****Music Offering** | “Eternal Life” | Olive Dungan, arr. Bock | Dave Quackenbush, solo

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Scripture | Matthew 5:1-2; 7:12 | pew Bible p. 4

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Intentions: I Want to Treat People Better” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 306** | “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” | DENNIS

The sympathy
of the
congregation
is expressed
to Bill Butler
upon the
death of his
father.

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 | Room in the Inn | David Williamson | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “The Gift of Love” | 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.

+**Doxology** | Hymn No. 606 | 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 Dedication****PRAYER
REQUESTS****GIVE
ONLINE****TEXT
TO GIVE**

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 366** | “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” | HYFRYDOL

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Rutter

Postlude | Voluntary on *Hyfrydol* | Ralph Vaughan Williams

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebuds in the Sanctuary celebrate the births of Horace Bryan Ives, V, son of Caroline and Bryan Ives; and Amara Obi, daughter of Jenny and Jide Obi.

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 bulleting with you when you leave.

Today's 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 next Sunday after worship for the purpose of receiving the annual report.

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.

CHILDREN

Montreat Worship and Music Conference - Registration is open for children in grades 3 -12. | Registration: <http://bit.ly/3kx4111> | Contact :Coverbey@firstpres-charlotte with questions.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Help a kindergartener learn letters, *Weekday mornings, 9 a.m., Westerly Hills Academy* - Volunteers are needed to work with students on letter names and sounds using flash cards. | Contact: Hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org.

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

Montreat Worship and Music Conference - Registration is open for children in grades 3 -12. | Registration: <http://bit.ly/3kx4111> | Contact: Coverbey@firstpres-charlotte with questions.

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection, *February 12, 12 p.m., FPC* - Youth are needed to help collect funds for the Souper Bowl of Caring after worship.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., P206

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301

PW Circle 13, 2 p.m., S202

Girls Basketball Practice, 6 p.m., Gym

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Worship & Music Committee, 11 a.m., C307

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206

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 9

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

Youth Basketball Practice, 5 p.m., Offsite

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

DBSA Meeting, 12 p.m., P201

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sanctuary Choir Workshop, 9 a.m., Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

Confirmation Session, 9:45 a.m., P304

Baptism Class, 9:45 a.m., S312

Worship, 11 a.m., Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting, 12 p.m., Sanctuary

Youth Souper Bowl Lunch, 12 p.m., Offsite



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