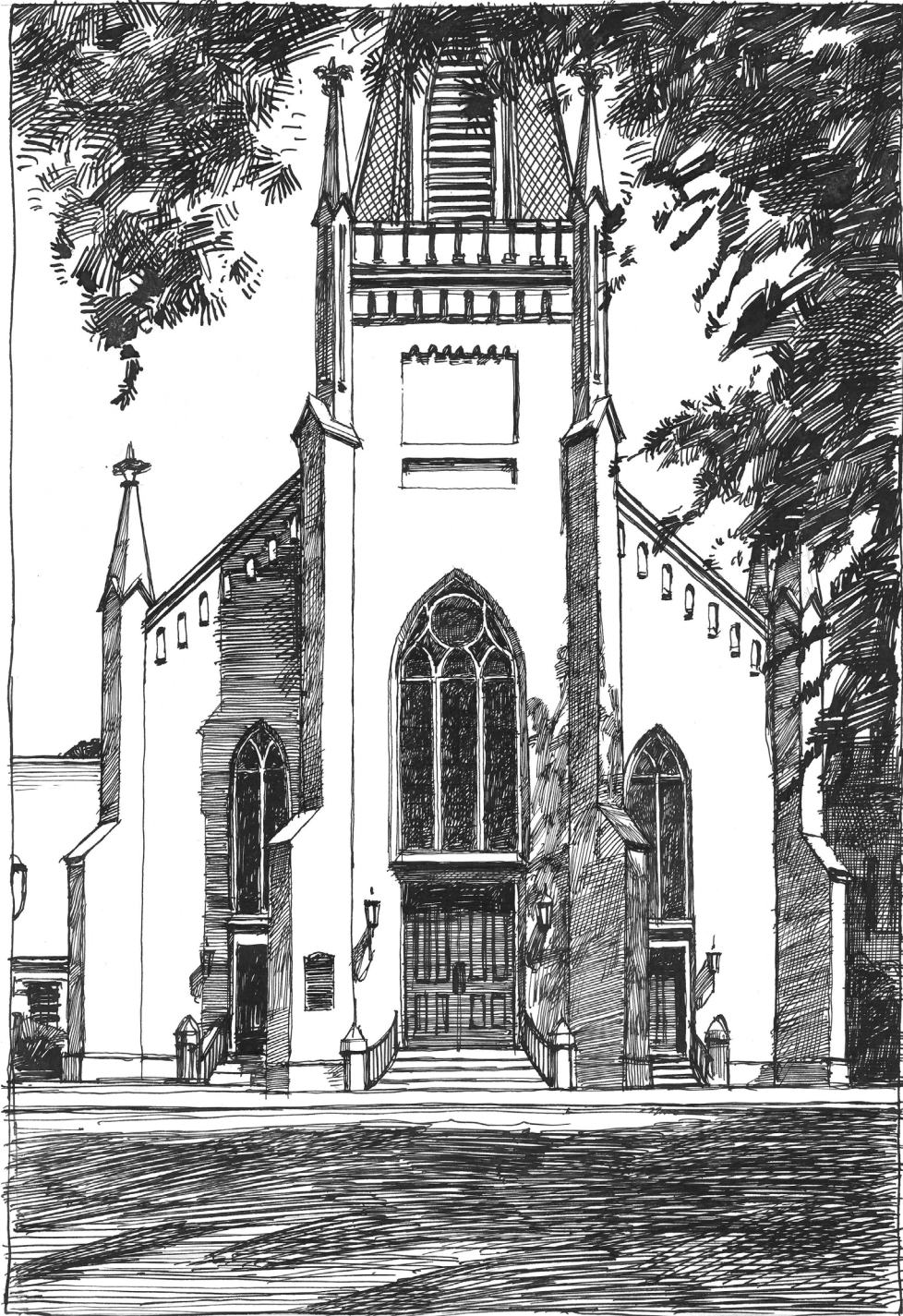


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 12, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



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

PREPARATION

Prelude | Psalm 34:6 | Herbert Howells*This poor soul cried out and the Lord heard me, and saved me from my troubles.***Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**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. 415** | “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” | RESTORATION**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession | Robert Galloway**Prayer of Confession****Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love.****In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.****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.****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.***PROCLAMATION**

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Psalm 6 | pew Bible p. 491+**Hymn No. 792** | “There Is a Balm in Gilead” | BALM IN GILEAD**Scripture** | Luke 19:41-48 | pew Bible p. 83This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+ Please stand if you are able

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Sermon | “The Spiritual Practice of Weeping” | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 341** | “O God, Show Mercy to Us” | THAXTED

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles’ Creed | Anna Dickson

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.

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 | “My Eternal King” | Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or escaping hell, not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward, but as thyself has loved me, O everloving Lord! E’en so, I love Thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing, solely because Thou art my God, and my eternal king.

+**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 Dedication**

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+**Hymn No. 463** | “How Firm A Foundation” | FOUNDATION

Congregational Meeting

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude | Toccata in E Minor | Johann Pachelbel

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, *March 12, 12 p.m., Sanctuary* The Session has called a congregational meeting next Sunday after worship to hear a report and recommendation from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for a new Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission.

Easter Lilies, *through March 27* – Purchase a \$10 lily to honor or memorialize someone on Easter Sunday. | Order online: fpc.tiny.us/lily | Check by mail: Diane Maye, PO Box 1008, Huntersville, NC 28070 (must be received by March 27). PLEASE INCLUDE the name of the person for each lily and whether it is in their honor or memory.

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

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

Reading the Bible for Understanding Series, *Sundays through March 26, 9:45 a.m., P206* - A class for people in their 20s to mid-40s that teaches a six step method for understanding and application when reading scripture. | More info: rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org

YOUTH

Youth Sunday Planning PYC, *March 19, 6 p.m., FPC*

Youth Council Meeting, *March 19, 5 p.m., Youth Corner*

Summer Registrations Are Open, *through March 31*- Visit the Youth Linktree to view all current summer trip registrations and reserve your spot! | linktr.ee/fpcyouth

Will Appleby Award Nominations Open, *through April 2* - Click the link to learn more about the award and to nominate a high school youth. | tinyurl.com/applebynom

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

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.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Girl Scout Cookies, *through March 26* - Support our Wilson Girl Scout troop’s very first overnight camping adventure at the end of April by purchasing cookies! | Purchase online: fpc.tiny.us/cookies



Women's Retreat

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April 21-23, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC

Join other women of the church for a fabulous spring mountain retreat weekend. Our speaker will be Rev. Grier Booker Richards who is the Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Adult Faith Formation at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC. The theme will be "From Wilderness to Shalom: I Will Make a Way" This is a great weekend of intergenerational fellowship, study, spiritual growth, and relaxation at the beautiful Kanuga Conference Center. There will be plenty of free time for shopping, hiking, and exploring. | Register by March 19: fpc.tiny.us/pwretreat

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 13

Local Outreach Committee, 12 p.m., P206
PW Circle 4, 1:30 p.m., S202
RITI, 5:30 p.m., FBDR

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., P206
AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
Stephen Ministry, 5:30 p.m., P205

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206
Willard Committee, 12:30 p.m., P209
Loaves & Fishes, 1 p.m., P121
Ivey Handbells, 7:30 p.m., P114
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., P119

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center
Contemplative Worship, 9 a.m., Chapel
K-5th Grade Sandwich Making, 9:30 a.m., Gym
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Various rooms
Confirmation, 9:45 a.m., P304
Diaconate Meeting, 12:15 p.m., S203
Middle School PYC, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall
High School PYC, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Session Meeting, 6 p.m., S312



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