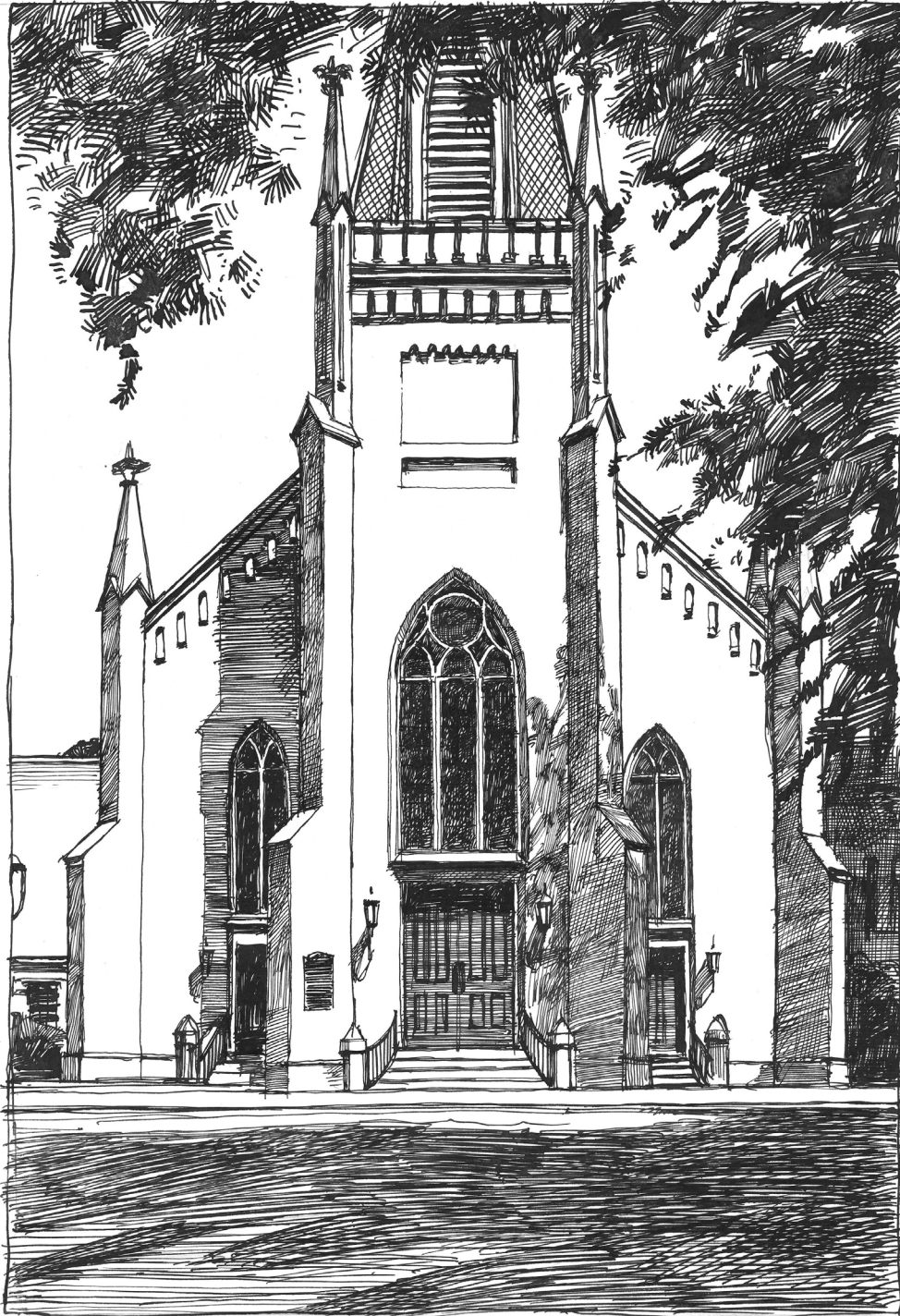


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 19, 2023
FOURTH 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.

PREPARATION

Prelude | Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14 | Sergei Rachmaninoff | John Mooney, cellist

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | ARNSBERG

God, reveal your presence; gladly we adore you, and with awe, appear before you. Holy is your temple; all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence. You alone now we own as our God and Savior. Praise your name forever!

+**Hymn No. 393** | “O Day of Rest and Gladness” | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Baptism of Reid Austin Veal

+**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.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Lindsay Schall.

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CHECK IN

+ Please stand if you are able

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Psalm 27 | pew Bible p. 503**Anthem** | “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” | arr. Dana Mengel

O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sins and free us from our past. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. You strove with Satan and you won; your faithfulness endured. Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust, in God's eternal word. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

Scripture | Luke 22:39-46 | pew Bible p. 87

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Pain and Presence” | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 187** | “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” | BRADBURY**RESPONSE**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer | Anna Dickson

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 | Camp Grier | Heather Herring | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” | arr. Howard Helvey

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart, and nerve your arm. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still; the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave; it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave. Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

+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. 459** | “O Word of God Incarnate” | MUNICH

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | Peter Lutkin

Postlude | Prelude and Fugue in E Minor | J. S. Bach

IN LOVING MEMORY

Edward E. Kelly, September 24, 1945 - March 13, 2023

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 dianenmayer@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*

Ministry Focus



Camp Grier

First Presbyterian Church has been sending children from our community to Camp Grier for over 50 years! Camp Grier, located in Old Fort, NC, is committed to providing all children with the opportunity to experience the outdoors. Children enjoy outdoor activities like kayaking, zip-lining, swimming, and hiking in the beautiful NC mountains, in addition to the benefits of being without technology, making new friends, and gaining confidence from the new activities they try!

Each year First Presbyterian Church sponsors 60 campers – 40 one-week campers in the summer and 20 participants in the leadership program “Streets to Peaks,” which allows campers to participate each quarter (during school breaks). Members of our congregation support this ministry primarily by serving as Camp Connectors. Each Camp Connector serves as a point of contact for a specific family, so they are welcomed and supported as they prepare for camp and while their child is away. Camp Connectors check in with reminders, review the packing list with parents, and help with transportation to and from the church, if necessary. This personal connection is critical to ensure that our campers and their families have a great experience! Most of the conversations take place by phone or text, so it’s a very flexible and convenient way to serve.

We are already registering campers for the summer! After a couple of years of lower attendance due to COVID-19, we expect higher numbers this year, and our new families will need Camp Connectors. | Sign up: fpc.tiny.us/campgrier | Contact: Heather Herring (hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org)



CHURCHWIDE

Easter Lilies, *through March 27* – Purchase a \$10 lily to honor or memorialize someone on Easter Sunday. | Order online: fpc.tiny.us/lily

Kirk Choir Musical, *April 2, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall* – Everyone is invited to come and see our very own Kirk Choir as they present the story of Noah's Ark in the program entitled, "100 Percent Chance of Rain."

New Member Luncheon - *April 2, 12:15 p.m., FBDR* - For members who joined First Presbyterian Church May 2022 or after. | RSVP: jives@firstpres-charlotte.org

Palm Sunday Procession, *April 2, 10:45 a.m.* – Children will gather in Wood Fellowship hall before processing with palms during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Maundy Thursday, *April 6, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary and Livestream* – This service will set the tone for Good Friday with scripture, communion, solemn hymns, and the gradual darkening of the sanctuary.

Community Easter Sunrise Service, *April 9, 7 a.m., Romare Bearden Park*

Easter worship, *April 9, 11 a.m., Sanctuary, livestream, WAXN-Channel-64* – Bring flowers to decorate the Easter cross; there will be no contemplative service on Easter.

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

Westerly Hills Academy School Store, *March 24, 12 p.m., Westerly Hills Academy* - Volunteer at the school store, where students redeem Eagle bucks earned for good behavior for prizes and treats. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/WHstore

YOUTH

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

Youth Sunday Planning PYC, *March 19, 6 p.m., FPC* - All youth who are able are needed to begin writing liturgy and planning for Youth Sunday in April! | Contact: twall@firstpres-charlotte.org

Summer Registrations Are Open, *through March 31* - Visit the Youth Linktree to view all current summer trip registrations and reserve your spot! | Register: 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. | Register: tinyurl.com/applebynom

CHILDREN

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, *March 31, 4:30 p.m., Front Lawn* | Register: fpc.tiny.us/egghunt

ADULTS

Women's Retreat, *April 21-23, Kanuga Conference Center* - Today is the deadline to register! | Register: fpc.tiny.us/pwretreat

Reading the Bible for Understanding Series, *Sundays, through March 26, 9:45 a.m., P206* - This series, for people in their 20s to mid-40s, teaches a six step process to reading the Bible that can facilitate deeper meaning and application. | More info: rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org

Passages Class: My Best-Loved Story of Jesus, *Sundays through 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/passagesundayclass

20s on Tuesday, *March 21, 6:30pm, Lenny Boy Brewery* - Young adults in their early-mid 20's will meet for an open discussion based on the podcast, The Bible for Normal People. | More info: rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org

The Willard Lecture

FEATURING SERENE JONES MARCH 26

The Willard: Serene Jones, March 26, 5 p.m., Sanctuary

Highly respected scholar, public intellectual, and author Rev. Dr. Serene Jones will be this year's Willard lecturer. In her program entitled "Trauma and Grace," Dr. Jones will unpack years of observations about trauma and the ways it resides in our bodies, trapping us in the past, and her personal experiences on how grace and the love of God help us to create a new life and a new path. In the second half of the program, Dr. Justin Johnson, a board-certified psychiatrist at HopeWay will join her for conversation. Dr. Johnson has expertise in mood and anxiety disorders, PTSD, men's mental health, complex medical-psychiatric disorders, and psychotherapy. The two will share ideas on trauma and healing from their respective well-springs of experience. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online or in the Welcome Center today and next Sunday. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/willard



PURCHASE
TICKETS

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 20

RITI, 5:30 p.m., FBDR

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301

20s on Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Offsite

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206

Willard Committee, 12:30 p.m., P209

Loaves & Fishes, 1 p.m., P121

Carol Choir, 6 p.m., P306

Kirk Choir, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

Knox Handbells, 7 p.m., P117

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

DBSA Meeting, 12 p.m., P201

AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301

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

CDC Dinner, 3 p.m., Front Lawn

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center

Nursery, 9 a.m., P311

Contemplative Worship, 9 a.m., Chapel

Birth - PreK Sandwich Making, 9:45 a.m., Gym

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

Confirmation, 9:45 a.m., P212

Children's Musical Rehearsal + Lunch, 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Hall

Willard Lecture, 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall



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