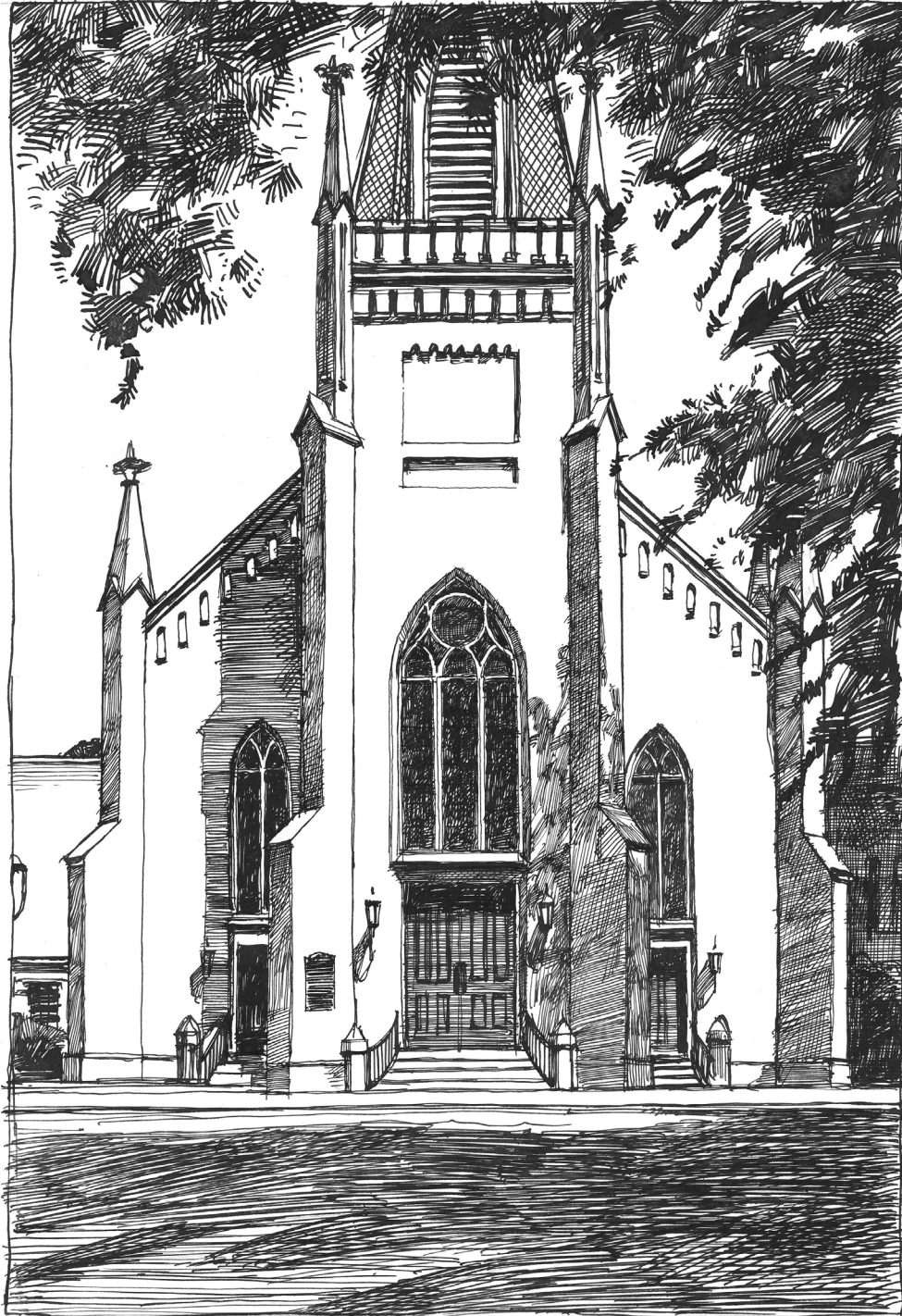


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 26, 2023
FIFTH 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** | Aria | Flor Peeters**Words of Welcome** | Anna Dickson**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. 299** | “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” | HANOVER**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Elder Renea Stitt**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

Music | “Shine, Jesus, Shine” | Words and Music: Graham Kendrick | Carol Choir

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your work, Lord, and let there be light. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Lili Teigland.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms of Amara Uchenna Obi and Ona Adira Obi

+**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

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PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Isaiah 53:1-9 | pew Bible p. 683**Anthem** | “Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs” | arr. Evan Copley

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, and the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

Scripture | Luke 22:47-53 | pew Bible p. 87

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Weakness and Silence” | Anna Dickson**Anthem** | “City Called Heaven” | arr. Josephine Poelinitz | FUPC Praise Team**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** | “God Is Here with Me” | Christopher D. Hogan | Kirk Choir

God is in my voice when I am singing; God is in my voice, right here in my song. God is here with me. God is in my mind when I am praying, right here I my prayer. God is in my heart when I am sleeping, right here in my sleep. God is here with me.

+Doxology | OLD HUNDREDTH

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

+Prayer of Dedication**SENDING FORTH**

+Hymn No. 321 | “The Church’s One Foundation” | AURELIA**+Benediction****+Benediction Response** | RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude | “We All Believe in One True God” | Johann Sebastian BachPRAYER
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Kaitlyn McAuley Millen, October 3, 2001 - March 21, 2023

Alice Mauzy Lowe, February 14, 1942 - March 23, 2023

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Cameron Thomas Brennan, son of Amber and Conor Brennan.

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
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*

Elder Renea Stitt
*First United Presbyterian
Church*

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



The Willard Endowment

The Willard Endowment of First Presbyterian Church was established by Lydia and Charlie Willard in memory of their son, Charles R. Willard Jr., after his death in Vietnam in 1970. The Willard Endowment enlightens the spiritual lives of First Presbyterian's members and the greater community by bringing impactful speakers who raise awareness of relevant issues such as justice, human dignity, and inclusion within the context of our faith.

The 2023 Willard Lecture will take place tonight, March 26, at 5 p.m. It will be delivered by the highly respected scholar, public intellectual, and author Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Jones acknowledges the yearning for mental wellness in the face of the too-prevalent societal issue of trauma. She offers a hopeful lens on the brokenness of our lives and expresses the 'healing within the pain' that occurs when we allow ourselves to be met by God's grace. If you would like to hear from Dr. Serene Jones at this phenomenal event, purchase your tickets at: fpc.tiny.us/willard or scan the QR code to the right.



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 with 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

ADULTS

The Willard: President Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, "Trauma and Grace", *Tonight, 5 p.m., Sanctuary* – Hear President Jones offer a hopeful lens on the brokenness of our lives and express the 'healing within the pain' that occurs when we allow ourselves to be met by God's grace. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/willard

CHILDREN

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

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

Plowshares History Hall Tour, *April 16, 12:15-1:30 p.m., P212 Frances Browne* – Join us for a light lunch and short program, including a guided tour of our History Hall given by Advocacy Committee members Anne Lafferty and Ross Loeser. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/historyhall



Palm Sunday Palm Procession, April 2, 10:45 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall overflow – Children will gather to line up for the palm procession.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary & Livestream – The Service of Tenebrae sets the tone for Good Friday by recreating aspects of the passion story with scripture, communion, solemn hymns, and the gradual darkening of the room as candles are extinguished.

Easter Community Sunrise Service, April 9, 7 a.m., Romare Bearden Park (no livestream) – An early-morning Easter service in the park with coffee, donuts, and other local churches participating.

No Contemplative Service on Easter, April 9

Traditional Worship and Flowering of the Cross, April 9, 11 a.m., Sanctuary, Livestream, WAXN-Channel 64 – Bring flowers from home to decorate the Easter cross.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 27

RIT1, 5:30 p.m., FBDR

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., ZOOM
AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
Climate Change Sub-committee, 12 p.m., P209
Lowe Funeral, 2 p.m., Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206
Loaves & Fishes, 1 p.m., P121
Confirmation Meeting, 5 p.m., P212
Children's Musical Rehearsal, 6 p.m., WFH
Ivey Handbells, 7:30 p.m., P114
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., P119

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m., P206
3s, 4s, and PK Playdate, 12 p.m., Front Lawn

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

DBSA Meeting, 12 p.m., P201
AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
Loaves & Fishes Pantry, 1 p.m., P121
Easter Egg Hunt, 4:30 p.m., Front Lawn

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Millen Funeral Service, 11 a.m., Sanctuary
Millen Visitation, 12 p.m., WFH

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center
Nursery, 9 a.m., P311
Contemplative Worship, 9 a.m., Chapel
Children's Musical, 9:45 a.m., WFH
Worship, 11 a.m., Sanctuary
New Member Lunch, 12 p.m., FBDR
RIT1 Reception, 12 p.m., Welcome Center



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