

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 29, 2023 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



We invite you, whoever you are and whoever God is helping you to become, to join First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte in our journey of faith. God is love, and that love is for you. You belong as a child of God, and we welcome you. Come experience how that belonging might change you and our world as we seek to be for Christ in the heart 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 baptisms today is Lindsay Schall.

FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” | Johann Walther**Words of Welcome** | Lucy Crain**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION**

Choral Call to Worship | Hal Hopson

O be ye joyful, be joyful in the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with a song.

+**Opening Hymn No. 35** | “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” | LOBE DEN HERREN**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession | Pen Peery**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you love us, but we do not always love as you intend. You call us, but we do not listen. We walk away from neighbors in need wrapped in our own concerns. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression against ourselves and against others. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, free us to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Parker Joyce Luessen Rimkus

+**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** | “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” | arr. Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Galatians 5: 1 - 15 | pew Bible p. 190

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Filled Up to Pour Out: Self-Control” | Lucy Crain**+Hymn No. 306** | “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” | DENNIS**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 | Cuba Commissioning**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “The Gift of Love” | arr. 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 | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

+Prayer of Dedication

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+**Hymn No. 727** | “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” | THE SERVANT SONG

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | GOD BE WITH YOU

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 | Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565 | J. S. Bach

IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Jane Lomax upon the death of her sister, Marilyn Chester.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Parker Joyce Luessen Rimkus is the daughter of Deborah and Tadas Rimkus.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Parker Joyce Luessen Rimkus by Bernadine and Peter Luessen.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Thomas Fritz Halliday, son of Sara Caitlyn and Andrew Halliday.

If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at dianenmayer@hotmail.com.

Today's Worship Leaders:

The Reverend Pendleton B. Peery, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Lucy M. Crain, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

The Reverend Anna R. Dickson, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

William P. Young, III, Director of Music Ministries

Catherine Hicks, Guest Organist