

# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 12, 2023 | TWENTY-FOURTH 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](mailto:jives@firstpres-charlotte.org).

**PREPARATION** 

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**Prelude** | Prelude on *Holy Manna* | Howard Helvey | David Dennis and Catherine Hicks, duet

**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**ADORATION** 

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**Choral Call to Worship** | H. Hamilton Smith

*He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the rivers to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!*

+**Opening Hymn No. 305** | “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” | DARWALL'S 148TH

**CONFESSION** 

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**Call to Confession** | Pen Peery

**Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and mercy, you create a new order for our lives:  
service before success,  
faith before knowledge,  
partnership over independence,  
the cross over the crown.

Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world,  
rejecting your call through our action or inaction.

Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world through the lens of your great love.  
Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

**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** 

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Baptism of Luke Jonathan Price

+**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.**

**Music** | “God Is So Good” | The Children of the Church

*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 Tripp Monroe.

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**PROCLAMATION** 

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | II Corinthians 12:7b-10 | pew Bible p. 185

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****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.*

**Sermon** | #yesanyway | Hunter Farrell+**Hymn No. 317** | “In Christ There Is No East or West” | MC KEE**RESPONSE** 

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**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** | Lucy Crain

**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** | Yucatan Mission Trips | Will Potts**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “One Faith, One Hope, One Lord” | Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died one voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism, and faith, one God and father of all, who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died one voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God.*

+**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**PRAYER  
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## SENDING FORTH

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+**Hymn No. 733** | “We All Are One in Mission” | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

+**Benediction**

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

**Postlude** | Voluntary No. 1 | William Boyce

## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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Luke Jonathan Price is the son of Mary Allyn and Jonathan Price.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Maris Carter Lafferty and Brandon Thomas Marinelli and in honor of all veterans.

Today the children of the church will share a special piece of music, “God Is So Good,” in Creole and English from our friends in Haiti. Olguens Saint Louis will be with us from Bayonnais, Haiti, and representatives from EWO will be available after worship with information about sponsoring a student in Bayonnais.

*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 Dr. Hunter Farrell**, Director of the World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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

**Catherine Hicks**, Guest Organist

## Welcome!

We’re so glad you decided to join us for worship today!

**New here?** Please fill out a Connect Card, which can be found in the seatback of the pew in front of you, or scan the “Virtual Connect Card” QR code in the front of this bulletin.



**Have children with you today?** Children of all ages are welcome to worship with their families! They will be invited to participate in the Time for Children during worship, after which ages three through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. A nursery is available for children ages birth through two years old in room P311.