

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | TWENTY-THIRD 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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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 | Fugue in E-flat Major (*St. Anne*) | J. S. Bach
Nimrod from *Enigma Variations* | Edward Elgar

Chiming of the Hour**ADORATION**

+**Call to Worship** | Robert Galloway

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

One: In life and in death

All: we belong to God.

One: Baptized into Christ's death

All: We live unto him.

One: Come, let us worship God.

+**Opening Hymn** | "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | Matthew 5:1-12 | pew Bible p. 4

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | "Blessed" | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 822** | "When We Are Living" | SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

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.

RESPONSE

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering | Anna Dickson

Offertory | "The Peace My Be Exchanged" from *Rubrics* | Dan Locklair

Prayers of the People and Remembrance of the Saints of the Church

+ Please stand if you are able

FIRST
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Lux Aeterna | Morten Lauridsen, (b. 1943)PRAYER
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I. INTROITUS

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus Deus in Zion,
et tibi redetur votum
in Jerusalem:
exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion,
and to thee a vow shall be fulfilled
in Jerusalem:
Hear my prayer,
for unto thee all flesh shall come.
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

II. IN TE, DOMINE SPERAVI

*Tu ad liberandum suscepturus homine
non horruisti Virginis uterum.
Tu devicto mortis aculeo,
aperuisti credentibus regna coelorum.
Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis.
Miserere nostril, Domine,
Miserere nostril.
Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos
Quemadmodum speravimus in te.
In te Domine, speravi:
tui beati corporis.*

*To deliver us, you became human,
and did not disdain the Virgin's womb.
Having blunted the sting of death, You
opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
A light has risen in the darkness for the upright.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy upon us.
Let their mercy be upon us, O Lord,
as we have trusted in thee.
grant us to be made members
of your holy body.*

III. O NATA LUX

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.*

*O born light of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worthy and accept
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members
of your holy body.*

IV. VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus,
Et emitte coelitus
Lucis tuae radium.
Veni, pater pauperum,
Veni, dator munerum,
Veni, lumen cordium.
Consolator optime,
Dulcis hospes animae,
Dulce refrigerium.
In labore requies,
In aestu temperies,
In fletu solatium.
O lux beatissima,*

*Come, Holy Spirit,
Send forth from heaven
The ray of thy light.
Come, Father of the poor,
Come, giver of gifts,
Come, light of hearts.
Thou best of Consolers,
Sweet guest of the soul,
Sweet refreshment.
In labor, thou are rest,
In heat, the tempering,
In grief, the consolation.
O Light most blessed,*

*Reple cordis intima
Tuorum fidelium
Sine tuo numine,
Nihil est in homine,
Nihil est innoxium.*

*Lava quod est sordidum,
Riga quod est aridum,
Sana quod est saucium.
Flecte quod est rigidum,
Fove quod est frigidum,
Rege quod est devium.*

*Da tuis fidelibus,
In te confidentibus,
Sacrum septenarium.
Da virtutis meritum,
Da salutis exitum,
Da perenne gaudium.*

V. AGNUS DEI – LUX AETERNA

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem.*

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem*

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem sempiternam*

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:
Cum sanctus tuis in aeternum:
Quia pius es.*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Alleluia. Amen.

*Fill the inmost heart
Of all thy faithful.
Without your grace,
There is nothing in us,
Nothing that is not harmful.*

*Cleanse what is sordid,
Moisten what is arid,
Heal what is hurt.
Flex what is rigid,
Fire what is frigid,
Correct what goes astray.*

*Grant to thy faithful,
Those trusting in thee,
Thy sacred seven-fold gifts.
Grant the reward of virtue,
Grant the deliverance of salvation,
Grant everlasting joy.*

*Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

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who takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

*Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest everlasting.*

*May light eternal shine upon them, O
Lord, in the company of thy Saints for
Ever and ever; for thou are merciful.*

*Rest eternam grant to them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Alleluia. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 326** | “For All the Saints” | SINE NOMINE

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response**

Postlude | Fugato from Variations on SINE NOMINE | Richard Proulx

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Wills Edmond Ford, son of Caroline and Sam Ford.

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 Anna R. Dickson, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

The Reverend Robert L. Galloway, Associate Pastor for Christian Formation and Young Adults

William P. Young, III, Director of Music Ministries

Catherine Hicks, Guest Organist

IN LOVING MEMORY

James Cecil King, Jr., December 15, 1938 - October 24, 2023

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Caryn Overbey upon the death of her mother, Anne Hoskins.

IN HONOR OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

We remember the members of our churches who have joined the church triumphant in the past year.

Loretz Leon Ramseur — November 4, 2022

Beverly Hooper Horton — November 14, 2022

Henry F. Miller — December 12, 2022

Charlotte Arant Bailey — December 5, 2022

Judith Jackson Underwood — December 24, 2022

Anita Talley Holland — January 5, 2023

Marjorie Phillips Anderson — January 8, 2023

Edward E. Kelly — March 13, 2023

Kaitlyn McAuley Millen — March 21, 2023

Alice Mauzey Lowe — March 23, 2023

Lloyd Clifford Torrence — May 24, 2023

Shirley P. Ledford — May 30, 2023

John Robert Flaningam — June 15, 2023

Betty Absher Griffin — June 20, 2023

Janet F. Ahern — June 29, 2023

Margaret Whitted Kelly — July 26, 2023

Christopher L. Katz — July 28, 2023

Joan Jordan Ramsey — August 13, 2023

James Cecil King, Jr. — October 24, 2023

TODAY'S MUSIC

Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, translated as "Light Eternal," uses sacred Latin texts which carry themes of resurrection and light: in the *Introitus*, perpetual light, in the *In Te, Domine Speravi*, light risen in the darkness, in the *O Nata Lux*, Redeemer-born light from light, in the *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, light of the Holy Spirit, light of hearts, and most blessed light, and in the *Agnus Dei*, eternal light. The work is accompanied by a large orchestra with a significant string section, woodwinds, and rich brass, creating warm and colorful support of the choir.

Much of the music is quiet and introspective, including lush harmonies and chant-like melodies that reflect music of the late Renaissance (late 16th/early 17th centuries). Lauridsen wrote "I composed *Lux Aeterna* in response to my mother's final illness and found great personal comfort and solace in setting to music these timeless and wondrous words about Light, a universal symbol of illumination at all levels – spiritual, artistic, and intellectual."

We offer this music today in hopes that it may bring comfort and resurrection hope to those who have experienced the loss of loved ones over the past year, and to those who need a spiritual reminder of the love and grace of God available to us all.

The Sanctuary Choir

Will Young, Director

Soprano

*Scott Bryan
Nan Cherry
Melissa Childers
Julie Cramerson
Loretta Giles
Catherine Hicks
Elizabeth Ignasher
Sara Kidd
*Anne Lafferty
Fran Landess
Mary Ann Langston
*Beryl Lerardi
Christina Pier
Beth Rickenbaugh
Susan Shimp
Jylian Taylor
Martha Thorpe

Alto

Carla Faust Bare
*Suzie Black
Kacie Coughlin
*Pam Dennis
Barb Frith
*Tonda Gridley
Kelly Harder
DiAn Kempf-Jones
Carolyn Jones
Janet Lyman
Karen MacKenzie
Martha Mallory
Caryn Overbey
*Lillian Quackenbush
Melanie Twyne
Jane Whitley

Tenor

Hank Griffin
Skip Johnson
Eric Langer
David McFadden
*Kent Main
*Warren Overbey
Dave Quackenbush
Alan Turner
*David Wells

Bass

*Harlan Carroll
David Dennis
Bill Fleet
*Richard Lafferty
Bill Lynch
Billy Mancini
*Andy Parse
Bill Peterson
Jim Twyne
*Marty Walker
David Williamson

**not present today*

Orchestra

Violin 1

Susan Blumberg
Jane Brendle
Cindy Burton
Peter DeVries
Eliza Johnson
Angela Watson

Violin 2

Amanda Gentile
Kathy Jarrell
Jenny Jones
Oliver Kot
Judy Meister
Alice Silva

Viola

Rubina Bak
Louise Campbell
Scott Garrett
Anna Swic

Cello

Marlene Ballena
Liz Burns
Matt Lavin
John Mooney

Flute

Amy Orsinger-Whitehead

Oboe

Kirstin Olson

Clarinet

Dylan Lloyd

Bassoon

Stephanie Lipka

Horn

Byron Johns
Keelan Lovvorn

Trombone

Scott Hartman

Contrabass

Nixon Bustos
Jason McNeal

Announcements

Have you made your 2024 Pledge?

Scan the QR code below to pledge. Email Jan at jgaddis@firstpres-charlotte.org if you have questions or need assistance. Thank you for supporting your church and our ministry!

Wednesday Night Dinner

November 8, 5:15 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

Scan the QR code to prepay.

Global Missions Sunday

November 12

Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, Director of World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will be our Sunday School leader (9:45 a.m.) and guest preacher (11 a.m.). The children will share a special piece of music from our friends in Haiti, a special offering will be collected to provide clean water in the Yucatan, and representatives from EWO Haiti will be available after worship with information about sponsoring a student in Bayonnais. At 4 p.m., you're invited to attend a drop-in happy hour reception with Hunter Farrell. Scan QR code to RSVP.

Mexico Mission Trip

July 7-14, 2024

Save the Date! Registration coming soon!

Youth Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., P301(MS) & P321(HS)

Sunday School for high school and middle school is offered every week.

PYC

November 5, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Tonight we will help put together care packages for FPC college freshmen.

Thanksgiving Meal Distribution

November 18, 1 p.m. The Core Church

Serve alongside our partners at Core Church as they distribute 400 free Thanksgiving meals to residents of the Westerly Hills community. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Adopt a Christmas Tree

November 27 - December 1, Fellowship Hall

We have Christmas trees that need decorating to get the church ready for Singing in the Season! You can decorate your tree any time between November 27 and December 1. Feeling competitive? At Singing in the Season, we'll vote on the favorite tree! Scan the QR code to adopt your tree.



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