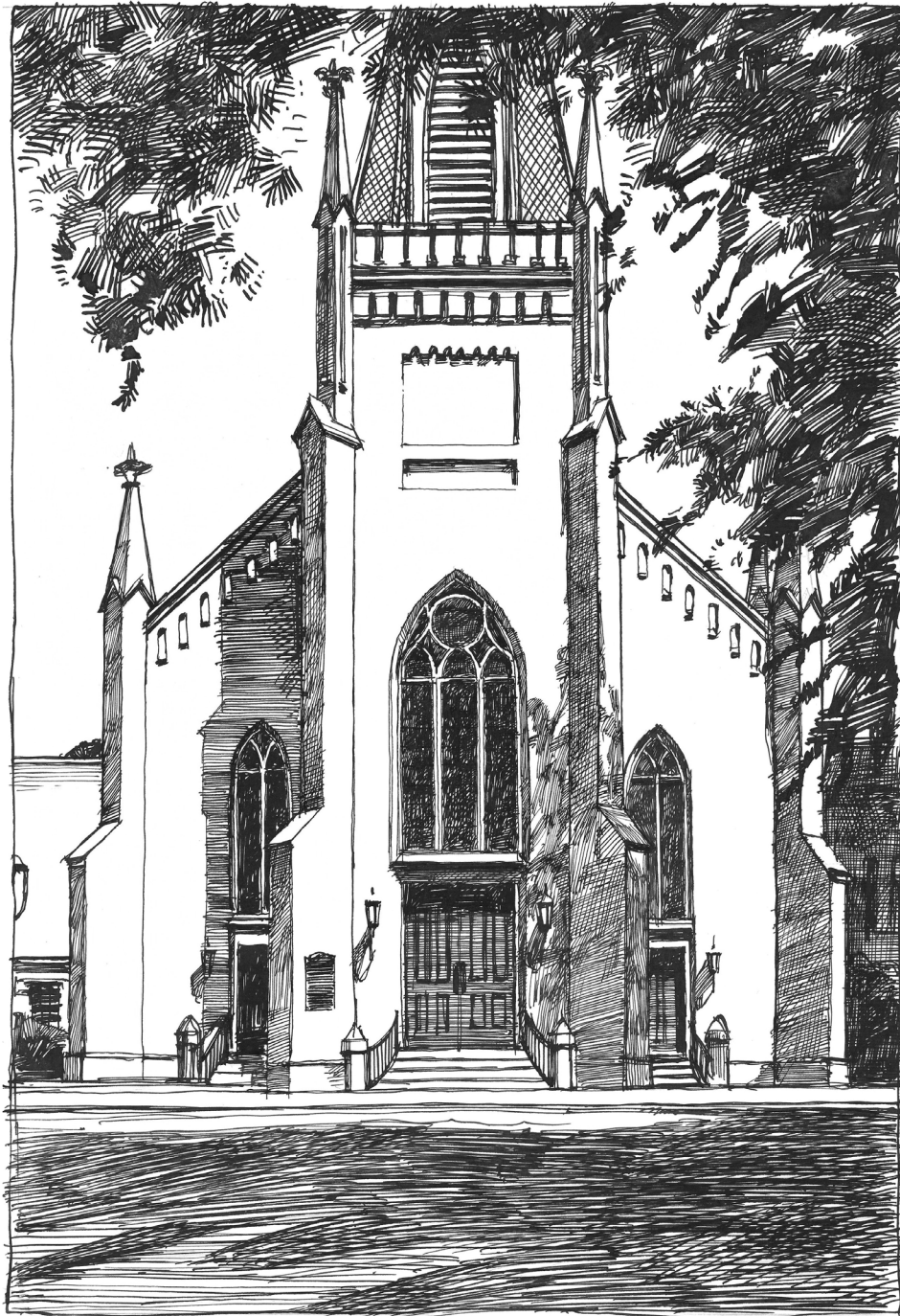


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 14, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



*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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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

**Prelude** | Dialogue on the *Grand Jeux* and *Tierce en Taille* | François Couperin

**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**ADORATION**

**Choral Call to Worship** | Williams, ed. Young

*This is the day that Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us rejoice! Amen!*

+**Hymn No. 307** | “God of Grace and God of Glory” | CWM RHONDDA

**CONFESSION**

**Call to Confession** | Lucy Crain

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we come to you in prayer asking forgiveness for all we have not done that we should have done, and all that we have done that we should not have done.

Forgive our willingness to live in a rut, and to be satisfied with the way things always have been.

Forgive us our inability to act for justice when we know it is called for.

You who give breath and spirit to all of creation, you who claim us as your children through baptism, give us courage to throw open the windows to newness so that we might find abundant life.

Pour out your Spirit upon us. In the name of Christ. Amen.

**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.

**Time with Children**

*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.*

**PROCLAMATION**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Anthem** | “Ain’-a-that-Good News” | arr. William Dawson

*I got a crown up in the Kingdom, ain’-a-that good news! I got a harp up in the kingdom, ain’-a-that good news!  
I got a robe up in the Kingdom, ain’-a-that good news! I got a Saviour in the Kingdom, ain’-a-that good news!  
I’m a-goin’ to lay down this world, goin’a shoulder up my cross. Goin’-a take it home to my Jesus, ain’-a-that good news!*

**Scripture** | Mark 1:14-20 | pew Bible p. 35

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** | "Followership" | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 726** | "Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons) | KELVINGROVE

## RESPONSE

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+**Affirmation of Faith** | from *A Brief Statement of Faith* | Robert Galloway

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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** | "The Call" | Z. Randall Stroope

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way, as gives us breath, such a Truth, as ends all strife, such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a Light, as shows a feast, such a Feast, as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a Joy, as none can move, such a Love, as none can part, such a Heart, as joys in love. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.*

## Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Statement of Purpose

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

## SENDING FORTH

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+**Hymn No. 170** | "You Walk along Our Shoreline" | WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | "Amen" | DANISH

**Postlude** | Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA | Joshua Sobel

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#### ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of River James Weeks, son of Brooke and Charlie Weeks.

*If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at [dianenmaye@hotmail.com](mailto:dianenmaye@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 Robert L. Galloway**, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

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

**Dr. Catherine Hicks**, *Guest Organist*