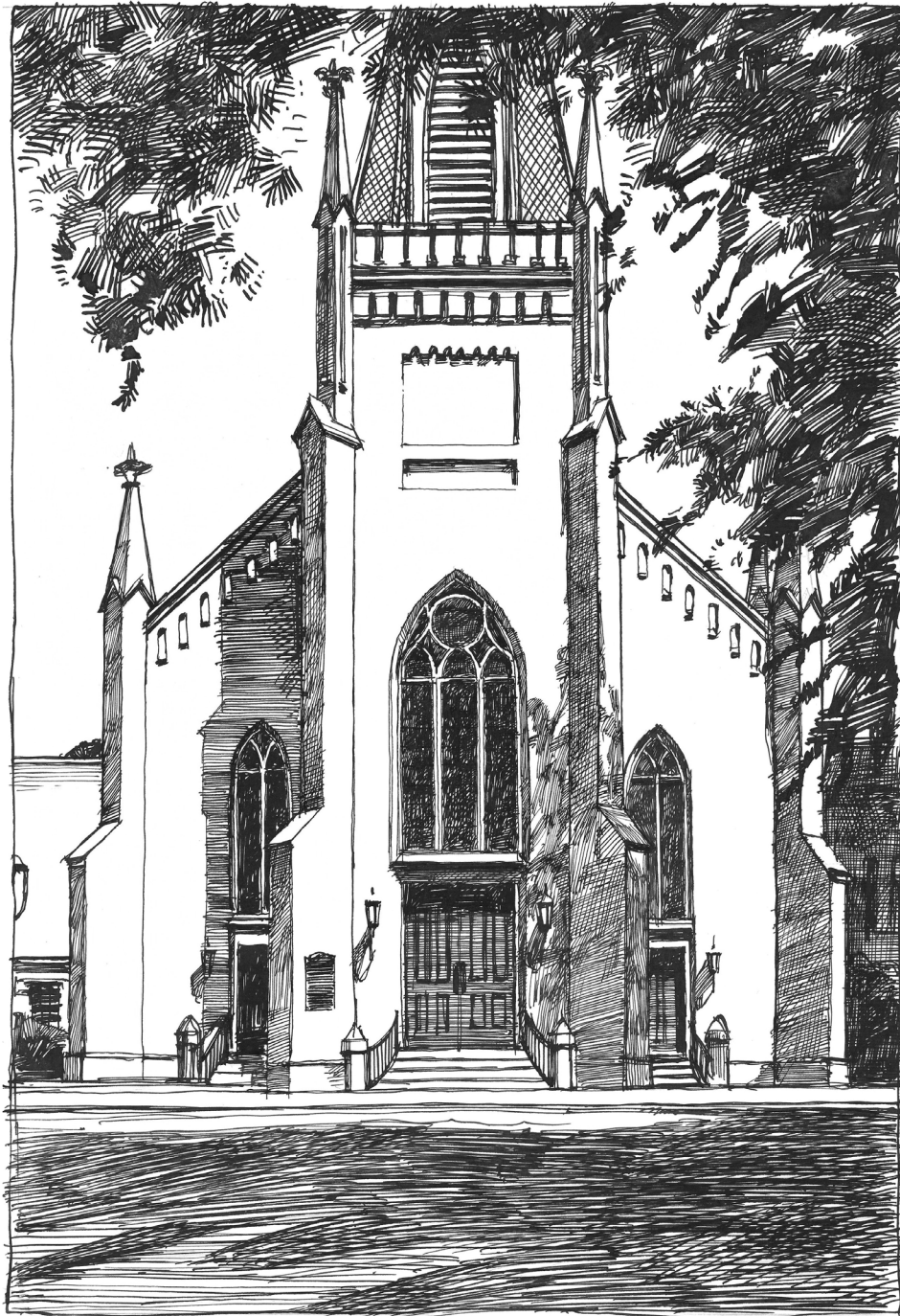


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 7, 2024 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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
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our church?
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FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Allegro Vivace and Air from *Water Music* | G. F. Handel**Words of Welcome** | Robert Galloway**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION**

Choral Call to Worship | Charles Callahan*The spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia. Alleluia.*+**Hymn No. 484** | “Out of Deep, Unordered Water” | RUSTINGTON**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession**Prayer of Confession** | Anna Dickson

Holy God, we receive all things from you. You make your love and grace visible to us by the gifts of communion and baptism. In baptism, we are cleansed and made part of the body of Christ. Yet we forget that we have been washed clean. We act as though we are not responsible for others and to others. We shirk the promises of care, teaching, and nurture that we make at baptism. Forgive us of our sins. Renew our spirits, so that we may live as helpful people of your kingdom. Allow us to reclaim our baptismal promises so that we might care for all those who proclaim your son, Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+**Response to Pardon** | Hymn 475, stanza 1 | EBENEZER

Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

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**Scripture** | Psalm 29 | pew Bible p. 504**Anthem** | “Set Me as a Seal” | Rene Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

Scripture | Mark 1:4-11 | pew Bible p. 34

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Meditation** | “A Voice from Heaven” | Robert Galloway

+ Please stand if you are able

+**Hymn No. 482** | “Baptized in Water” | BUNESSAN

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles’ Creed | Pen Peery

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.

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “Be Not Afraid” | Taylor Davis

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I’ve called you by name. My love for you is everlasting. My love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will surround you. When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o’er. When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed. You are my child. You are so precious to me. You are my child and I’ll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I’ll lead you home. When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call out my name. You are my child. You are so precious to me.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus No. 552 | LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup

PRAYER
REQUESTS



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Hymns During Communion (sung by the choir)

Hymn No. 509 | “All Who Hunger Gladly” | HOLY MANNA

Hymn No. 527 | “Eat This Bread” | BERTHIER

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 297** | “In Christ Called to Baptize” | ST. DENIO

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude | Postlude on ST. DENIO | Edward W. Beals

IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Mike Schulze upon the death of his brother, John Schulze; and to Alison Ridenhour upon the death of her mother, Nancy Emberson.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of McCall “Mac” James Barrett, daughter of Mike and DeeDee Barrett.

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

Today’s Worship Leaders:

The Reverend Pendleton B. Peery, *Senior Pastor*

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

The Reverend Robert L. Galloway, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

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

Dr. Catherine Hicks, *Guest Organist*