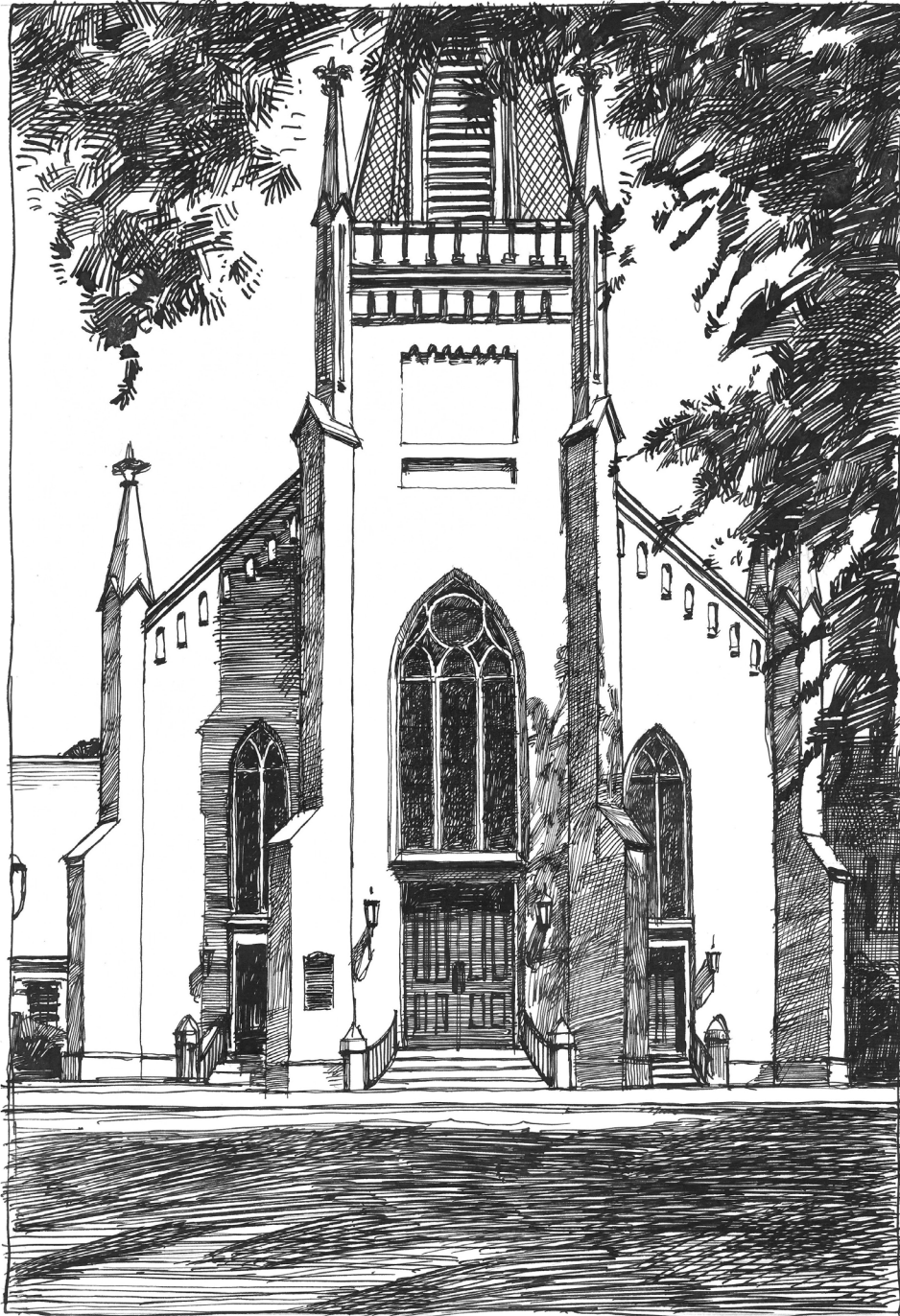


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | APRIL 14, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*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**

**Prelude** | The Peace May Be Exchanged from *Rubrics* | Dan Locklair

**Words of Welcome** | Anna Dickson

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**ADORATION**

**Choral Call to Worship** | arr. Charles Wood

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this mornning. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen.*

+**Hymn No. 620** | “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven” | LAUDA ANIMA

**CONFESSION**

**Call to Confession** | Lucy Crain

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and neglect the earth you made. God of mercy, forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

**Assurance of Pardon**

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

+**Response to Pardon** | Hymn No. 441, stanza 1 | NETTLETON

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptism of Jane Hawley Elliott

+**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.*

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Mike Elliott.

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**PROCLAMATION****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Luke 24:36-48 | pew Bible p. 91

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Anthem** | “Easter Anthem” | William Billings | ed. Robert Shaw

*The Lord is risen, indeed! Hallelujah! Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah. And did he rise? Did he rise? Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead! He rose; he burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave. Then, I rose. Then, first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light and seized eternal youth. Man all immortal, hail, heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man.*

*Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.*

**Sermon** | “Indeed” | Anna Dickson+**Hymn No. 252** | “Day of Arising” | RAABE**RESPONSE****Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** | Pen Peery

**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** | Recognition of Wilfred Neal**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” | arr. Mack Wilberg

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive. Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen!*

+**Doxology** | Hymn No. 606 | OLD HUNDREDTH

**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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+**Hymn No. 826** | “Lift High the Cross” | CRUCIFER

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | Young

*...till all the world adore his name, lift high the cross. Amen.*

**Postlude** | Toccata on *Gelobt sei Gott* | Derek Holman

**IN LOVING MEMORY** 

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The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Sherry Hall upon the death of mother, Margaret Suggs; to Kathy Pressley upon the death of sister, Anne Cates Buckler; to Lucy Caldwell upon the death of her brother, Raymond Lewis; and to Harriet Long upon the death of her mother, Mary C. Betts.

**ABOUT THIS SERVICE** 

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Jane Hawley Elliott (Janie) is the daughter of Caroline and Frank Elliott.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Catherine Lee Gill and Clinton Joshua Smith on April 13, 2024.

*If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at [dianenmayer@hotmail.com](mailto: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**, *Executive Pastor and Associate for Congregational Care*

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

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