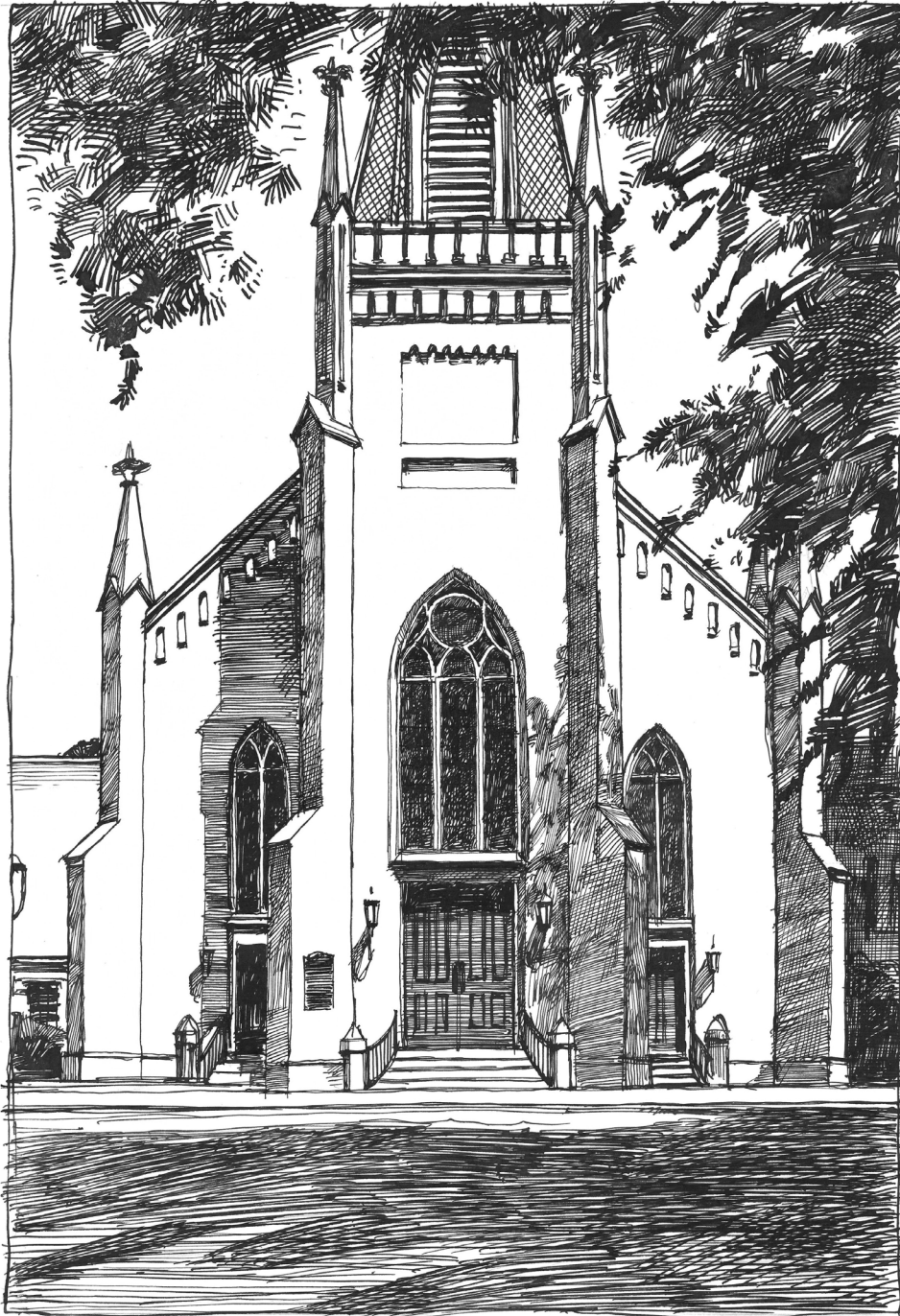


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 2, 2024 | SECOND 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.

PREPARATION**Prelude** | Prelude and Fugue in C | Johann Krebs**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION****Choral Call to Worship** | Eric Thiman*O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.*+**Hymn No. 263** | “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” | CORONATION**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Robert Galloway**Prayer of Confession**

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 second hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination****Anthem** | “Hymn to God: Creation” | John Ferguson

The heavens unfold your glory, Lord, in every realm of space; the outmost bounds of all that is resound your wondrous grace. Succeeding days to day confess, and nights to night record in words, beyond our sense to hear, the greatness of the Lord. The earth’s imagined cornerstones acclaim with joy their source, who sets the gleaming stars ablaze, and gives the sun its course. In every place within the sphere your craft is ever found; majestic mountains, seas, and skies with ordered might resound. Your word is sure and perfect still, a source of light and life; your law is right and reason-filled. Your peace, the end of strife. Your everlasting truth and love can scarce be fully told; more sweet than honey from the comb, more precious yet than gold. You know the secrets of our hearts, but deign to love us here; preserved from pride and self-conceit, we meet you without fear. May all the words our tongues shall speak, and all our thoughts in store find grace with you, Redeemer, Rock, now and forevermore. Amen.

+ Please stand if you are able

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Scripture | Psalm 19:1-10, 14 | pew Bible p. 498

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Things the Bible Doesn’t Talk About: Extra Terrestrial Life” | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 63** | “The Lord Is God” | AZMON

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | from *A Declaration of Faith (Chapter 1)* | Anna Dickson

We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works. God’s reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord’s requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord’s care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think.

God is at work beyond our story. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

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 | Fantasy on *Finlandia* | arr. Trevor Cook | Ivey Handbell Ringers

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+**Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 14** | “For the Beauty of the Earth” | DIX

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude | Postlude Gigue on “Dix” | David Lasky

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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The Declaration of Faith was written in 1985 as a worship resource to help Presbyterians say what it is that we believe.

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*