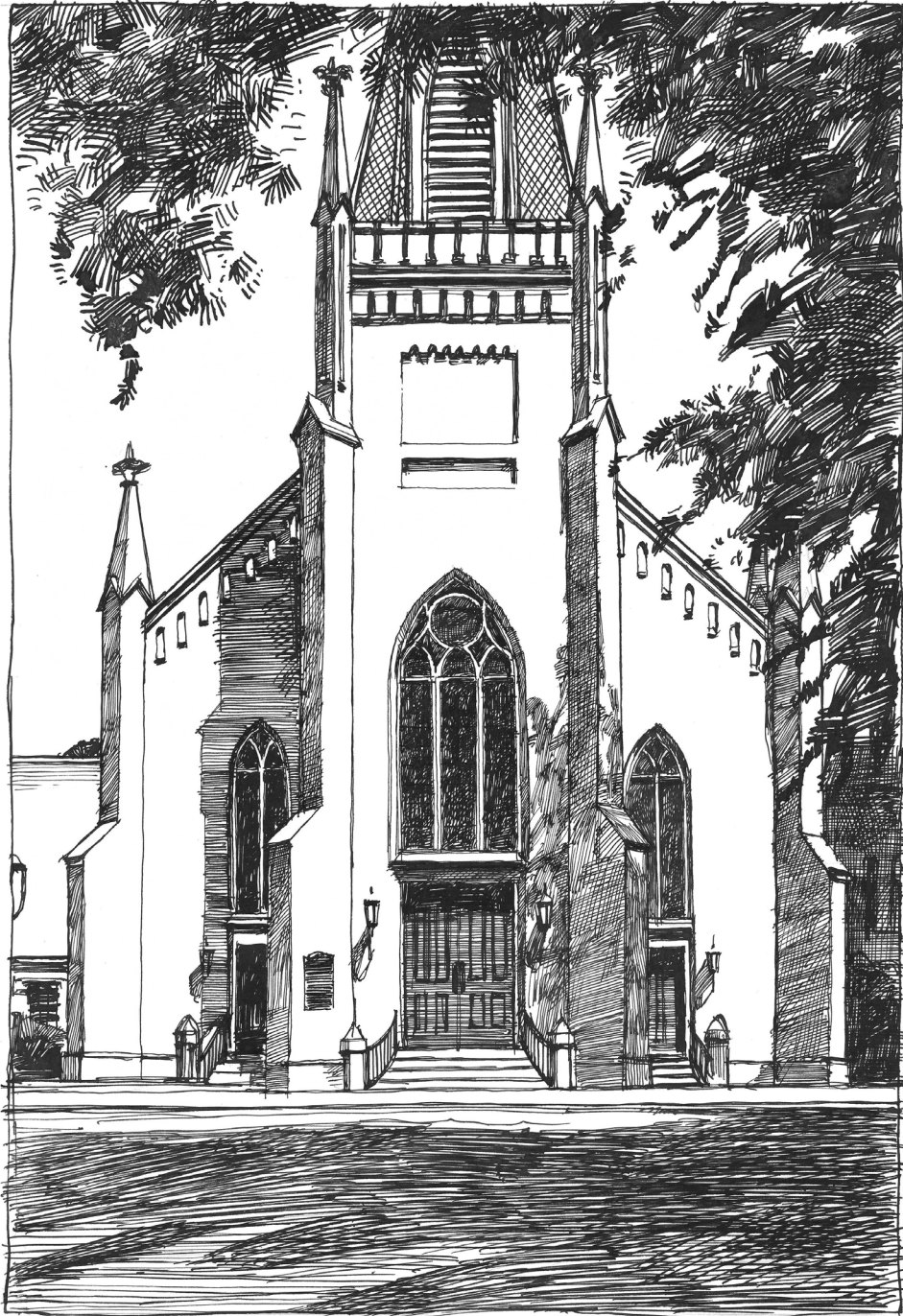


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MAY 12, 2024 | SEVENTH 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** | Allegro Moderato | Benedetto Marcello | arr. Callahan

**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**ADORATION**

**Choral Call to Worship** | Hal Hopson

*O be ye joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with a song.*

+**Hymn No. 41** | "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" | LYONS

**CONFESSION**

**Call to Confession** | Robert Galloway

**Prayer of Confession**

O God of life, grant us forgiveness

**for careless thoughts and thoughtless deeds, for empty speech, and for words which have wounded.**

O God of life, grant us forgiveness

**for foolish desires and hateful actions, for wastefulness, and for what we have left undone.**

O God of life, have mercy upon us

**and in Jesus Christ pardon and forgive our sin.**

**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.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptism of Sarah Snow Ethridge

Baptism of Collins Langdon Horridge

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

The Elders assisting with the baptisms today are Jane Ives and Jeff Neikirk.

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+ Please stand if you are able

**PROCLAMATION****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Luke 24:13-35 | pew Bible p. 90

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Anthem** | “Day of Arising” | arr. Michael Burkhardt (*Congregation joins for final stanza.*)

*Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part. “Lo, I am with you,” Christ has spoken. This is Christ’s promise; this is Christ’s sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.*

**Congregation joins to sing...**

**Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision; set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.**

**Sermon** | “A Message to the Disillusioned” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 696** | “O God, You Are My God Alone” | GRATUS**RESPONSE****Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** | Anna Dickson

**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 Third Grade Bibles**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “Christ Hath a Garden” | Gerald Near

*Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world’s wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden’s gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heav’n, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air; stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved master come, that he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set, that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.*

+**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. 804** | “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” | MARION

+**Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

**IN LOVING MEMORY** 

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The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Cantey Brown upon the death of her mother, Jane Branson.

**ABOUT THIS SERVICE** 

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The third graders receiving Bibles in worship today are: Elizabeth Chantry, Margaret Dickson, William Gustafson, Jack Horne, Isla Mckee, and Clara Ann Wozniak.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Louise Canyon Ridenhour, daughter of Michael and Caroline Ridenhour.

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in loving memory of FPC women who died between May 5, 2023 and May 6, 2024: Jan Ahern, Barbara Crisp, Betty Griffin, Sissie Kelly, Shirley Ledford, Gloria McClintock and Jo Ramsey.

*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 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*