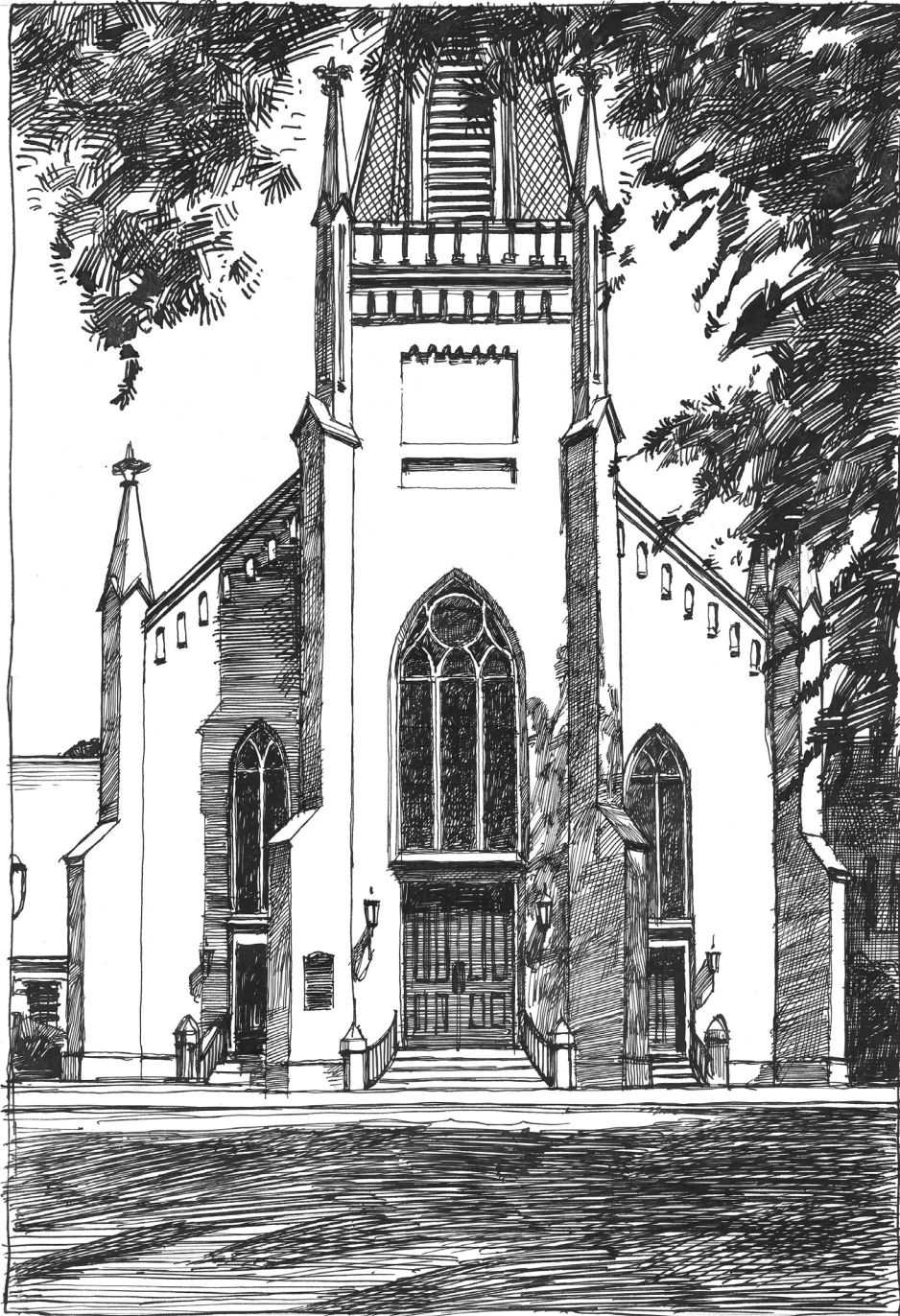


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | MAY 5, 2024 | SIXTH 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** 

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**Prelude** | Voluntary on *Union Seminary* | Charles Callahan**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION** 

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**Choral Call to Worship** | Eric Thiman*O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power!*+**Hymn No. 610** | “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” | AZMON**CONFESSION** 

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**Call to Confession** | Delton Farmer**Prayer of Confession**

When we say that we trust in your provision, but our lives reveal our belief that we have to secure the future on our own – Lord, forgive us.

When we say that we love our neighbor as ourselves, but then decide who gets to qualify as our neighbors – Lord, forgive us.

When we commit to worship only you, but then give our hearts away to other interests – Lord, forgive us.

In your mercy, lead us back to your table of abundant grace so that we can remember that your promises are true and worthy of our best selves.

**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 age 3 through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the second hymn so that they may participate in communion with their families. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.*

**PROCLAMATION** 

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Numbers 11:12-15 | pew Bible p. 129

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** | “A Message for the Disappointed” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 504** | “We Come as Guests Invited” | WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

+ Please stand if you are able

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**RESPONSE** 

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**+Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles' Creed | Lucy Crain

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** | "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" | Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we would true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** 

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**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.**

**Words of Institution****The Bread and the Cup****Hymns During Communion** (sung by the choir)

Hymn 515 | "I Come with Joy" | DOVE OF PEACE

Hymn 507 | "Come to the Table of Grace" | TABLE OF GRACE

**Prayer After Communion 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.**

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**SENDING FORTH** 

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+**Hymn No. 716** | “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” | BEACH SPRING

+**Benediction**

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

**Postlude** | Finale on *Beach Spring* | Alfred Fedak

**IN LOVING MEMORY** 

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The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Len Cummings upon the death of his brother, Robert (Bob) Cummings; and to John Lomax upon the death of his sister, Fran Russ.

**ABOUT THIS SERVICE** 

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the May 4, 2024 marriage of Jillian Michelle Barry and Sean Timothy Gartley and in memory of Ernest Harvey Barry, Sr.

*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 Delton Farmer**, *Senior Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church*

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