

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 16, 2024 | FOURTH 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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Church of Charlotte

VIRTUAL
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CARD

Are you interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, jives@firstpres-charlotte.org.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Missy Logan.

PREPARATION

Prelude | Introduction and Toccata on *Weisse Flaggen* | Alfred Fedak

Words of Welcome | Lucy Crain

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | From Psalm 24 | Will Young

The earth is the Lord's and all that dwell therein. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of Glory shall come in. Amen.

+**Hymn No. 689** | "When the Morning Stars Together" | WEISSE FLAGGEN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. You call us to strive for a world where all are fed, housed, and treated with dignity, but we are distracted by our own desires. You call us to love others and to seek justice but we love those who are familiar and we are silent in the face of injustice. By the power of your Spirit, purge us from selfishness and fear and call us into faithful discipleship so that all may know your love and justice through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Jordan Davis Wesley (Davis)

+**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.

There is no First Church today. Children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

PROCLAMATION

Anthem | “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” | arr. Gordon Young

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise. Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Leviticus 25: 8 - 23 | pew Bible p. 112

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Things the Bible Doesn't Talk About: Affordable Housing” | Lucy Crain+**Hymn No. 715** | “The Earth Belongs to God Alone” | SIMMONS**RESPONSE**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer | Robert Galloway

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 | Bell Xcel Field Trip Chaperones | Darien Pisacano**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “Look at the World” | John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us joyful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Ev'ry good gift, all we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

+**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**PRAYER
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+**Hymn No. 694** | “Great God of Every Blessing” | AURELIA

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude | Variations on AURELIA | Denis BEDARD

I. Theme

IV. Introduction, Toccata & Grand Chorus

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donna Ethel Welch by her family.

Davis is the son of Kathryn and Jordan Wesley.

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 Lucy M. Crain, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

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