

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 23, 2024 | FIFTH 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 | “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” | Johann Walther

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | H. Hamilton Smith

He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!

+**Hymn No. 35** | “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” | LOBE DEN HERREN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Lucy Crain

Prayer of Confession

Neighboring God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

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 Mary Robert Richter (Robbie)

+**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.

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+ Please stand if you are able

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Anthem** | “Immortal, Invisible” | arr. Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor waiting, Thou rulest in might: Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. Amen.

Scripture | Acts 4:32-37 | pew Bible p. 122

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Things the Bible Doesn’t Talk About: Capitalism” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 39** | “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | FAITHFULNESS**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 Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “Fairest Lord Jesus” | arr. Hakes, ed. Courtney

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the son. Thee will I cherish; thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter. Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Song of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, no and forever more be thine! Amen.

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

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. 36** | “For the Fruit of All Creation” | ARHYDYNOS+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Rutter**Postlude** | VI. Fanfare (from Partita on Lobe den Herren) | Charles CallahanPRAYER
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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Alexander and Dr. Alex Alexander by Jean Gilcrest.

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program, a hunger relief and at-risk youth ministry of the Presbytery of Charlotte.

Robbie Richter is the daughter of Julia and Ben Richter.

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 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*