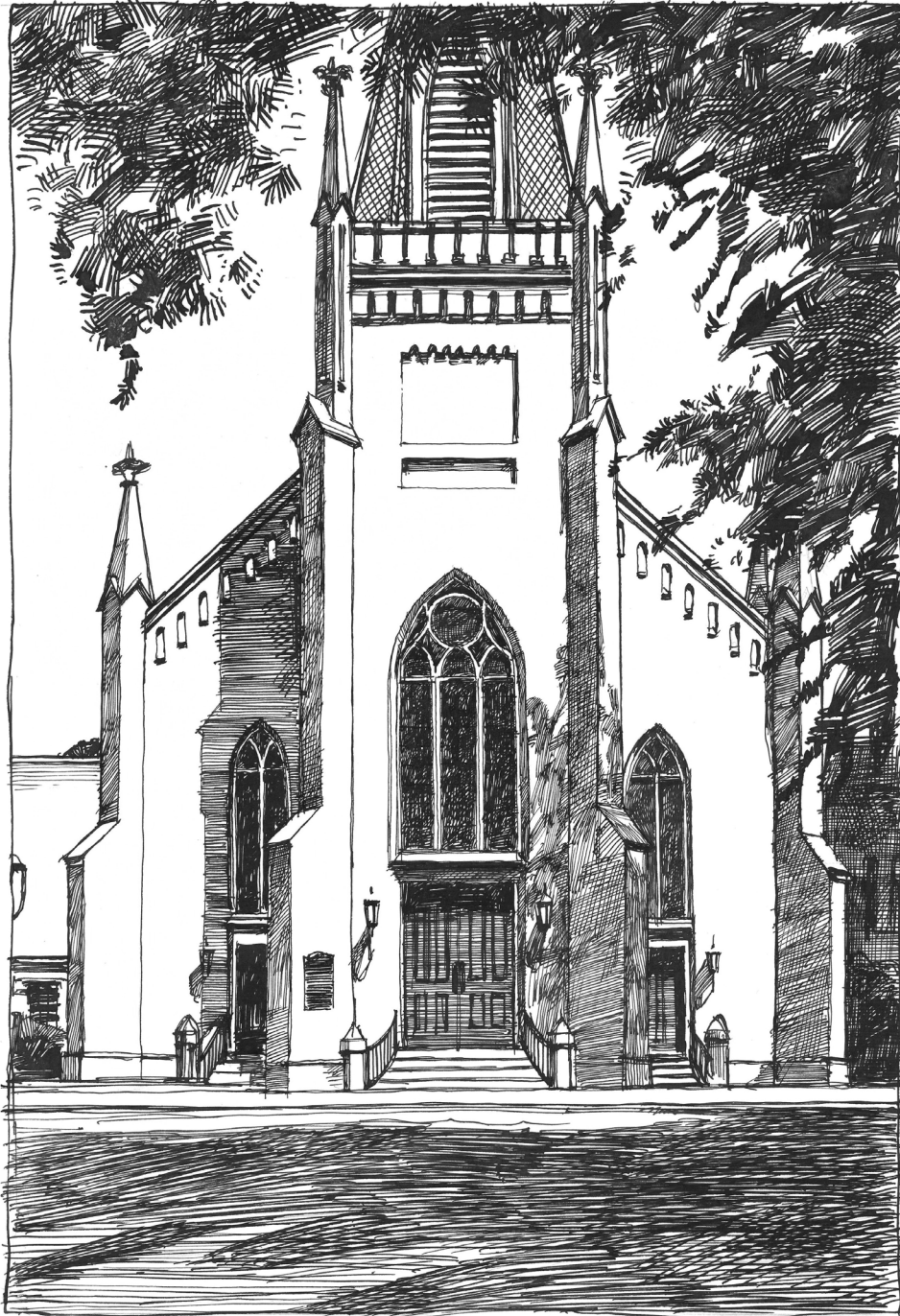


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 30, 2024 | SIXTH 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 | Voluntary on *Materna* | arr. Calvin Hampton

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Williams, ed. Young

This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

+**Hymn No. 331** | “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” | NATIONAL HYMN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

Life-giving God, we say that “your word is a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path.” However, we confess that, many times, we walk a path illuminated by sources that are not your light. We are often guided by

fear
ambition
competition
insecurity, and
the need to be right.

Forgive us for following the wrong things. Steer us back into your path. We ask it through Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world.

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 Elsie Claire Harris

+**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.

Elsie is the daughter of Hope and Tucker Harris.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Carson Peacock.

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+ Please stand if you are able

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Anthem** | “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” | Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great redeemer's praise, that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise him forever. Sing Jehovah's mighty power; praise him forever. Sing of his righteousness; praise him forever. So let us all praise God and sing our great redeemer's praise, that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

Scripture | Psalm 119, selected verses | pew Bible p. 566

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “The Authority of Scripture” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 459** | “O Word of God Incarnate” | MUNICH**RESPONSE**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer | Lucy Crain

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** | “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” | arr. Peter Wilhousky

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on! I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps; they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps. I can read his righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps; his truth is marching on! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on! In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigured you and me. As he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free while God is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on! Amen!

+**Doxology** | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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****SENDING FORTH**

+**Hymn No. 338** | “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” | MATERNA+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response****Postlude**PRAYER
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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Eloise Wyatt Abelson, daughter of Caroline and Daniel Abelson.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Elsie Claire Harris by her family.

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 Robert L. Galloway, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

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

Dr. Catherine Hicks, *Guest Organist*