

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 9, 2024 | THIRD 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.

FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Fantasy on *Old Hundredth* | Healey Willan**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION**

Choral Call to Worship | Eric Thiman*O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.*+**Hymn No. 393** | “O Day of Rest and Gladness” | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession | Lucy Crain**Prayer of Confession**

Creator God, you made us to live together with you. We confess that we are sorely tempted by the opportunity to be our own gods. We admit to you that we have tried shortcuts to wisdom—we think we know what is best, when really we know just enough to do harm to your creation and your beloved people. Forgive us for acting so arrogantly out of our limited human perspective. Forgive our disobedience, and give us ears to hear your word, and hearts ready to obey your will.

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 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.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Anthem** | “This Is the Day” | John Rutter

This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. O praise the Lord of heaven. Praise him in the height. Praise him, all ye angels of his. Praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon. Praise him, all ye stars and light. Let them praise the name of the Lord. For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. The Lord himself is thy keeper. The Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand so that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth. He shall defend thee under his wings. Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart. And put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Scripture | Genesis 1, various | pew Bible p. 1

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Things the Bible Doesn’t Talk About: Evolution” | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 612** | “We Praise You, O God” | KREMSER

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | from *A Declaration of Faith* | Chuck Williamson

From ancient scripture and faithful generations, we have received the story of God’s word and action in history, and the response of God’s people in faith. It is the story of how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the just and loving reign of God. It is the story of one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whom alone we worship, serve, and love.

This story is still unfolding, and by faith, we make it our own. It declares what we believe. It forms our memory and hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. Glory be to the Triune God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People 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.

Stewardship of Life | Commissioning of Summer Trips**Presentation of Tithes and Offering**

Offertory Anthem | Adagio from Cello Concerto in B-Flat | Luigi Boccherini
John Mooney, cellist

+**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**SENDING FORTH**

+**Hymn No. 32** | “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” | ELLACOMBE

+Benediction

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

Postlude | Postlude on ELLACOMBE | Albert L. Travis

PRAYER
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Donna Ethel Welch, January 5, 1949 — June 5, 2024

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Please join us in praying for the participants of the summer trips that were commissioned in worship today: Worship & Music Conference, Ivey Handbell Tour, Middle School CROSS, Camp Grier Camp Connectors, High School Mission Trip (Mexico), Middle School Massanetta, and Montreat Youth Conference.

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 Dr. Charles Williamson, *Parish Associate*

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

Dr. Catherine Hicks, *Guest Organist*