

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JULY 14, 2024 | EIGHTH 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.

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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude**Words of Welcome** | Anna Dickson**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION**

Choral Call to Worship | Hal Hopson*O be ye joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with a song.*+**Hymn No. 611** | “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” | HYMN TO JOY**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession | Pen Peery**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us, 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.

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**Scripture** | Psalm 51, selected verses | pew Bible p. 520

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

Anthem | “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” | arr. Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts today; with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always. Laud and honor to the father; laud and honor to the son. Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one. One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

+ Please stand if you are able

Sermon | “Reconsidered: Confessing Our Sin” | Anna Dickson

+**Hymn No. 317** | “In Christ There Is No East or West” | MC KEE

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | from *A Brief Statement of Faith* | Robert Galloway

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “Who at My Door Is Standing?” | K. Lee Scott

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near? Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.” Within, the rooms are darken’d, all filled with dust and sin; how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in. Yet, the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.” Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide. Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!” Lord God, I hear thee calling. Come now, abide with me. Dear Lord, abide with me.

+**Doxology** | 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. 733** | “We All Are One in Mission” | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude

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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebuds in the Sanctuary celebrate the births of Barnes Anderson Locke, son of Brittan and Thomas Locke; and Louis Hux French, son of Starr and Louis French.

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 Anna R. Dickson, *Executive Pastor and Associate for Congregational Care*

The Reverend Robert L. Galloway, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

Dr. Catherine Hicks, *Guest Organist*

Dr. Lillian Quackenbush, *Guest Conductor*