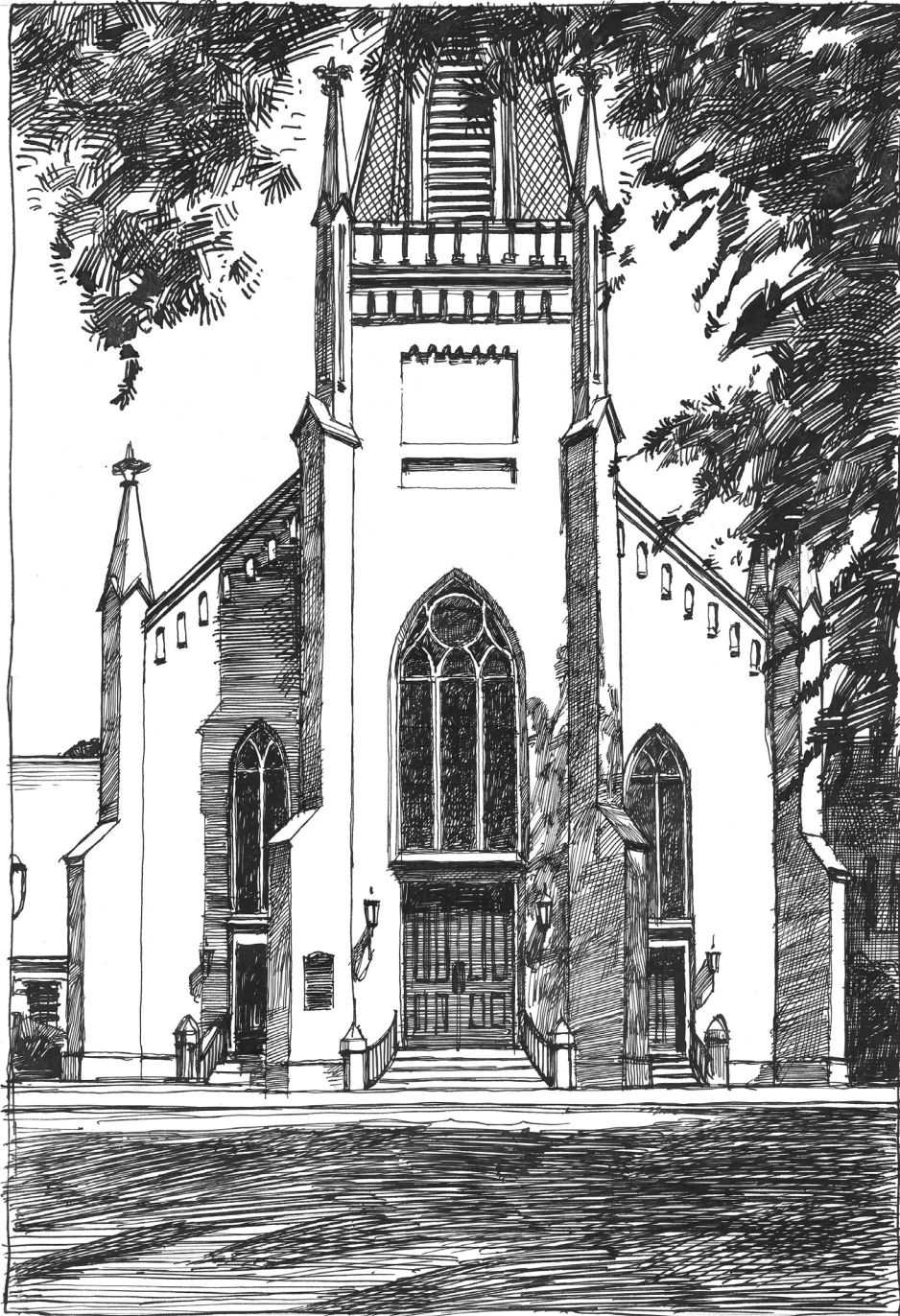


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JULY 21, 2024 | NINTH 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](mailto:jives@firstpres-charlotte.org).

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Carson Peacock.

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CHECK IN**PREPARATION** 

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**Prelude** | Sing Praise to God | Paul Laubengayer**Words of Welcome** | Anna Dickson**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION** 

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**Choral Call to Worship** | Williams, ed. Young*This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice in it. Amen.*+**Hymn No. 645** | “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” | MIT FREUDEN ZART**CONFESSION** 

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**Call to Confession** | Robert Galloway**Prayer of Confession** | adapted from a prayer by Rev. Beth Merrill Neal

**Merciful God, we offer to you our lives, full as they are of faith and doubt, of love and apathy, of hope and despair. Look upon us with compassion, O God. Take what is broken and mend it. Take what is wrong and right it. Take what is sinful and redeem it. Take what arrogance, cynicism, and resignation we carry and fill us instead with the gifts that abide: with faith, with hope, and with love.**

**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** 

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Baptism of Grayson Fritz Pernel

+**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.*

**PROCLAMATION** 

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**Prayer for Illumination****Music** | “What Shall I Render to the Lord?” | Craig Courtney | Kelly Harder, solo

*What shall I render to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Be at rest, once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from falling. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. What shall I render to the Lord for all his goodness to me?*

**Scripture** | Jeremiah 29:1,4-14 | pew Bible p. 731

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon** | “Reconsidered: Hope” | Anna Dickson+**Hymn No. 395** | “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” | LIEBSTER JESU**RESPONSE** 

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**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** | “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” | Johann Sebastian Bach

*Jesu, joy of man’s desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright. Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.*

+**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** 

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+**Hymn No. 761** | “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” | BEECHER+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH**Postlude** | Tuba Tune in D Major | C. S. LangPRAYER  
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## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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Grayson is the son of Walker and Alan Pernel.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Gray Caldwell by his 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 Anna R. Dickson**, *Executive Pastor and Associate for Congregational Care*

**The Reverend Lucy M. Crain**, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*

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

**Dr. David Dennis**, *Guest Conductor*

**Dr. Catherine Hicks**, *Guest Organist*