

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JULY 7, 2024 | SEVENTH 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 | “Blessed Jesus, We Are Here” | Johann Sebastian Bach

Words of Welcome | Robert Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name; from early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known. Ye people, come, and bow before his throne.

+**Hymn No. 307** | “God of Grace and God of Glory” | CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Lucy Crain

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we often fail to live in a way that pleases you. We ignore your guidance on how we should act, think, and speak. We are slow to listen, quick to speak, and hasty to anger. We hesitate when you expect us to take action. We judge others without mercy, even though you have treated us with grace and mercy. Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to follow your word and your way as you intend. Guide us to live in ways that are righteous and honor you. Renew our spirits so that we may work for your kingdom here on earth and be witnesses to your abounding mercy. We pray these things in your son’s 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 Charlotte Read Lloyd-Smith

+**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.

There is no First Church today. Children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Rod Hoover. The Guest Elder is Lyn Lloyd-Smith.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Genesis 22:9-19 | pew Bible p. 18**Anthem** | “With What Shall I Come Before the Lord?” | John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man. He has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Scripture | James 2:14-26 | pew Bible p. 230

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Reconsidered: Works Righteousness” | Robert Galloway**+Hymn No. 686** | “God of Our Life” | SANDON**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** | “With a Voice of Singing” | Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

+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. 310 | “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” | ST. THOMAS**+Benediction****+Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Rutter**Postlude** | “God of Grace” | arr. Paul Manz**PRAYER
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Bradford Barry, May 5, 1933 - June 28, 2024.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Scott Padgett upon the death of his mother, Joy Padgett; to Jodi Zbinden upon the death of her mother, Judy Pearson; to John Tate upon the death of his sister, Caroline Wilson Tate Noojin; to Kim Booher upon the death of her mother, Carol Lone Christensen Going; and to Martin Hull and Alice Torstrick upon the death of their mother, Anna Hull.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Charlotte is the daughter of Alex and Gregor Lloyd-Smith.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Webster Alan Haynes (Webb), son of Rebecca and Will Haynes.

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*

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