

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 | EIGHTEENTH 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****Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**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. 393** | “O Day of Rest and Gladness” | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Anna Dickson**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness,
for the way we measure our lives by the yardstick of dollars and cents;
for our thirst after money, success, and possessions,
for the ways we dilute our allegiance to you by our commitment to our personal gain.
You alone are Lord – yet our focus is divided.
Put us back together.
Reconcile us.
Turn us around - that we might serve you and you alone.
We ask it in faith and with a strong desire to be made whole.**

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 | Heidi Squires

Children ages three through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination****Anthem** | “Hear My Prayer” | Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer in the mornin' when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done and you come to take me home, just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

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Scripture | Deuteronomy 5:1-21 | pew Bible p. 162

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Taking Back Our Story: A People of Shared History” | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 53** | “O God, Who Gives Us Life” | NOEL

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | from Colossians 1:15-20 | Lucy Crain

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 | Children’s Ministry | Kathryn Wesley

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “Write Your Blessed Name” | K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, deliverer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only savior! Amen.

+**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. 463** | “How Firm a Foundation” | FOUNDATION

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen (4-fold)” | John Stainer

Postlude

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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program, a hunger relief ministry of FPC.

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

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

Dr. Catherine Hicks, *Guest Organist*