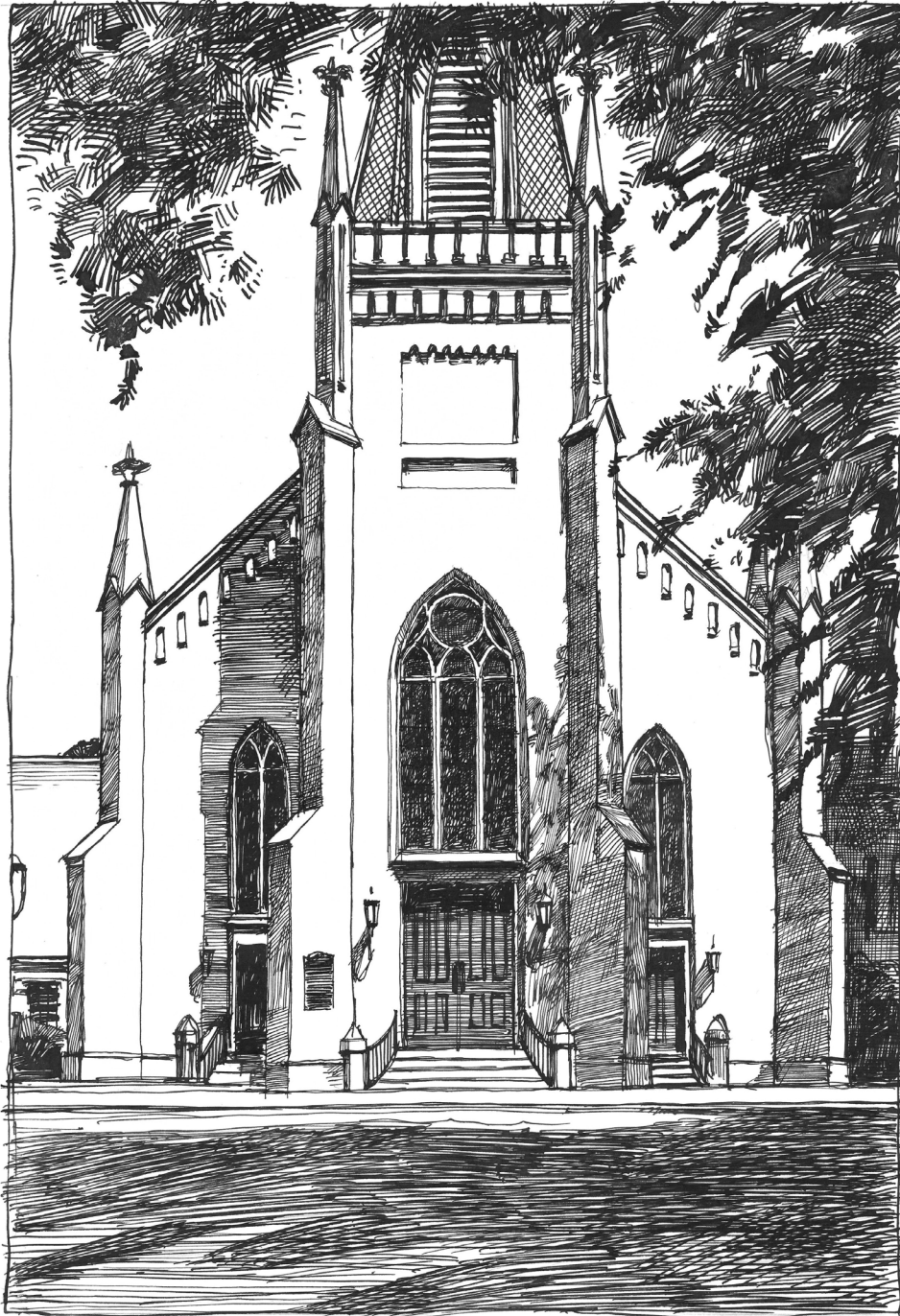


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 | NINETEENTH 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 | Aria Cantabile | Howard Helvey | Catherine Hicks and David Dennis

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | UYAI MOSE | Carol Choir

Come all you people, come and praise your maker; come now and worship the Lord.

+**Hymn No. 65** | "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" | CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

**Righteous and everlasting God,
we come before you on our own behalf, pleading your mercy.
Even though Jesus is our Lord, we are slow to acknowledge his rule,
and too easily pledge our allegiance to the powers of this world.
Forgive us.**

**God of the nations, we come before you on behalf of all people,
pleading your mercy. This world fails to be governed
by your justice and love, instead pursuing
those things which lead to scarcity.
Forgive us.**

**Have mercy upon us, and upon every nation,
until that day dawns when love and justice shall embrace,
and heaven and nature sing of your glory, honor, dominion, and power.**

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

The Elder assisting with the baptisms today is Lindsay Schall.

Baptisms of

Lucille Marie (Lucy) Mohr
Howard Alan (Howie) Mohr
Nathaniel Baxter (Nate) Mohr
Grant Alexander (Grant) Mohr

+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.

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**PROCLAMATION**

Anthem | “Ain’-a-that Good News” | arr. Mark Patterson | Kirk Choir

I’ve got good news, my Lord! I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain’-a that good news? I’m-a gonna lay down this world; gonna shoulder up my cross. Gonna take it home to my Jesus. Ain’a that good news? I got a robe up in that kingdom; ain’-a that good news? I got a Savior in that kingdom; ain’-a that good news?

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | 1 Samuel 12: 6-17 | pew Bible p. 254

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

+Hymn No. 682 | “It Is Good to Sing Your Praises” | ELLESDIE

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer | Robert Galloway

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.

PRAYER
REQUESTS



Stewardship of Life | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “Amazing Grace” | arr. John Bertalot

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; ‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun. Praise God; amazing grace!

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+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** | “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” | REGENT SQUARE

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way; let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever, reign with you in endless day.

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | Richard Peek

Postlude | Variations on *Regent Square* | John Bertalot

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Lucy, Howie, Nate, and Grant Mohr are the children of Gretchen and Mark Mohr.

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*

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

Dr. Catherine Hicks, *Guest Organist*