

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 20, 2024 | TWENTY-SECOND 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.



First Presbyterian
Church of Charlotte

VIRTUAL
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Are you interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, jives@firstpres-charlotte.org.

The Elders assisting with the baptisms today are Margaret Rainey and Bill Stevenson.

FIRST
CHURCH
MOBILE
CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Two Movements from *Sonata No. 5* | Giuseppe Torelli, arr. Nagel

Words of Welcome | Anna Dickson

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Williams | ed. Young

This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us rejoice. Amen!

+**Hymn No. 331** | “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” | NATIONAL HYMN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Pen Peery

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you give us our very lives as a gift, and call us to use our time to love and serve others. We confess that we do not always spend our time according to your purposes. We dwell too much on the errors of others. We delay asking for forgiveness. We take our days for granted, and use our gifts for our own gain. Forgive us, O God, and give us wise hearts. Renew our perspective, so that we might recognize the miracle it is to be alive in this world and live in gratitude.

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 Webster Alan Haynes (Webb) | Baptism of James Booker Townshend

+**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 last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

PROCLAMATION**Anthem** | “Thou Art God” | John Ness Beck

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hadst formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God! So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto thy children.

CONGREGATION JOINS THE CHOIR IN SINGING:

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture** | Psalm 90 | pew Bible p. 547

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Ownership: Our Lives” | Anna Dickson**+Hymn No. 450** | “Be Thou My Vision” | SLANE**RESPONSE****Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** | Chuck Williamson

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 | Stewardship | Jordan Wesley**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “Lord, Now Let Thy Servant Depart in Peace” | Charles V. Stanford

Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be; world without end. 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

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**



**GIVE
ONLINE**



**TEXT
TO GIVE**



SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 686** | “God of Our Life” | SANDON

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude | Festive Trumpet Tune | David German, arr. Schmidt

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roy H. Michaux, Jr., July 27, 1940 - October 11, 2024

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Webb is the son of Rebecca and Will Haynes.

James is the son of Annie and Charlie Townshend.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptisms of Webster Alan Haynes and James Booker Townshend by the Haynes and Stevenson families.

If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at dianenmayer@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 Dr. Charles Williamson, *Parish Associate*

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

Kaitlyn Davros, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*

Trevor Cook, *Timpani*

Eric Millard and Jacob Sims, *Trumpets*