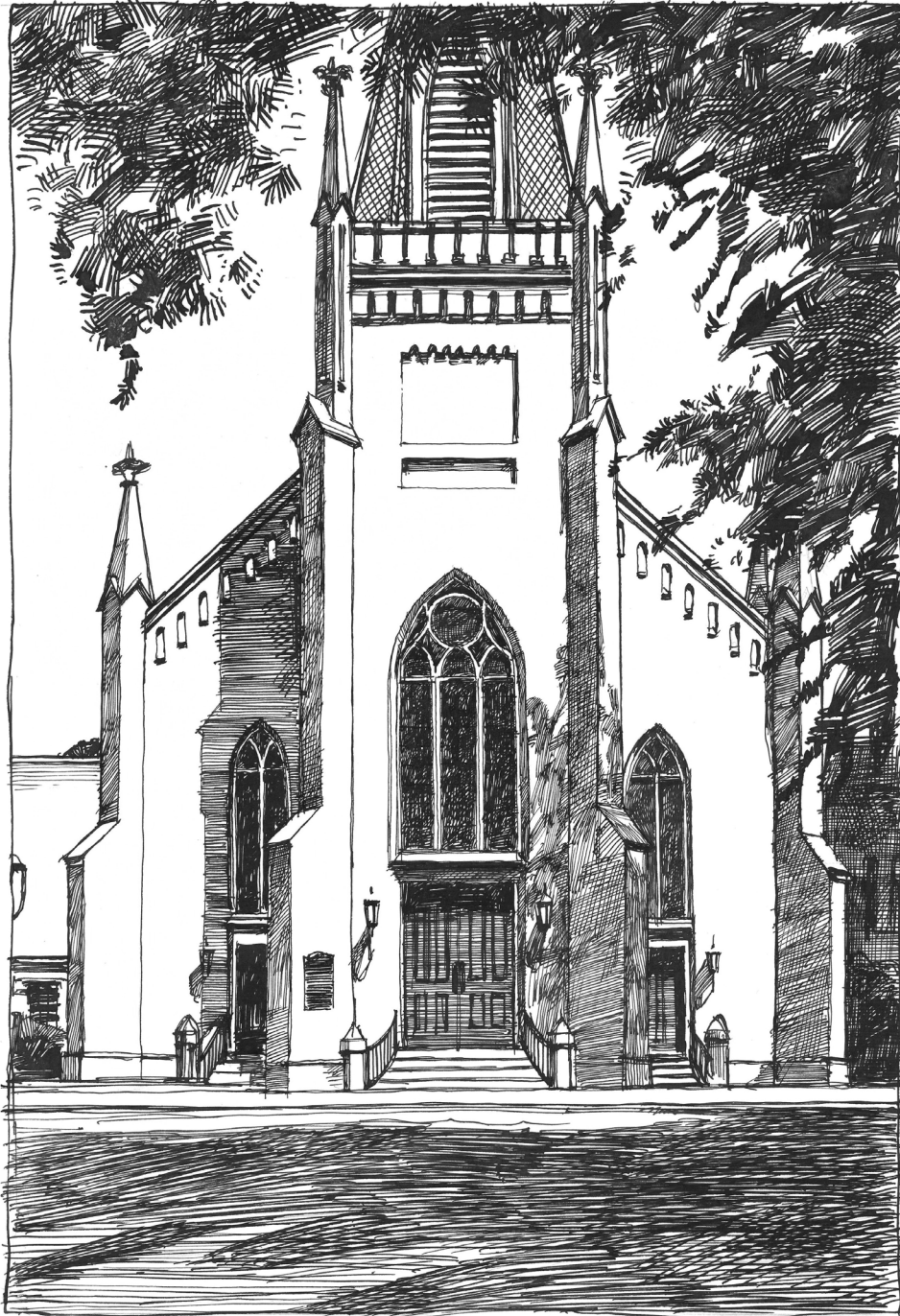


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 27, 2024 | TWENTY-THIRD 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).

**PREPARATION**

**Prelude** | Song Without Words, Op. 109 | Felix Mendelssohn

**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**ADORATION**

**Choral Call to Worship** | “God Is Here with Me” | Christopher D. Hogan | Carol Choir

*God is in my voice when I am singing. God is in my voice, right here in my song. God is here with me, Alleluia!  
God is in my mind when I am praying. God is in my mind, right here in my prayer. God is here with me!  
Alleluia! God is in my heart when I am sleeping. God is in my heart, right here in my sleep. God is here with me, Alleluia!*

+**Hymn No. 612** | “We Praise You, O God” | KREMSER

**CONFESSION**

**Call to Confession** | Robert Galloway

**Prayer of Confession**

The earth is yours, O Lord, and everything in it belongs to you.

We confess that, too often, we have treated “our stuff” as exclusive property and cut off those in need from the gift of your abundance.

We have ignored orphans, widows, and foreigners as if there were someone else to care for them.

We confess that we have not looked closely enough at others, and we have failed to see in our own lives the abundant gift of your love.

Forgive us, restore us to wholeness, and call us back to your way through the grace of Jesus Christ.

**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**

*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.*

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CHECK IN

**PROCLAMATION****Anthem** | “Seeds” | Mark Burrows | Kirk Choir | John Mooney, cello

*If you want a world of hope, plant hope. If you want a world of hope, grow hope. In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs. If you want a world of hope, be hope. If you want a world of peace, plant peace. If you want a world of peace, grow peace. In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs. If you want a world of peace, be peace. If we water, then everyone will see the world of love God knows it can be. If you want a world of joy, plant joy. If you want a world of joy, grow joy. In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs. If you want a world of joy, be joy. If you want a world of love, plant hope, peace, and joy. If you want a world of love, be love.*

**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Matthew 5:14-16 | pew Bible p. 4**Scripture** | Psalm 112 | pew Bible p. 563

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon** | “Ownership: Our Things” | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 36** | “For the Fruit of All Creation” | AR HYD Y NOS**RESPONSE****+Affirmation of Faith** | from *A Brief Statement of Faith* | Lucy Crain**In life and death we belong to God.****Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel.****In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage****to pray without ceasing,****to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,****to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,****to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,****and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.****With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.****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** | Presentation of Tithes and OfferingPRAYER  
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**Offertory Anthem** | “Come, Labor On” | arr. Ryan Murphy

*Come, labor on! Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves the golden strain? And to each servant does the master say “Go work today.” Come, labor on! Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here. By feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will. Come, labor on! No time for rest, till glows the western sky; till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, “Servants, well done!” Come, labor on! The toil is pleasant, the reward is sure; blessed are those who to the end endure. How full their joy. How deep their rest shall be, O Lord, with Thee! Come, labor on!*

**+Doxology** | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**+Prayer of Dedication****SENDING FORTH****+Hymn No. 694** | “Great God of Every Blessing” | AURELIA**+Benediction****+Benediction Response** | GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

**Postlude** | Tuba Tune | C. S. Lang**IN LOVING MEMORY**

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Kory Eubank upon the death of her father, Karl Deblitz; and to Anne Egger upon the death of her mother, Mary Norwood Land.

**ABOUT THIS SERVICE**

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

The rosebuds in the Sanctuary celebrate the births of Elizabeth (Libby) Poston Durham, daughter of Mamie and Porter Durham, on Friday, October 18; and Nell (Nellie) Frances Strubinger, daughter of Cameron and Curtis Strubinger on October 23.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roy H. Michaux, Jr. 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 Pendleton B. Peery**, Senior Pastor

**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

**Kaitlyn Davros**, Assistant Director of Music Ministries

**John Mooney**, Cellist

**Matthew Carpenter**, Carol Choir accompanist

**Melanie Twyne**, Kirk Choir accompanist