

# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 6, 2024 | TWENTIETH 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** 

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**Prelude** | Voluntary on *Darwall's 148th* | arr. Brenda Portman**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION** 

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**Choral Call to Worship** | G. Hamilton Smith*He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the end of the earth. Alleluia!*+**Hymn No. 305** | "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" | DARWALL'S 148TH**CONFESSION** 

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**Call to Confession** | Pen Peery**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, you are merciful, yet we are quick to judge others. You are all-loving, yet we struggle to love our neighbors. You are always faithful to us, yet we give our loyalty to whatever feeds our egos. You call us into community to build bridges between one another, yet we fail to work toward inclusion and reconciliation. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore us in your mercy that we would see your image in one another and build communities that reflect your grace.**

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

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Psalm 146 | pew Bible p. 581**Scripture** | Acts 11: 1-18 | pew Bible p. 130

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** | "Crossing Boundaries" | Dr. Adrian Bird+**Hymn No. 733** | "We All Are One in Mission" | ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

**RESPONSE****+Affirmation of Faith** | Anna Dickson

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.

**Stewardship of Life** | Food for Bayonnais, Haiti | Michael Leonard**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” | arr. Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER****Invitation to the Table****The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Sanctus No. 552** | LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution****The Bread and the Cup****Music During Communion** (sung by the choir)

Hymn 515 | “I Come with Joy” | DOVE OF PEACE

Hymn 507 | “Come to the Table of Grace” | TABLE OF GRACE

**PRAYER REQUESTS****GIVE ONLINE****TEXT TO GIVE**

Today we will take communion by intinction. All are invited to come down the center aisle to one of four communion stations. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of communion. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served communion at their seats.

## Prayer After Communion 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.**

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## SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 295** | "Go to the World" | SINE NOMINE

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | "Amen" | John Stainer

**Postlude** | Fugato on *Sine Nomine* | Richard Proulx

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Bart Landess upon the death of his father, Fred Landess; and to Ruth Shaw upon the death of her son, Henry Clifton Fleming.

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## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Dr. Adrian Bird currently serves as University Chaplain and professor of Religion at Queens University, bringing a breadth and wealth of international work experience. With his wife, Rev. Julie Bird, Adrian served as Mission Partner in Residence in Kerala, India, and also with Voluntary Service Overseas to work with the Ministry of Education, in Zimbabwe, Africa. Welcome, Dr. Bird!

The offering today will go to support the school lunch food program in Haiti, which often constitutes the only meal students receive during the day. Any and all gifts will have a significant impact on the daily lives of the children in the school. You may give in the offering plate today or through the church website.

*If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at [dianenmayer@hotmail.com](mailto: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*

**Dr. Adrian Bird**, *Guest Preacher*

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

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