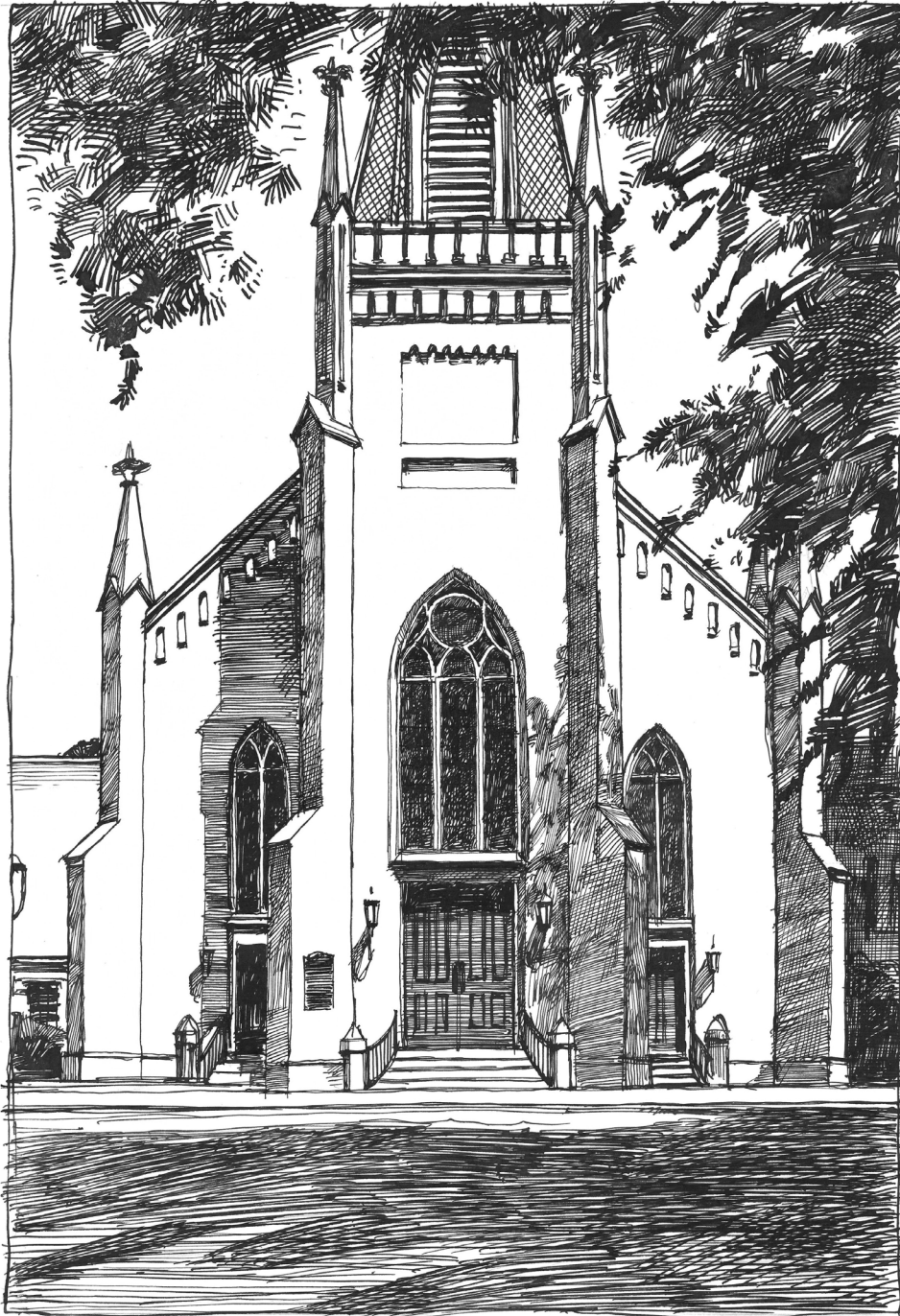


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 17, 2024 | TWENTY-SIXTH 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 | Two Settings of Old Hundredth | Johann Pachelbel, Johann Walter**Words of Welcome** | Robert Galloway**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. 307** | “God of Grace and God of Glory” | CWM RHONDDA**CONFESSION**

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

Merciful God, we confess we stray from your commandments and ignore your word. We follow our own desires rather than seek your will. You show us love and grace, but we refuse to offer kindness and mercy to our neighbors and ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, for all the ways we fall short of who you created us to be. Renew us by your Spirit, that we might live as faithful witnesses to your boundless grace and share it freely with all.

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 | Delilah Jane Phillips

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**Scripture** | Genesis 1: 26-31 | pew Bible p. 1**Anthem** | “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” | Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man, that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia.

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Scripture | Ephesians 1: 15-23 | pew Bible p. 192

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Very Good Knowledge” | Robert Galloway

+**Hymn No. 25** | “O Lord, Our God, How Excellent” | WINCHESTER OLD

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles’ Creed | 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.

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 New Members

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “O God Beyond All Praising” | arr. Mack Wilberg

This arrangement was commissioned by FPC in celebration of the renovated sanctuary and new organ in 2022.

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word; we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die; its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature, the eternal seed is sown, though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown. For Christ, your gift from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory! Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

+**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**

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+**Hymn No. 546** | “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” | SICILIAN MARINERS

+ **Recognition of Rev. Robert Galloway**

+**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 | The Emperor's Fanfare | arr. E. Power Biggs

IN LOVING MEMORY

William Evans Keenan, September 1, 1926 - November 10, 2024

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Pender McElroy upon the death of his sister, Diana Crossland.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

We welcome Liz and Jimmy Austin, Ralph Greene, Tucker Harris, Jessica James Hill and Mike Hill, Pat Melton, Tom Milligan, Sara and Patrick Mooney, Blair Shiff, Hart and Heidi Squires into the full life of First Presbyterian Church.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Davis Christian Flohr 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 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

Kaitlyn Davros, Assistant Director of Music Ministries

David Dennis, Guest Conductor