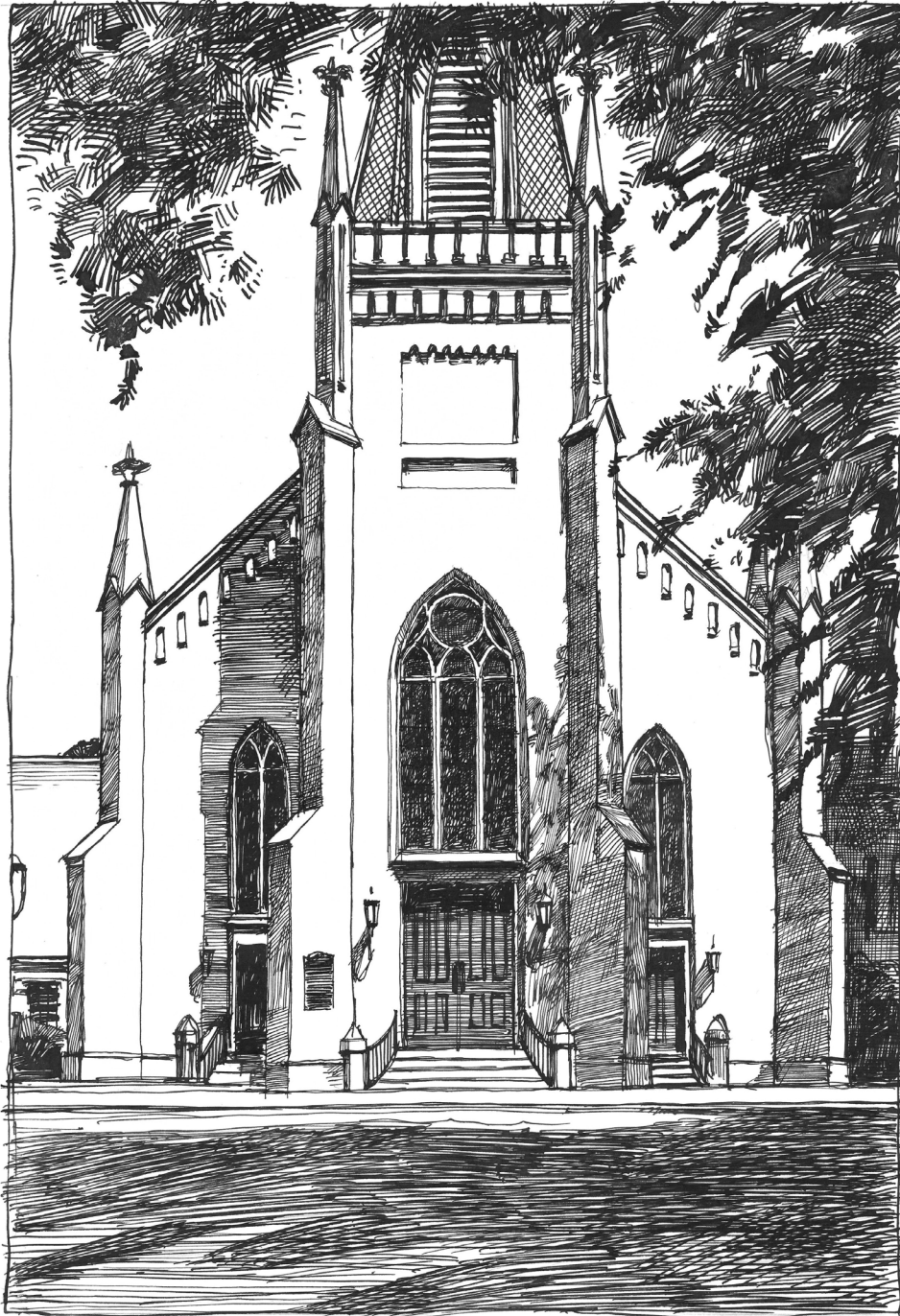


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 24, 2024



*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** | “Now Thank We All Our God” | J. S. Bach ed. C. H. Trevor  
“For the Beauty of the Earth” | arr. John Ferguson

**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**ADORATION** 

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**Choral Introit** | Paul Sjolund

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name.*

+**Hymn No. 367** | “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” | ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

**CONFESSION** 

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**Call to Confession** | Anna Dickson

**Prayer of Confession**

**God we thank you that you love, you promise, you call—in that order. We confess that we often see you in reverse, believing we must earn our way into your grace and mercy. When we see you only as a rule enforcer, forgetting that obedience to your way is true freedom, forgive us. When we see you as doling out rewards we think we have earned, forgive us. When we are so consumed with the letter of your law that we miss your Spirit, forgive us. Guide us again into your path and lead us in your truth—the truth of unending love.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

+**Response to Pardon** | ASH GROVE

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us onto the end of our days. God’s banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.**

**Anthem** | “Look at the World” | John Rutter | Combined Carol, Kirk, and Sanctuary Choirs

*Look at the world, ev’rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev’ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us joyful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev’ry blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter’s cold. Ev’rything grows, ev’rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father’s fold. Ev’ry good gift, all we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav’ns above.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptism of Andie Jane Willard

**+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.*

**PROCLAMATION****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Colossians 3:12-17 | pew Bible p. 201

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon** | "Thanksgiving" | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 308** | "O God in Whom All Life Begins" | NOEL**RESPONSE****Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** | Lucy Crain

**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 Offering**Offertory Anthem** | "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" | arr. Healey Willan

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love. God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase; he crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace. Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls he died to save. Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet ye fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.*

**+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**

Assisting with the baptism today is Elder Carla Gambrell and Libbie Willard.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**



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**SENDING FORTH**

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+**Hymn No. 643** | “Now Thank We All Our God” | NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**Congregational Meeting**

+**Benediction**

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

**Postlude** | “Now Thank We All Our God” | Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**ABOUT THIS SERVICE**

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Andie is the daughter of Katie and Austin Willard.

The children are taking an offering today for our Ten-Cents-a-Meal program which is used to purchase fresh foods for our on-site Nourish Up food pantry.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Emily Speir Barry and Mobley Theodore Estes, Jr. on November 23, 2024.

The cornucopia display is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Larry Maye and Dowd Maye.

*If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at [dianenmaye@hotmail.com](mailto: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 Lucy M. Crain**, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*

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

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

**Kelly Harder**, *Guest Conductor*