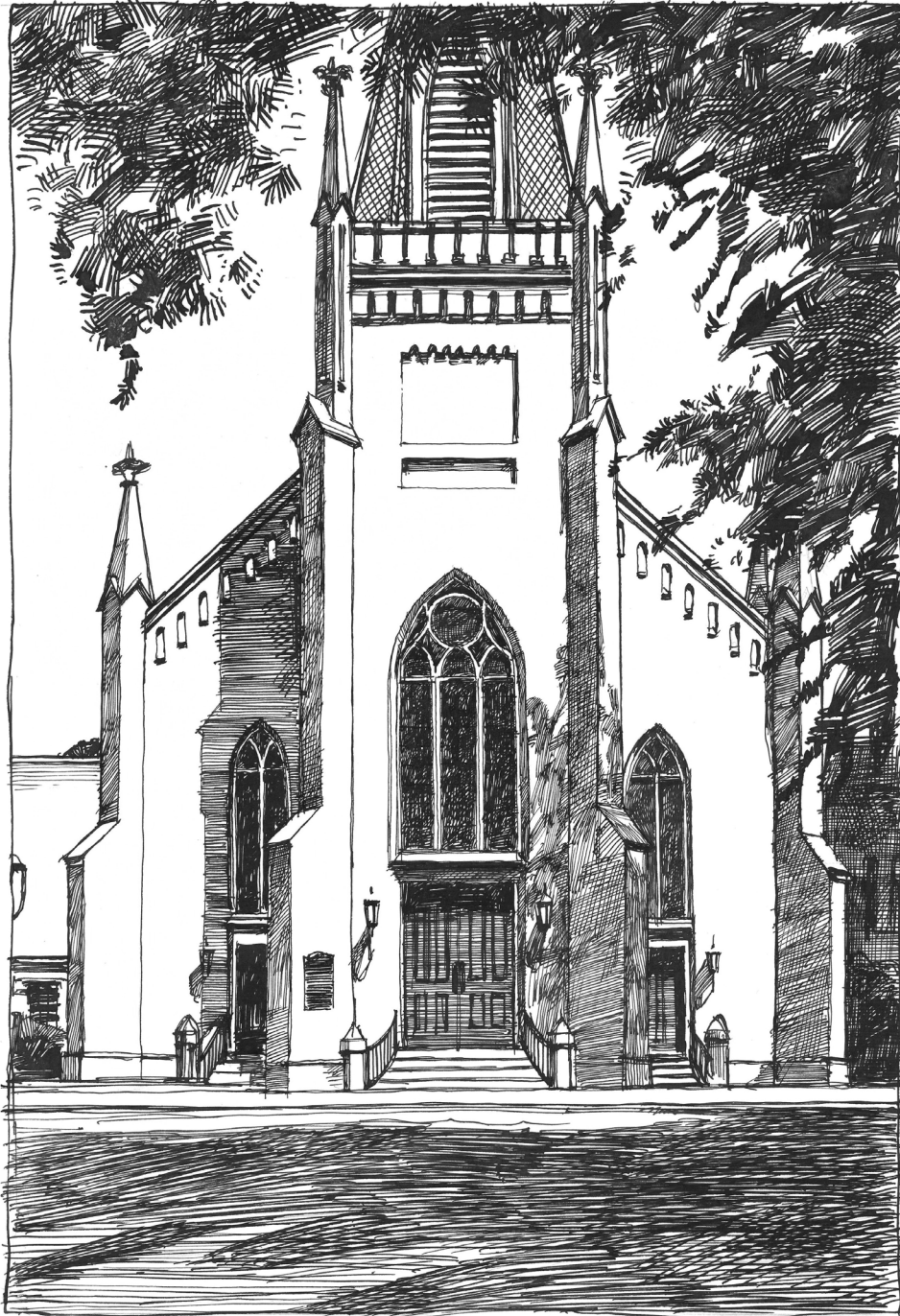


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 3, 2024 | TWENTY-FOURTH 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** | Fugue in E-flat (St. Anne) | J. S. Bach**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION****+Call to Worship**

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

One: In life and in death

All: we belong to God.

One: Baptized into Christ's death

All: We live unto him.

One: Come, let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn | "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION**Call to Confession****Prayer of Confession** | Lucy Crain

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You call us to speak, but we are silent. You require us to do what is just, but we are afraid. We pray for your mercy and forgiveness. Keep before us the witness of your disciples in every age, that we may live with courage, truth, and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

+ Please stand if you are able

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PROCLAMATION**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Matthew 5:1-12 | pew Bible p. 4

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon** | “Blessed into Being” | Pen Peery**Anthem** | “Soon-ah Will Be Done” | arr. William Dawson

Soon I will be done with the troubles of the world; goin' home to live with God. I want to meet my mother; I'm goin' to live with God. No more weepin' and a-wailin'; I'm goin' to live with God. I want to meet my Jesus in the mornin', Lord. Goin' home to live with God. I'm goin' to live with God.

RESPONSE**+Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles' Creed | Robert Galloway

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 | Presentation of Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “All Things New” | Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss; strength after weakness, crown after cross. Sweet after bitter, hope after fears; home after wandering, praise after tears. Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end. He is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new. Sight after mystery, sun after rain; Joy after sorrow, peace after pain; near after distant, gleam after gloom. Love after loneliness, life after tomb. Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.

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.

**PRAYER
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Prayers of the People and Remembrance of the Saints of the Church

Music | “Deep River” | Moses Hogan | Christina Pier, soloist

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion (sung by the choir)

Hymn 533 | “In the Singing” | BREAD OF PEACE

Hymn 501 | “Feed Us, Lord” | FEED US

Hymn 698 | “Take, O Take Me as I Am” | TAKE ME AS I AM

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.

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 326** | “For All the Saints” | SINE NOMINE

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Stainer

Postlude | Toccata | Theodore Dubois

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Mark Louis Oliva, son of Sarah and Ben Oliva.

If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at dianenmaye@hotmail.com.

IN HONOR OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

We remember the members of our churches who have joined the church triumphant in the past year.

Barbara Earl Crisp — November 26, 2023

Rev. Richard Lindsey — December 11, 2023

John Michael Reich — December 14, 2023

John Malcolm Murchison — December 18, 2023

Gloria Bennett McClintock — February 3, 2024

James J. Edwards — March 23, 2024

Julian J. Clark — March 30, 2024

Lucile H. Pfleeger — May 6, 2024

Donna Ethel Welch — June 5, 2024

Mary Bradford Barry — June 28, 2024

Mary Frances Baker — September 3, 2024

Roy H. Michaux — October 11, 2024

G. Patricia Cox — October 26, 2024