

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 2, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Jane Ives. The Guest Elder is Pam Kuyk.

FIRST
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION**

Prelude | Fugue in G (*Gigue*) | J. S. Bach**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**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. 12** | “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” | ST. DENIO**CONFESSION**

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson**Prayer of Confession**

Loving and gracious God, forgive our inclination toward comparison and perfection. Forgive our tendency to look upon our lives with critical eyes that search for flaws. Rather, help us embrace who you have shaped us to be so that we can willingly join you in the work of loving our neighbors and ourselves.

Assurance of Pardon

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

+**Response to Pardon** | 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Mary Taylor Dodd

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

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination**Anthem** | “Bless the Lord, My Soul” | Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth his wrath forever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Scripture | Exodus 4:1-15 | pew Bible p. 51

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Living Your Okayest Life: But What If I’m Not Made of the Right Stuff?” | Pen Peery**+Hymn No. 451** | “Open My Eyes, That I May See” | OPEN MY EYES**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 | Vacation Bible School | Scott, Clara, and Susannah Curry**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” | John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the lights of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

+Doxology | OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+Prayer of Dedication**SENDING FORTH**

+Hymn No. 53 | “O God, Who Gives Us Life” | NOEL**+Benediction****+Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Stainer**Postlude** | Praludium in F | Vincent Lübeck

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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Mary Taylor is the daughter of Haley Kuyk and David Dodd.

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 Lucy M. Crain, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*

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