

# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 19, 2025 | SECOND 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](mailto:jives@firstpres-charlotte.org).

**PREPARATION** 

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**Prelude** | Praeludium and Fugue in e minor | Nicolaus Bruhns**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION** 

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**Choral Call to Worship** | Williams | ed. Young*This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us rejoice. Amen!***+Hymn No. 757** | "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" | KINGSFOLD**CONFESSION** 

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**Call to Confession** | Chuck Williamson**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you offer us your whole self, and ask us to trust and obey.

**We confess that sometimes it is hard to trust and hard to walk your path. When we ignore your call and follow our own way instead, forgive us.**

Lord Jesus, you offer us not just healing, but wholeness.

**We confess that we're often not interested in that inner work, only enough to continue on our way without facing those things that keep us from you. When we allow fear to rule, rather than standing up with courage, forgive us.**

Holy Spirit, you bring new life into every place.

**We confess that sometimes we like things just the way they are, and the newness is scary. When we insist on seeing before believing, forgive us.**Holy God, fill us again with your grace, your hope, your peace,  
**and help us to be your faithful people in the world.****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.****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.***PROCLAMATION** 

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Matthew 4:18-25 | pew Bible p. 3

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**FIRST  
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**Anthem** | “Lord of the Small” | Dan Forrest

*Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord, the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid. He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise Him, O praise him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give; our fraid, lispin praise God will never despise. He sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.*

**Sermon** | “Follow Me: Impact” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 726** | “Will You Come and Follow Me” | KELVINGROVE**RESPONSE** 

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+**Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles' Creed | Mary Bowman

**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 Tithes and Offering**Offertory Anthem** | “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” | arr. Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest

*I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons**

Statement of Purpose  
Constitutional Questions  
Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

**SENDING FORTH** 

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+**Hymn No. 170** | “You Walk along Our Shoreline” | WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Stainer**Postlude** | Postlude on *Old Hundredth* | Healey WillanPRAYER  
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Today's Worship Leaders:

**The Reverend Pendleton B. Peery**, *Senior Pastor*

**The Reverend Mary Bowman**, *Parish Associate*

**The Reverend Dr. Charles Williamson**, *Parish Associate*

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

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