

# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 26, 2025 | THIRD 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.*



First Presbyterian  
Church 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).

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Jim Esposito.

FIRST  
CHURCH  
MOBILE  
CHECK IN**PREPARATION** 

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**Prelude** | Variations on *Hanover* | Michael Burkhardt**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION** 

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**Choral Call to Worship** | Eric Thiman

*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within they gates, O Jerusalem.*

+**Hymn No. 299** | “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” | HANOVER**CONFESSION** 

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

It’s hard to admit it, God, but since this is a place for being honest we confess that sometimes we tend to fit our faith into our lives instead of fitting our lives into our faith. Sometimes we choose the parts of faith that are comfortable and convenient, and gloss over the parts that are demanding and that cost us something. By your mercy, forgive us, and challenge us to follow Christ more wholeheartedly.

**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** 

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Baptism of Addison Woodward Hubbard

+**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.*

+ Please stand if you are able

**PROCLAMATION** 

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**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Luke 9:57-62 | pew Bible p. 70

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Anthem** | “The Call” | Z. Randall Stroope

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way, as gives us breath, such a Truth, as ends all strife, such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a Light, as shows a feast, such a Feast, as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a Joy, as none can move, such a Love, as none can part, such a Heart, as joys in love. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.*

**Sermon** | “Follow Me: Priorities” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 720** | “Jesus Calls Us” | GALILEE**RESPONSE** 

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**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** | “Just As I Am” | arr. Howard Helvey

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.*

**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. 634** | “To God Be the Glory” | TO GOD BE THE GLORY+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Stainer**Postlude** | A Hymn Fantasy on *To God Be the Glory* | Michael BurkhardtGIVE  
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REQUESTS

## CLASS OF 2027 OFFICERS

### Elders

Reid Campbell  
 Caroline Ford  
 Rich Neidinger  
 Don Olmstead  
 Rick Rogers

### Deacons

Anna Bradley  
 Kyle Christiansen  
 David Griffith  
 Lauren Harnett  
 Cornelia Hoover  
 Erin Kemp  
 Fran Landess  
 Nancy Lindsey  
 Dan Ogburn  
 Andrew Parrish  
 Sarah Peerson  
 Hank Ralston  
 Debbie Sidbury  
 Keller Smith  
 Ann Temple  
 Vint Tilson  
 Jennifer Veal

### IN LOVING MEMORY

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The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to John Alexander and family upon the death of his of sister, Stella; to John Tate and family upon the death of his stepmother, Marjorie; to Susan Young and family upon the death of her brother, Jimmy Coleman; and to Bruce Grier and family upon the death of his brother-in-law, William "Bill" Kelly.

### ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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Addison is the son of Jamie and Drew Hubbard.

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program which is used to purchase fresh foods for our on-site Nourish Up food pantry.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Mary Elliott Gaffney, daughter of Emily and Mike Gaffney.

*If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at [dianenmayer@hotmail.com](mailto:dianenmayer@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*