

First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 9, 2025 | FIFTH 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.

PREPARATION

Prelude | “O Worship the King” | arr. Dan Forrest, ed. Wagner

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | “Lord, You Are Near Me” | Mark Patterson | Carol Choir

Lord, you are near me; I will not fear. You walk beside me, it's your voice I hear. Darkness may cover me, but soon your light appears, and I know, dear Lord, you are near me. Lord, you are near me, leading each day. Teach me to follow; show me the way. Lord, help me trust in you; keep me close, I pray. Help me know, dear Lord, you are near me. When I sleep, when I wake, night and day you are near me. When I cry, when I pray, Lord, I know you will hear me.

+**Hymn No. 41** | “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” | LYONS

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession | written by Rev. Lucus Keppel

Holy and beloved God, though the world calls us in a chaotic mess of voices, your voice stands apart. Yours is the soft, still voice that speaks to our very heart of hearts. If we would pay attention to your voice, we would hear your love and concern for us and for those whose voice is getting lost in the chaos. Help us to hear you, and through you, to hear the voices of the oppressed, the lost, the forgotten, and the frightened. May your voice bring justice and mercy to us and to all 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

Anthem | “Siyahamba” | arr. Victor Johnson | Kirk Choir

Zulu: Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos
English: We are marching in the light of love.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | 1 Kings 19:4-16 | pew Bible p. 326

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+ Please stand if you are able

FIRST
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CHECK IN

Sermon | “Living Your Okayest Life: But What If I’m Overwhelmed?” | Pen Peery

+**Hymn No. 29** | “O God, You Search Me” | O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

RESPONSE

+**Affirmation of Faith** | Apostles’ Creed | Lucy Crain

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 | “God of Grace and God of Glory” | arr. Dan Forrest

God of grace and god of glory, on your people pour your power. Crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this hour. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn our Christ; assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these days. Save us from week resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, serving you whom we adore. God of grace and god of glory, on your people pour your power. Crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this hour. 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. Amen.

+**Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 463** | “How Firm a Foundation” | FOUNDATION

+**Benediction**

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

Postlude | Toccata on “How Firm a Foundation” | Claude Murphree

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IN LOVING MEMORY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Teresa Woods upon the death of her sister, Delores Matthews; and to Linda Hunter upon the death of her sister, Pat Glover.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The rosebuds in the Sanctuary celebrate the births of William Michael Weart, son of Sallie and Rob Weart; Grace Evins King, daughter of Dorothy and Hamilton King; and Miller Helen Mull, daughter of Jessie and Robert Mull.

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*

Kaitlyn Davros, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*

Matthew Carpenter, *Guest Musician, percussion*