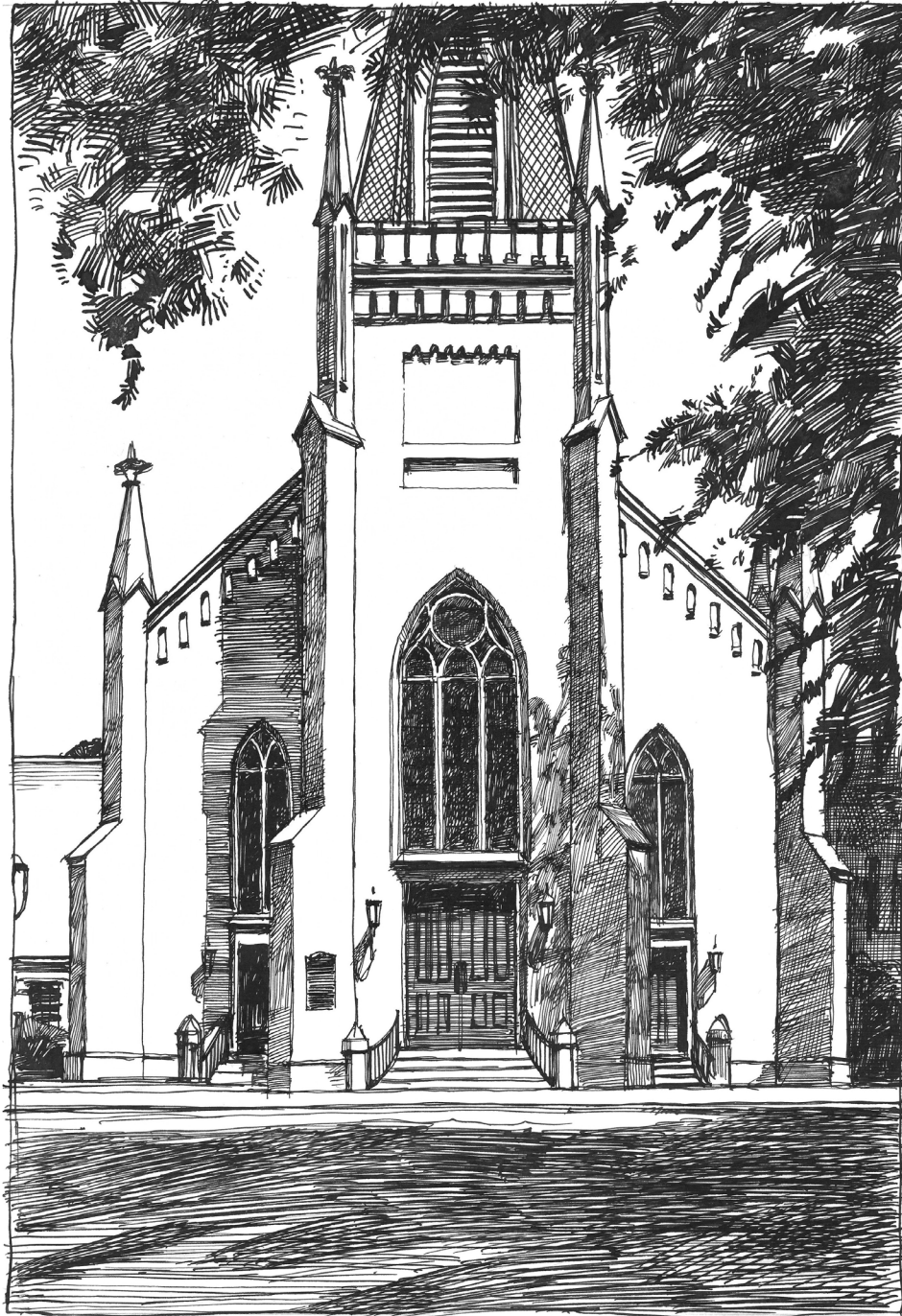


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 10, 2025 | NINTH 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  
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our church?  
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CHECK IN**PREPARATION****Prelude** | Prelude on *Austrian Hymn* | John Dixon**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity****ADORATION****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. 81** | “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” | AUSTRIAN HYMN**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Delilah Jane Phillips**Prayer of Confession**

Life-giving God, we say that “your word is a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path.” However, we confess that, many times we walk a path illuminated by sources that are not your light. We are often guided by

fear,  
ambition,  
competition,  
insecurity,  
and the need to be right.

Forgive us for following the wrong things. Steer us back into your path. We ask it through Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world.

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

**PROCLAMATION****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture** | Psalm 119 (various) | pew Bible p. 566

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

**Sermon** | “I’ve Always Wondered: What Is the True, Original Meaning of the Bible?” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 515** | “I Come with Joy” | DOVE OF PEACE

+ Please stand if you are able

RESPONSE

+Affirmation of Faith | Apostles’ Creed | Chuck Williamson

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 | “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” | Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem. As brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we would true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

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.

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.

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion (sung by the choir)

Hymn No. 510 | “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name” | COME, SHARE THE LORD  
Hymn No. 507 | “Come to the Table of Grace” | TABLE OF GRACE

Prayer After Communion

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PRAYER  
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Today we will take communion by intinction. All are invited to come down the center aisle to one of four communion stations. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of communion. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served communion at their seats.

## SENDING FORTH

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+**Hymn No. 260** | “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” | HYFRYDOL

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH

**Postlude** | Postlude on *Hyfrydol* | Ralph Vaughan Williams

## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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Every Communion Sunday, we ask the congregation to participate in a food drive to collect items for our onsite Nourish Up Food Pantry. When we come to the communion table to be spiritually nourished, we bring food donations to nourish those of God’s children who suffer from physical hunger.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Cooper James Christiansen, son of Kourtney and Kyle Christiansen, on August 2, 2025.

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

Today’s Worship Leaders:

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

**The Reverend Delilah Jane Phillips**, *Chaplain for FPC Schools*

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

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

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