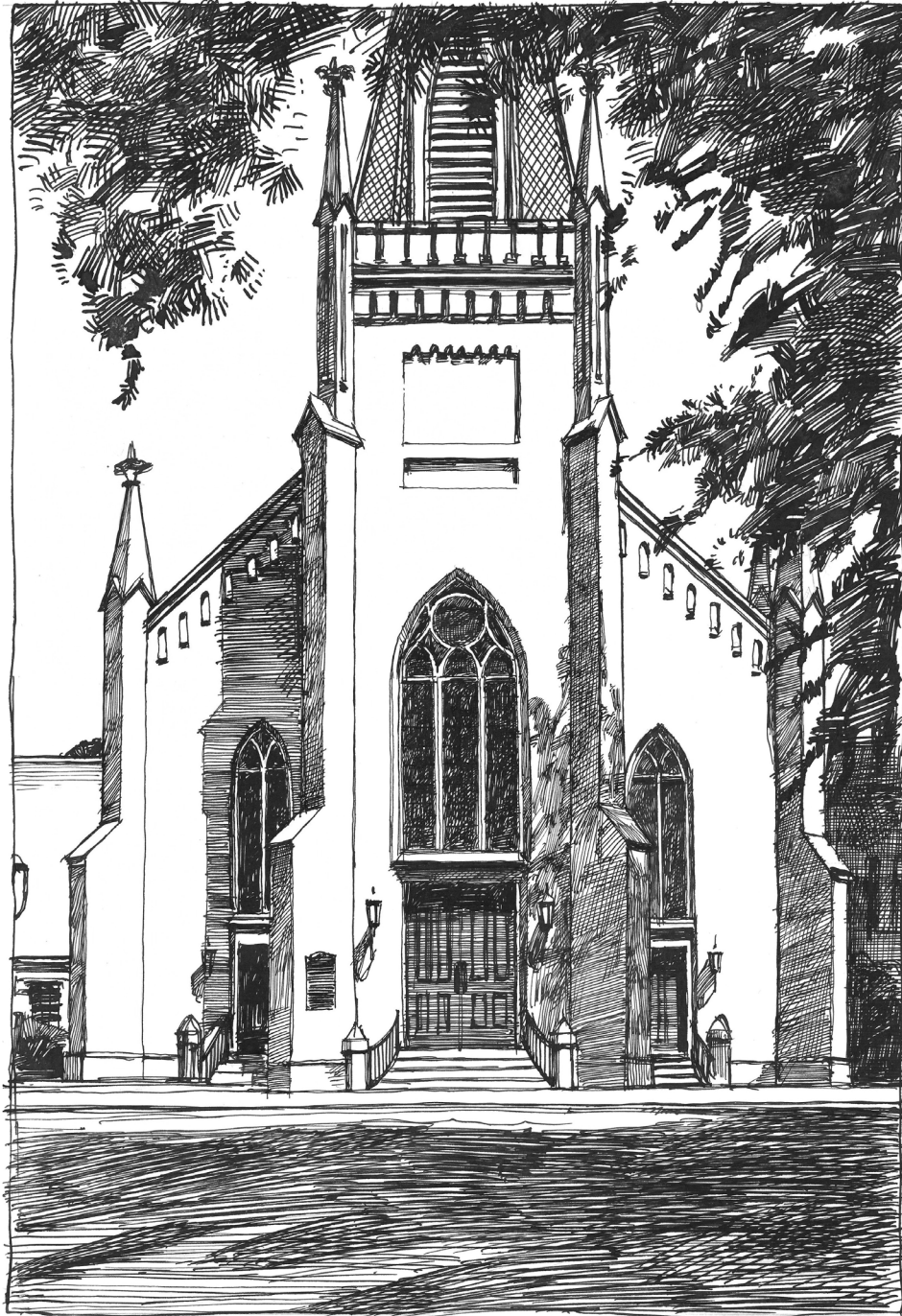


# First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 17, 2025 | TENTH 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  
interested  
in joining  
our church?  
Contact  
Jane Ives,  
Membership  
Coordinator,  
jives@firstpres-  
charlotte.org.

The Elder  
assisting with  
the baptisms  
today is Missy  
Logan. The  
guest Elder is  
Cliff Deal.

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**PREPARATION****Prelude** | Praeludium in D Major | Dietrich Buxtehude**Words of Welcome** | Pen Peery**Chiming of the Trinity**

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**ADORATION****Choral Introit** | Gordon Young

*Now let us all praise God and sing our great redeemer's praise, that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!*

+**Hymn No. 620** | "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" | LAUDA ANIMA

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**CONFESSION****Call to Confession** | Lucy Baum**Prayer of Confession**

**We confess to you and to one another that too often our focus turns inward. We are driven by our own ambition, fueled by our insecurities, fearful of difference, and paralyzed by the thought that we might not be or have enough.**

**Help us to recognize that, yes, we are our siblings' keeper. And help us also recognize that to care for our siblings is what brings life.**

**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.**

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptisms of Thomas Fritz Halliday &amp; Henry James Halliday

Baptism of Wes Baker Deal

+**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****Anthem** | “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” | arr. Moses Hogan*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.***Scripture** | Genesis 4: 1-16 | pew Bible p. 3

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon** | “I’ve Always Wondered: What Drives People to Harm One Another?” | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 316** | “Where Charity and Love Prevail” | TWENTY-FOURTH**RESPONSE** 

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**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** | Rob Spach

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** | “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” | arr. Mack Wilberg

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, by thy good measure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

+**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** 

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+**Hymn No. 439** | “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” | STUTTGART**Congregational Meeting**+**Benediction**+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | John Rutter**Postlude** | Toccata Giocosa | Ian Hunt**PRAYER  
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## IN LOVING MEMORY

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The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Sally McElwee upon the death of her mother, Frances Young, on August 6, 2025.

## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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The Session has called a congregational meeting today after worship for the purpose of electing the Class of 2028 officers.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptisms of Thomas and Henry Halliday and Wes Deal and in treasured memory of their great grandmother, Nancilynn Gerlach.

*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*

**Lucy Baum**, *Director of Formation*

**The Reverend Dr. Robert Spach**, *Parish Associate*

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

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