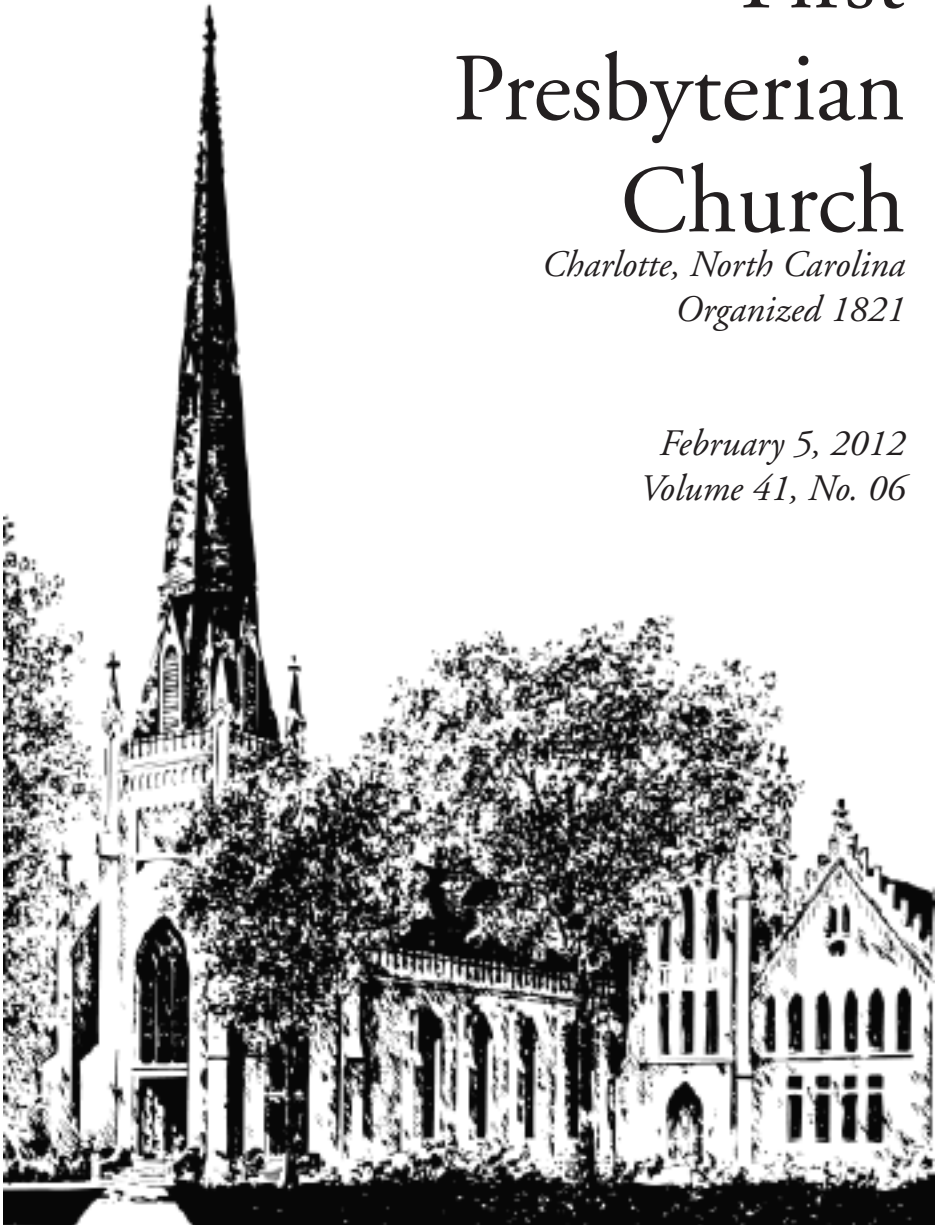


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For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Order of Worship

February 5, 2012

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Let the people engage in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the sanctuary.

Preparation

PRELUDE

“Celebration”

Michael Keller

Celtic Handbell Ensemble

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Reverend Kathleen A. Crowe

Adoration

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1

One: O give thanks to God,

All: for God is good; for God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: With our voices and with our lives come, let us worship God.

*HYMN NO. 420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, while there is still time, let us turn completely toward you. Give us the strength to turn our backs upon that which is wrong and to walk boldly in the bright light of your amazing good news. Let us walk with those who suffer injustice and lack of opportunity and, in so doing, follow our Savior in paths of right living and companionship with you. For we pray and seek to live our lives in faithful obedience to Christ. Amen.

KYRIE NO. 574 (choir and congregation)

arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 62:5-12

ANTHEM

“Piper’s Lullaby”

Tim Waugh

Celtic Handbell Ensemble

(At the conclusion of the anthem, TK, K, and 1st graders may leave for CHILDREN and WORSHIP)

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all those who visit with us today. We hope you will find the worship service meaningful and will worship with us often.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ann Learned Fitch by her family.

WE WELCOME Julie Mae Garner-Parker and Penny Cashion Berry into the full life of First Presbyterian Church. We celebrate their commitment to membership and stewardship to God through this congregation.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION is expressed to Anne Lupo and her family on the recent death of her father, William Harvey Keith.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for today after the 11 AM service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report on the 2012 budget, to vote upon the annual terms of call for the associate ministers, and to vote on changes to the Officer Nominating Committee procedures. You will find these documents on our church's website.

Wesley B. Barry
Associate Minister
for Evangelism and Administration

Katherine C. Kerr
Associate Minister
for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life

Kathleen A. Crowe
Associate Minister
for Service and Missions

Roland P. Perdue, III
Interim Senior Minister

J. Kirkland Hall, IV
Associate Minister
for Christian Education

William P. Young, III
Director of
Music Ministries

Today's Hymns

HYMN NO. 420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

- 1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*
- 2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy 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,
For the living of these days.*
- 3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.*
- 4. Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!*
- 5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.*

HYMN NO. 191 “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength” WINCHESTER OLD

- 1. God is our refuge and our strength,
Our ever-present aid,
And therefore, though the earth remove,
We will not be afraid;*
- 2. Though hills amid the seas be cast,
Though foaming waters roar,
Yea, though the mighty billows shake
The mountains on the shore.*
- 3. Where God abides a river flows;
That city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake
Before God's thundering voice.*
- 4. Since God is in the midst of it,
The city walls shall stand,
Secure and safe with God's sure help,
When trouble is at hand.*

HYMN NO. 263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*
- 2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
- 3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.*
- 4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*