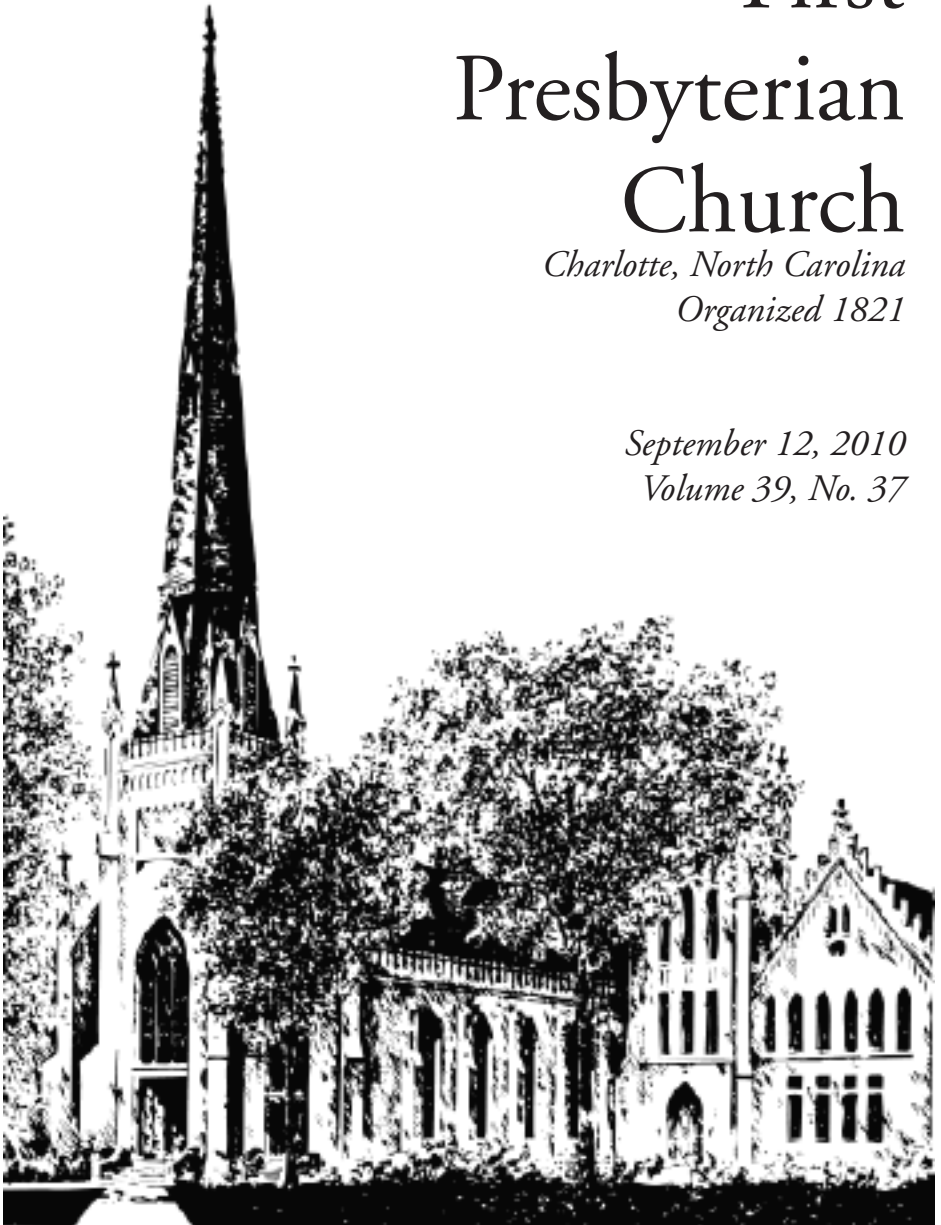


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For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Order of Worship

September 12, 2010
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

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

Preparation

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Adoration”

Nicolas Lemmens

“Prayer”

Ambroise Thomas

“O God, Thou Faithful God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

CHORAL INTROIT

“Laudate Nomen Domini”

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name; from early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known. Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

Adoration

CALL TO WORSHIP

† *HYMN NO. 482 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” Lobe Den Herren

Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE NO. 572 (choir and congregation)

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.

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Proclamation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Hosea 11:1-11

pew Bible page 842

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "My Grace is Sufficient" Randall Thompson
My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness, in weakness made perfect, sufficient for thee. My grace is sufficient for thee.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(You are asked to sign and pass the registry pad in the pew. Please include addresses, e-mail and telephone numbers.)

*HYMN NO. 220 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Old Hundredth
(At this time, TK, K, and 1st graders may leave for CHILDREN and WORSHIP - 11 AM.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 2:15-21 Pew Bible page188

SERMON "Essential Christianity" Dr. William P. Wood
Text: "...and it is no longer I who live. But it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional, The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 14)

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dedication

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Turn Back O Man" Gustav Holst
Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is earth and none may count her days. Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flames, still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim. Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise, age after age their tragic empires rise. Built while they dream and in that dreaming weep. Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep. Earth shall be fair and all her people one, for till that hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry. Earth shall be fair and all her folk be one.

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 330 "Deep in the Shadows of the Past" Shepherd's Pipes

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "Sevenfold Amen" K. Lee Scott

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Allegro in D Major" G. F. Handel

* For all who are able, please stand.

† Latecomers will be seated.

The 11 AM service will be televised over WSOC-TV, channel 9, this morning.

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 George Covington.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATIONS is extended to Janie Timmons Levinson on the recent death of her father, Dr. Barney Foreman Timmons and Daisy W. Bridges on the recent death of her brother, Edwin Carter Wade, Jr.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A MEETING of the Congregation for Sunday, September 26, following the 11 AM worship service for the purpose of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and to proceed with the election of Elders and Deacons for the Classes of 2013.

Nominated to the office of Elder for the Class of 2013: Rand Ayer Jr., Ernest Barry Jr., Amy Brinkley, Susan Daniel, Minna Elliott, Bryan Ives, Wardie Martin, Pender McElroy, Mike McGarry, Susan Shimp.

Nominated to the office of Elder for the Class of 2011: Thomas (Hal) Clarke. **Nominated to the office of Deacon for the Class of 2013:** Kim Bowman, David Burton, Barret Butler, Charles Campbell, Nancy Carlton, Vicky Hankins, Ashley McMillan, Minor Hinson II, Charles (Chuck) Monroe Jr., Don Olmstead, Frederick (Fritz) Porter, Virginia (Ginger) Voss. **Nominated to the office of Deacon for the Class of 2011:** Andy Clark, Mary Scott Peterson.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER if you would like a LARGE PRINT BIBLE or LARGE PRINT HYMNAL to use during the worship service.

William P. Wood
Senior Minister

Wesley B. Barry
Associate Minister
for Evangelism and Young Adults

Katherine W. Cooke
Associate Minister
for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life

Kathleen A. Crowe
Associate Minister
for Service and Missions

J. Kirk Hall, IV
Associate Minister
for Christian Education

D. Edwin Huss, Jr.
Director of
Music Ministries

Today's Hymns

HYMN NO. 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe Den Herren

- 1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!*
- 2. Praise ye the Lord, who'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*
- 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

HYMN NO. 220

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.*
- 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.*
- 3. O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.*
- 4. For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.*

HYMN NO. 330

“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

Shepherd's Pipes

- 1. Deep in the shadows of the past,
Far out from settled lands,
Some nomads traveled with their God
Across the desert sands.
The dawn of hope for humankind
Was glimpsed by them alone:
A promise calling them ahead,
A future yet unknown.*
- 2. While others bowed to changeless gods
They met a mystery:
God with an uncompleted name,
“I am what I will be”;
And by their tents, around their fires,
In story, song, and law
They praised, remembered, handed on
A past that promised more.*
- 3. From Abraham to Nazareth
The promise changed and grew,
While some, remembering the past,
Recorded what they knew,
And some, in letters or laments,
In prophecy and praise,
Recovered, held, and re-expressed
New hope for changing days.*
- 4. For all the writings that survived,
For leaders, long ago,
Who sifted, chose, and then preserved
The Bible that we know,
Give thanks, and find its promise yet
Our comfort, strength, and call,
The working model for our faith,
Alive with hope for all.*