



# First Presbyterian Church

*For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte*

*Founded in 1821*

## Order of Worship

*First Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2019  
9 and 11 a.m.*

*This is God's house and all are welcome! As you gather for worship, please take a moment to greet one another in the name of Christ.*

### Preparation

Prelude "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" J. S. Bach  
Words of Welcome The Reverend Katherine Kerr  
Chiming of the Trinity

### Adoration

\*Call to Worship (from Micah 6:8)  
One: He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you?  
All: **To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**  
One: Let us worship God.

\*Hymn No. 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

## Confession

### Prayer of Confession

The Reverend Pen Peery

**All:** Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

One: In silent prayer, let us confess to God the things we choose not to speak aloud.

### Response (Hymn No. 698, sung multiple times)

TAKE ME AS I AM

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

### Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \*Response (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.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

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(9:00 a.m.) Lawrence Harris Caldwell

### \*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.**

*(9:00 a.m.) Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Younger children may go to the nursery.*

## Proclamation

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture

Psalm 25:1-10

*pew Bible pg. 502*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

"If Ye Love Me"

arr. Philip Wilby

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.*

**Large-print hymnals and Bibles** are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

**We believe that God put the wiggle in children**, and all are welcome in worship regardless of their ability to sit still. If you'd like to step out of the sanctuary with your child, please feel free to visit the chapel (to the right of the sanctuary), where the service is streaming.

**The rosebud in the sanctuary** celebrates the birth of Ethan William Schall, son of Lindsay and Frank Schall.

**Harris is the son** of Katie and Mark Caldwell.

**First Church** is a worship education experience for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade. During First Church, children participate in and lead a simplified worship service that follows the same order as our service in the sanctuary.

**The 11 a.m. service** is televised over WSOC-TV, Channel 9 this morning and streamed live at [www.firstpres-charlotte.org](http://www.firstpres-charlotte.org).

## Time With Children

Third Grade Bible Presentation (11 a.m.)

*Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Younger children may go to the nursery.*

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

pew Bible pg. 71

Sermon

“What To Do”

The Reverend Katherine Kerr

\*Hymn No. 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

## Response

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Dr. Rebecca Davis

Apostles’ Creed (11 a.m.)

Prayers of the People

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-  
fraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

Stewardship of Life

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

“Ubi Caritas”

arr. Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

*Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.*

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*Prayer of Dedication 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.**

## Sending Forth

\*Hymn No. 300

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

“We Are One in the Spirit”

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response

“Amen”

DANISH

Postlude

“We All Believe in One True God”

J. S. Bach

**The sanctuary flowers are given** to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Mary Elizabeth Coley and Thomas Zimmerman Mitchell, III on March 9, 2019.

**The sympathy of the congregation is expressed** to Carolyn Antunez on the death of her father, Doug Boelhouwer; to Kyle Raygor on the death of his father, Curt Raygor; and to Janet Yeckley and Liza Branch on the death of Janet’s daughter and Liza’s sister, Janet Greer.

**A time of personal prayer** is offered following both services. If you would like to pray with a pastor or a member of our prayer team, please meet them in the sanctuary overflow area after the 9 a.m. service or in the chapel following the 11 a.m. service.

\* Please stand if you are able.

**We are glad you are  
with us today!**

We welcome all to  
First Presbyterian Church  
as we worship together,  
knowing that each of us is a  
beloved part of the body of  
Christ.

## Our Pastors

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**Are you interested in joining  
our church?**

Contact Lucy Caldwell  
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### Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency  
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## Coming up at FPC...

### We Worship

**Lent at First Presbyterian Church | through April 18**

This Lent we will journey with Jesus toward the cross through the gospel of Luke. Along the way we will learn to what extent Jesus loves us, as well as what it means to follow him.

March 17: Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem (Luke 13), 9 & 11:00 a.m.

March 24: Lost Sheep/Coins/Sons (Luke 15), 9 & 11:00 a.m.

March 31: The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16), 9 & 11:00 a.m.

### Easter Lilies on Sale | March 17- April 7

Honor or memorialize a loved one by purchasing a lily to adorn the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 21. You may order online under Tickets & Signups on the Now@First page on the church website or by sending a check made out to First Presbyterian Church to Diane Maye, PO Box 1008, Huntersville, NC 28070. Be sure to indicate the name of the person you want to recognize and whether the lily is a memorial or an honorarium.

### We Learn

#### Church-wide Lenten Study

During Lent, our entire congregation is invited to read Henri Nouwen's book *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*. Books will be available for sale on Sundays along with a companion booklet for all ages.

"Being Beloved expresses the core truth of our existence." - *Life of the Beloved*

### Bible & Beverage | Tuesday, March 12 | 8 p.m., Resident Culture Brewing

Join the Reverend Pen Peery and other FPC men for discussion and fellowship on Tuesday evening, 2101 Central Avenue.

### We Serve

#### Room In The Inn | Mondays & Tuesdays through March 26

Throughout the winter months, First Presbyterian Church provides hospitality for 12 guests experiencing homelessness. Each Monday and Tuesday night through March, church volunteers serve dinner, spend time with our overnight guests and provide breakfast and lunch for the following day. If you would like to be part of offering hospitality, sign up on the Now@First page on the website or contact Ministry Team Coordinator Mary Scott Peterson (mpeterson@firstpres-charlotte.org).

#### Sign up to be a HELPS tutor

Students at Westerly Hills Academy still need tutors. Training is available for tutors as part of HELPS, a reading intervention program supported by both Read Charlotte and Augustine Literacy Project. Tutors work with third-grade students for one hour per week, or tutoring "buddies" can sign up together for one shift every other week. The easy-to-follow curriculum is provided. Progress is graphed at the end of each lesson and seeing improvement is exciting for both tutor and student. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/Helpstutors> or email Melissa Walker (mmwalker65@gmail.com) with questions.

### We Care

#### PW Retreat: Practicing Love through Forgiveness | April 26 -28 | Kanuga Conference Center

Experience joy, community, fun, and spiritual growth at the annual Presbyterian Women Retreat in Hendersonville, NC. The Reverend Anna Rainey Dickson will lead the retreat. Register online on the Now@First page on the church website by March 15. If you would like to request financial assistance, please contact the Reverend Katherine Kerr (kkerr@firstpres-charlotte.org.) For additional information, please contact Mary Weeks Fountain (mwfountain1@gmail.com).

\*Hymn No. 267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Come, lift your hearts on high:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore:  
Alleluia! Amen!

\*Hymn No. 435

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.

\*Hymn No. 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
(Refrain)

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
(Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)