



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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

“Nocturne in E-flat” Frederic Chopin/arr. Hofmann

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

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 people, come and bow before his throne.

*Hymn No. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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Confession

Prayer of Confession

The Reverend Robert Galloway

All: Almighty and merciful God, you promise pardon to all who truly repent and turn to you. With humble hearts we confess the ways we have failed to be faithful to your Word. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy upon us. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, we pray.

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

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response (Hymn No. 581)

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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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(11:00 a.m.) Madison Jay Lucas

*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.

(11:00 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 138

pew Bible pg. 577

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Honor and Glory"

J. S. Bach/ed. Ehret

Honor and glory be to God in the highest, Hallelujah, sing praises to His name!

Time With Children (9 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.

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.

Madison is a daughter of Chrissy and Andy Lucas.

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 WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org.

Scripture	I Corinthians 1:4-9	<i>pew Bible pg. 166</i>
Sermon	“Grief, Grace, and Gratitude”	The Reverend Katherine Kerr
*Hymn No. 39	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	FAITHFULNESS

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Alexander and Alex Alexander by Jean Gilcrest.

Response

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed (9 a.m.)	The Reverend Pen Peery
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We welcome Amy Orsinger-Whitehead, flutist, and Jeremy Lamb, cellist, to worship today.

Prayers of the People

Stewardship of Life

Recognition of the Confirmation Class of 2020 (11 a.m.)
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	arr. Eric Nelson
<i>What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.</i>		

The Session has called a congregational meeting on September 29 for the purpose of electing new officers and to dissolve the pastoral call with the Reverend Katherine Kerr.

*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.

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.

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 463	“How Firm a Foundation”	FOUNDATION
*Charge and Benediction		
*Benediction Response	“Amen”	Peter Lutkin
Postlude	“Voluntary on <i>Engleberg</i> ”	Craig Phillips

* 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.

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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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returned promptly.

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Coming up at FPC...

We Worship

Sermon Series: Whose We Are | Sundays through September 22 | 9 & 11 a.m., Sanctuary
As we head into fall and the rhythm of our routines, we will spend time in worship making
sure we are grounded in *whose we are*.

Reception for Katherine Kerr | Sunday, September 22 | 12:15 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall
Please join us on September 22 for refreshments after the 11 a.m. service as we celebrate
Katherine's ministry at FPC.

We Learn

Sunday Morning Formation | Sundays | 10 a.m., Various classrooms

This week our full schedule of formation classes and opportunities resumes at 10 a.m. Please
check the website or the Fall Formation Brochure for more information on specific classes or
age groups.

Resilience Film Showing | Sunday, September 22 | 5 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

Come see how science and spirit intersect in a powerful message of hope and healing in the
documentary *Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope*. A light dinner will be
provided and small group discussions will follow the film. <http://bit.ly/FPCResilience>

Children's FEAST Activities for Fall | Sunday, September 29 | 12:15 p.m., P307

Children ages two - 5th grade and their families are invited to a FEAST (Families Eat and
Share Together) luncheon following worship. A build-your-own sandwich lunch will be
followed by watercolor painting for a church banner. Contact Tammy Winchip with
questions. (twinchip@firstpres-charlotte.org).

We Serve

Work with a Westerly Hills Academy Teacher

Spend one hour a week getting to know a WHA teacher and assisting specific students in his/
her classroom. You select the time and day that fits with your schedule. Contact Heather
Herring (hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org) for more information.

Hurricane Relief | October 2-6 | Wilmington, NC

Contact David Burton (burtoncustombuilding@gmail.com, 704-363-8511) to find out how
you can get involved in this fall's mission trip to assist with hurricane relief in eastern North
Carolina.

We Care

First Welcome Classes for New Members | Sundays, September 15 & 22 | 10 a.m., S202

If you joined the church recently or want to refresh your information about First
Presbyterian Church, you are invited to our First Welcome classes. Contact Lucy Caldwell
(lcaldwell@firstpres-charlotte.org) with questions.

Flu Shot Clinic

Get your winter flu shot at the church. Please bring your insurance or Medicare card.
Clinic dates are:

Sunday, September 29, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1, 8-9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 2, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Feasts

Fellowship Feasts are small groups of 10-12 people (couples and singles, young and old) that
gather regularly over a six-month period. If you have questions or want to join a group in the
fall, please email Mary Margaret Porter (mporter@firstpres-charlotte.org).

*Hymn No. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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.

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.

2 Unresting, unhasting, 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.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest 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!

*Hymn No. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

*Hymn No. 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

4 “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

2 “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

5 “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.