



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 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

"Laudate Dominum"

W. A. Mozart

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Williams/ed. Young

This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

*Hymn No. 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

Confession

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.

We are grateful to Kathleen Jarrell, violinist, for sharing her musical gifts with us in worship today.

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.

Prayer of Confession

The Reverend Katherine Kerr

All: Holy God, you claimed us before the foundation of the world, and set us apart for your work – to pluck up the weeds of injustice and tear down walls that divide; to plant seeds of compassion and build your kingdom of peace. Too often we cower in fear, instead of stepping out in faith. We make excuses – we are too young, or too old; we do not have the right gifts or the experience to lead. Forgive us, God, when we resist our callings and choose what is comfortable over what is faithful. Help us remember that in you we are fully known and fully loved. May this assurance give us courage in our calling to pluck up and to tear down, to build and to plant, in service to Christ our Lord.

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

Response (Hymn No. 698)

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.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Genesis 3:6-11

pew Bible pg. 3

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me”

Howard Helvey

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know where'er I rest, where'er I go. Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in thy hand. My words from thee I cannot hide. I feel thy pow'r on ev'ry side; O wondrous knowledge, awful might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height! Where can I go apart from thee, or whither from thy presence flee? In Heaven? It is thy dwelling fair. In death's abode? Lo, thou art there. If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make, the hand that leadeth me is thine, and my support thy pow'r divine. If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from thee. To thee both night and day are bright. The darkness shineth as the light.

Time with Children

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

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

pew Bible pg. 577

Sermon

“Known”

The Reverend Pen Peery

*Hymn No. 29

“O God, You Search Me”

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

Response

*Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Robert Galloway

(from *The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Prayers of the People

Stewardship of Life

New Members (11 a.m.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

“Glorious Everlasting”

M. Thomas Cousins

Glorious, everlasting, I will praise Thee, O Lord among the people; I will sing unto Thee among the nations. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above the earth.

*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. 295

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Amen”

DANISH

Postlude

“Voluntary on *Sine Nomine*”

arr. Richard Proulx

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Brittany Ann Link and Allen Carlson Clark on September 7, 2019.

We welcome Meredith, Matt, and Davis Burbank; Nancy McKeown; Christian Roman; and Chris and Caroline Warren into the full life of First Presbyterian Church. We celebrate their commitment to membership and stewardship to God through this congregation.

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.

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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
Summer is almost over and we are into the rhythm of our routines. As the pace of our lives picks back up, we will be spending 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

Bible and Beverage | Tuesday, September 10 | 8 p.m., 2101 Central Ave
Join the Reverend Pen Peery and other FPC men for discussion and fellowship at Resident Culture Brewing. This men's group meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

FPC Schools Kindergarten Readiness Programs | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall
Two sessions will be offered: The first (*What Does it Mean to be Kindergarten Ready?*) is on Thursday, September 12. The second (*School Choice*) is on Thursday, September 26.

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>

We Serve

Moving Ministry | Saturday, September 14 | 9 a.m., 333 Dalton Rd
Help a family move from homelessness or transition into a permanent home. Meet at the Crisis Assistance Furniture Bank. There is work for friends, family, and youth.

Presbyterian Women Apple Tree for Westerly Hills Academy
The Westerly Hills Academy Apple Tree, sponsored by PW, will be in full bloom through September 15 to provide a goody bag of supplies for all 45 classrooms. Pick an apple from the tree and purchase the supplies or a gift card, mail a check to the church, or donate online.

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

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering | Sunday, September 15 | 12:15 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall
A new year of fellowship and learning kicks off at the annual Fall Gathering and Luncheon. The theme for 2019-2020 is "Make a Connection." All are welcome. Register online (<http://bit.ly/FallGathering2019>), by phone (704.332.5123), or in person on Sunday mornings.

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.

*Hymn No. 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

*Hymn No. 29

“O God, You Search Me”

1 O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

4 Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

2 You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

5 For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past, and future, too.

*Hymn No. 295

“Go to the World!”

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!”
Alleluia. Alleluia.