



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Congregational Day of Service
October 20, 2019
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 "Offertory for the Grand Chorus" François Couperin
"Come, O Come and Fill This Temple" Youth Choir

Words of Welcome The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

*Call to Worship

One: Praise be to God the Creator,
All: who breathes life into being.
One: Praise be to God the Redeemer,
All: who saves us from ourselves.
One: Praise be to God the Sustainer,
All: who binds us together as one body.
One: Come, let us worship as the children of God!

*Hymn No. 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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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.

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.

Confession

Prayer of Confession

The Reverend Chuck Williamson

All: Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that it is easier for us to sit back and watch the brokenness in our relationships, the suffering of our neighbors, and the inequality of our systems.

It is easier for us to sit back and ask for your help than it is for us to be about your work of healing, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

Kindle in us a fire for taking action, we pray, so that our faith is more than words. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, whose action showed us what love looks like when it is lived.

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)

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

Micah 6:6-8

pew Bible pg. 866

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

What Does the Lord Require?"

Eric Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. Rulers of earth, hear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Then do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. How shall our life fulfill God's law so high? Let Christ endure our will with grace.

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

Acts 1:6-10

pew Bible pg. 118

Sermon

"You Belong Out There"

The Reverend Pen Peery

Anthem

"Lord, You Have Searched Me"

Allen Pote

Youth Choir

Response

*Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from *The Belhar Confession of Faith*)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people, and that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

The Reverend Robert Galloway

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Wilson Moore by Jane Moore.

Prayers of the People

Stewardship of Life

New Members

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Jubilate Deo"

Peter Anglea

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; servite Domino in Laetitia. Introite in conspectus ejus in exultatione. Quoniam suavis est Dominus; in aeternum misericordia ejus, et usque in generationem et generationem veritas ejus.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.

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*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. 733

"We All Are One in Mission!"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

John Rutter

Postlude

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

David German

We welcome Jennifer and Mark Ethridge, Zeb and Brooke Jenkins, Alexa and Bruce Moor, and Krystal and Thomas Williams 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 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?**

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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency
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Care Cards - Session Room, S312

Kitchen Clean Up - Kitchen, Main Floor

Lakewood Preschool - Conference Room C307

Loaves and Fishes - Loaves and Fishes Pantry, P121

Pressure Washing - Front Lawn

Rise Against Hunger - Wood Fellowship Hall, P220

Sanctuary Clean Up - Sanctuary

Silver Polishing - Conference Room, P209

Westerly Hills Academy - Classroom, P206

Window Cleaning - Front Lawn

Youth Book Drive - Frances Browne Dining Room, P212

Not sure where to go?

Visit the Welcome Center in the library (P215).

In Loving Memory of
John H. Carriker

January 12, 1935 - October 11, 2019

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.

Revelation 14:13

***Hymn No. 267**

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!

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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. 733**

1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

"We All Are One in Mission!"

2 We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming word.
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we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.