



During the Sundays we will not be worshipping in person,
the congregations of First Presbyterian and First United Presbyterian Churches
will be worshipping together.

Many years ago, our churches shared a history as one congregation
before our ties were broken by racism and sin.

Years later, we rejoice that we can participate in Christ's ministry of reconciliation
as we bear witness to God's faithfulness and grace.

Order of Worship

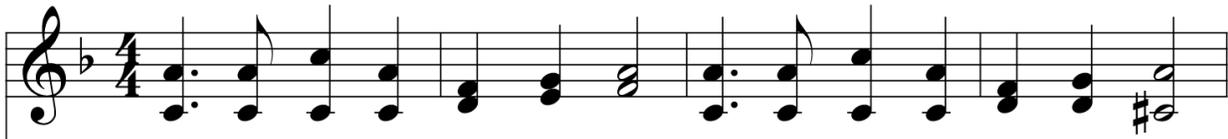
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2020
11 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude	“From All That Dwells Below the Skies”	arr. Neil Harmon
	“We Gather Together”	
	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	arr. John Ferguson
Words of Welcome		The Reverend Pen Peery
Chiming of the Trinity		

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship	G. Hamilton Smith
<i>He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!</i>	



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



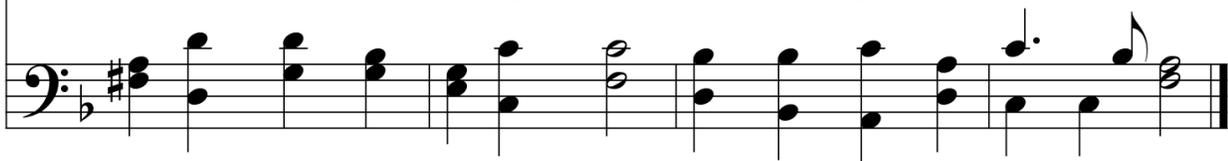
All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Confession

Call to Confession

Elder Natalie Beard

Prayer of Confession

God of hospitality and wonder,
you welcome us to a table that invites those who are different than us.
This invitation has made us uncomfortable, unsettled, and defensive.
Our discomfort comes from an unwillingness to see other peoples' perspectives.
Our unsettledness comes from a dependence on the status quo.
Our defensiveness comes from a belief that our image of you is the only one that matters.
Help us to surrender ourselves to the abundance of your invitation.
Inspire us to embrace the fact that diversity is strength, not weakness.
Gather us to welcome the stranger, care for the oppressed, and feed the hungry.
Forgive us for our short-sightedness and open us to your gospel
that we might better embody the beloved community you call us to be.
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Response

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed
peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from
all ills in this world and the next.

Sacrament of Baptism

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Michael Hendrix and Margaret Katherine Perry

*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.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Revelation 21:22 - 22:5

Anthem

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his
blood that we might be saved. Sing "Holy, Holy" to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was
and is and is to come; sing "Holy, Holy, Lord!" Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice
on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon. E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night
shall be no more; they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun. For Christ will be their all!*

The 11 a.m. service is
televised over WAXN-TV,
Channel 64 this morning
and streamed live at
www.firstpres-charlotte.org
and on Facebook Live.

The cornucopia display is
given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Dowd
Maye by Larry and Diane
Maye.

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Jack and Kathy Parse by
Bryan Tipton and Andy
Parse.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary
celebrates the birth of Olivia
Lynn Curry, daughter of
Katie and Scott Curry.

The sympathy of the
congregation is expressed to
Amy Williams on the death
of her father.

Michael and Margaret are the
son and daughter of John
and Kelly Perry.

Even though we are not
meeting in person, we ask
for your continued support.
We encourage you to give
by text, online at
www.firstpres-charlotte.org,
or by mailing a check to
200 W. Trade Street,
Charlotte, NC, 28202.
Your gift will support the
ministry and mission of
First Presbyterian Church.

Scripture

Acts 15 (various)

Sermon

“The Comments Section: Within the Family”

The Reverend Pen Peery

Anthem

“Sing a Song of Thanks and Joy”

Hal Hopson

Kirk Choir

The morning lights up the day, and brightens all the earth. In constant watch it speaks of God, unchanging, ever new. Sing a song with all your heart. Sing a song of thanks and joy. Sing a song with all your heart. Sing, for God is good. The moon on high lights up the night, and sheds its gentle ray. The countless stars in beauty shine, and each one has a name. Sing a song with all your heart. Sing a song of thanks and joy. Sing and song with all your heart. Sing, for God is good.

Response

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Robert Galloway

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.

Stewardship of Life

Offertory Anthem

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise.

*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

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,
to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;
who fashioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,
by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.
God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;
a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,
till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:
as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

Chords: G, C, G, D, G, G, D, G, Am, D, G, C, E, Am, D, G, Em, D, A7, D, G, C, G, D, G

Harmony

Virtual Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Amen”

DANISH

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Neil Harmon

We are glad you are worshipping 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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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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Announcements for First Presbyterian Church

Stewardship 2021: Generosity

As the church plans its budget for 2021, your pledge for the year ahead is vital. Our goal for 2021 is \$2.8 million (a 10% reduction from last year's campaign goal.) To date, we have received 343 pledges totaling \$2,602,337. Visit the church website to pledge online and support church programs in the new year.

Youth & Families Viewing: The Social Dilemma:

First Presbyterian's Youth Ministry team will continue its two-part discussion and viewing of the Netflix documentary *The Social Dilemma* on tonight from 6-7 p.m. Sign up on the church website.

Advent Service

This year's Advent Service will be on Wednesday, December 2, 11 a.m.-noon. The Reverend Meg Peery McLaughlin will preach on the topic "Old Song, New Tune." The service will be livestreamed on the church website and on Facebook and no registration is required.

PW Hosts Advent Fellowship & Breakout Sessions

Immediately following the Advent Service on December 2, PW (Presbyterian Women) will host virtual craft and fellowship opportunities from noon-1:30 p.m. For details on breakout sessions, visit the Events section on the lower left of any page on the church website. RSVP online (<https://bit.ly/3f5ny2K>) no later than Monday, December 1.

FPC Schools Greenery Sale

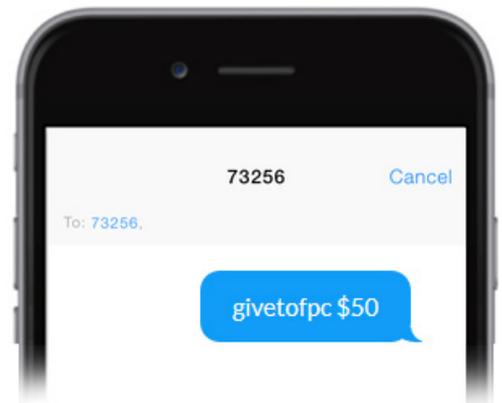
Wreaths, roping, poinsettias and trees can be ordered now as part of the FPC Schools' Greenery Sale to benefit the schools' scholarship fund. Order online (bit.ly/FPCSchoolsGreenery) by November 25. Contact Debbie Shirkey (dshirkey@firstpres-charlotte.org) with questions.

Help Decorate the Church

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one this Christmas with a wreath for a church door or a poinsettia for the sanctuary, you can order online (bit.ly/DecorateFPC) no later than December 5. Poinsettias are \$10 each and wreaths are \$35 each. You can also send a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church to Diane Maye, PO Box 1008, Huntersville, NC 28070, to arrive no later than December 5. Please include the name of your loved one and indicate if the gift is an honorarium or a memorial.

TEXT GIVING – You can quickly donate to the church through TEXT GIVING. See the example below.

- Text to 73256
- Content of the text needs to be – givetofpc followed by a \$ and the dollar amount.
- You will be prompted to enter your payment information.
- You will receive an email receipt of payment.



Announcements for First United Presbyterian Church

FUPC members, please be sure to check your email daily for updates to our weekly schedule.

For the foreseeable future, First United Presbyterian Church will not have in-person worship due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. We have also suspended all other programs and activities at the church.

The leadership of FUPC cannot thank each of you enough for your generosity in 2020. It is your giving that makes ministry possible. God has shown Himself faithful to us in 2020 in a big way and we expect God to continue to do the same in 2021. Each of us has the opportunity to continue to be a part of what God is doing in and thru us via your pledge. Commitment Sunday is Nov. 29. We are asking that everyone submit his/her pledge card by then. If you need a pledge card please call the church office at 704-376-8014 to request one. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver!

Donations can be made via the website at fupcc.org. Just click the "Give Now" button. Donations can also be mailed to First United Presbyterian Church, 406 North College Street, Charlotte, NC, 28202.