

First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*First Sunday after Epiphany
January 10, 2021
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Praeludium in G

Felix Mendelssohn

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Robert Galloway

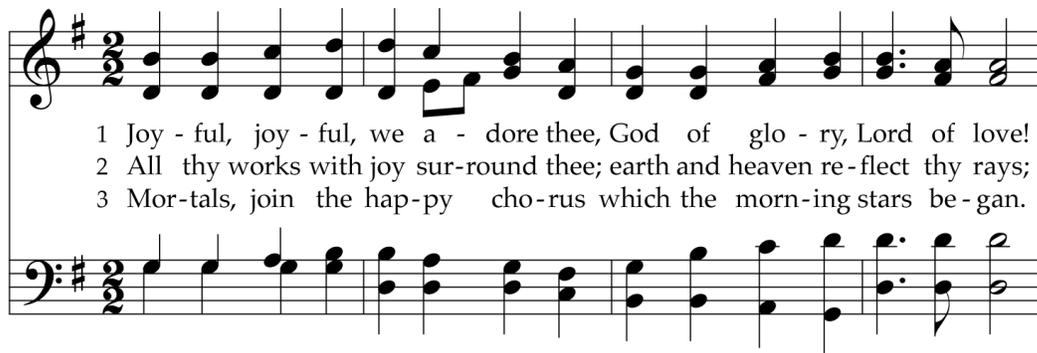
Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

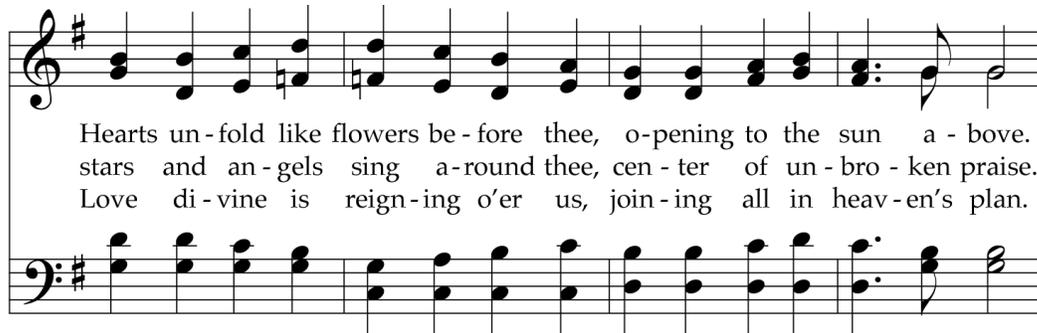
Choral Call to Worship

Hal Hopson

*O be ye joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his
presence with a song.*



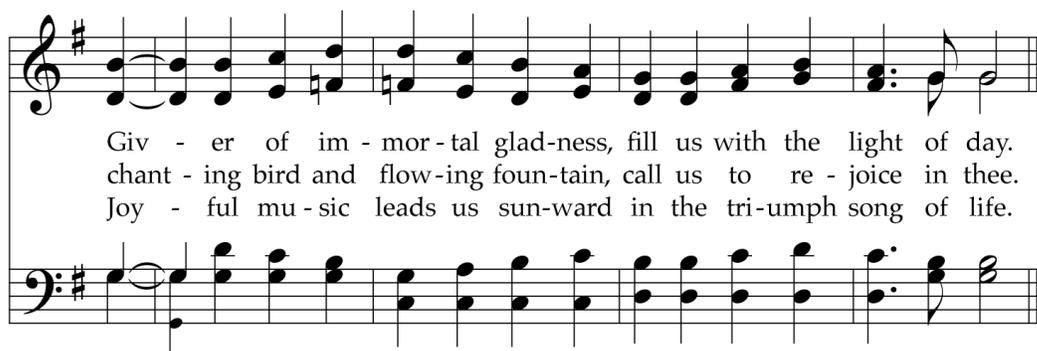
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Pen Peery

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we often forget your presence in our life. We act and speak without considering you and your will. We focus on our own wants and motivation. We strive to achieve what is best for us. We ignore what is best for you and your kingdom. Help us to remember our true purpose. We are your messengers who have been charged with spreading the good news. Restore in us a fresh commitment to this task. We ask that you enable us to make glorifying you a part of all of our acts, words, and deeds. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

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

*Response (Hymn No. 581)

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.

GLORIA PATRI

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

2 Samuel 6:13-22

Anthem

“Followers of the Lamb”

arr. Philip R. Dietterich

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel. Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb. O, I mean to be obedient, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb!

Scripture

Mark 16:14-20

Sermon

“Point to the Cross”

The Reverend Robert Galloway

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 sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Nick Signet on the death of his mother, Rosalea Eichenlaub; and to Mike Elliott on the death of his father, Frank Elliott.

We continue the sermon series on The Great Ends of the Church. In addition to worship, our Pathways to Discipleship online classes will explore the six “great ends” - statements of purpose that have guided the Presbyterian Church for more than 100 years.

We welcome Jan and Bob Brown; Caroline and Sam Ford; and Katie and Brian Harrison into the full life of First Presbyterian Church. We celebrate their commitment to membership and stewardship to God through this congregation.

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.

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Response

Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Anna Dickson

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.

Prayers of the People & 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.

Stewardship of Life

New Members

Offertory Anthem

"How Lovely Are the Messengers"

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

*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. 295

"Go to the World!"

SINE NOMINE

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Virtual Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Amen"

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Postlude

Praeludium in F

Vincent Lubeck

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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Are you interested in joining our church?

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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

FUPC Virtual Services

First United Presbyterian Church is worshipping (virtually) in their sanctuary. Our two churches have grown together in partnership since last March, and while First United will largely be worshipping in their own space, we will continue our partnership by worshipping together on a regular occasion going forward.

FPC Staff Updates

We welcome two new staff members to the FPC team: Wilfred Neal, as our Church Business Administrator, and Cierra Christian, as our Director of Communications.

January Sermon and Pathways Focus: The Great Ends of the Church

“The Great Ends of the Church”, six aspirations for the body of Christ, suggest that the church is heading somewhere. Indeed we are on a journey. For 200 years, First Presbyterian has been striving towards these goals that were established in the early 20th century. While we are rooted in tradition, we are committed to the future.

January’s Sermon Series and Pathways to Discipleship will explore the foundation of the Great Ends and will shine light on the ways our history has shaped our ministries and how FPC is being called forward. Register here for weekly classes @10 a.m.

January 3-24: <https://bit.ly/GreatEndsJanClasses>

In Loving Memory of

Mr. James Boyce Hunter, Jr. (Jim)

October 8, 1921 - January 3, 2021

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

Revelation 14:13

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