



# First Presbyterian Church

*For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte*

*Founded in 1821*

## Order of Worship

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 18, 2021  
11 a.m.*

### **Preparation**

Prelude

Allegro in C

Thomas Arne

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

### **Adoration**

Choral Call to Worship

G. Hamilton Smith

*He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!*

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

## Confession

### Call to Confession

The Reverend Chuck Williamson

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

### Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### \*Response

HYMN TO JOY

**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.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

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Owen Whitfield Williamson

#### \*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.**

**The 11 a.m. service** is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at [www.firstpres-charlotte.org](http://www.firstpres-charlotte.org) and on Facebook Live.

**Owen is the son** of Chaz and Martina Williamson.

**The Elder** assisting with the baptism today is Marc Gustafson.

# Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Offering of Music

Words: Charles Wesley/Music: Dan Forrest

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Eric Langer, soloist

*Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears. The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears: Before the throne my surety stands. My name is written on his hands. Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary. They pour effectual prayer; they strongly plead for me: “Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry, “nor let that ransomed sinner die.” My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear. He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear. With confidence I now draw nigh, and “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. Arise, my soul, arise.*

Scripture

John 11:17-27

*When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’*

Sermon

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

The Reverend Pen Peery

# Response

\*Hymn No. 394

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion’s help forever, and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

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

Wardie Martin

Opening Doors Capital Campaign

Offertory Anthem

“The Glory of Christ”

K. Lee Scott

*You, living Christ, our eyes behold, amid your church appearing, all girt about your breast with gold and bright apparel wearing; your countenance is burning light, a sun resplendent in its might. Lord Christ, we see your glory. Your glorious feet have sought and found your own of every nation; with everlasting voice you sound the call of our salvation; you search us still with eyes of flame. You know and call us all by name. Lord Christ, we see your glory. O risen Christ, today alive, amid your church abiding, who now your blood and body give, new life and strength providing, we join in heavenly company to sing your praise triumphantly. Lord Christ, we see your glory!*

\*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

# Sending Forth

\*Hymn No. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

Postlude

Voluntary on *Engleberg*

Craig Phillips

**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?

Contact Jane Ives  
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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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## First Presbyterian Church Announcements

### Officer Nominations Now Open, through July 31

We need your help to elect the next class of church officers. You can access the nomination form by visiting [bit.ly/fpcofficernom](http://bit.ly/fpcofficernom) (or the church website). If you need a paper form, please contact Tanya Gaspar, [tgaspar@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:tgaspar@firstpres-charlotte.org).

### BellXcel Pre-K Summer Camp, June 14th - July 29th, The Core Church

Fifteen rising kindergartners spend six weeks learning fundamental math and literacy concepts they need to be successful as they start school in the fall. Sign up on the church website to assist with story time, center time, or recess. | Questions: [hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org).

### Plowshares Summer Read, July 22, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett tells the story of identical twins who grew up in a small (fictional) Louisiana town reserved for light-skinned black residents. After they flee the town, one twin decides to “pass” as white, a decision with long-lasting ramifications for the sisters. | Questions or to sign up: [nan.r.clarke@gmail.com](mailto:nan.r.clarke@gmail.com)

### Nursery Open, Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., S-109 (Rainy Day Room)

Children TK and younger are grouped by age in separate rooms for a story, songs, and play. Don't know where to find the Rainy Day Room? Ask one of our officers or greeters to direct you. | Questions: [dphillips@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:dphillips@firstpres-charlotte.org)

**Thank you for your continued support. For those who are not worshipping in person, we encourage you to give by text, online at [www.firstpres-charlotte.org](http://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.**

In Loving Memory of

**Mrs. Betty Lee Torrence**  
November 11, 1929 - July 15, 2021

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.*  
Revelation 14:13

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