

# First Presbyterian Church

*For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte*

*Founded in 1821*

## Order of Worship

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021  
11 a.m.*

As an important part of our history, we welcome in worship today representatives from many of the outreach ministries our congregation helped established or with whom we have long-standing relationships.

### Preparation

Music in Preparation for Worship

Festival Prelude on *Thaxted*

David Howard Pettit

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Prelude (from Psalm 68)

*Sing to God! Sing to God; sing praises to his name. Lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds. His name is the Lord! Exalt him. Sing to God! Praise his name! Sing to God!*

Michael J. Devine

### Adoration

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 96)

The Reverend Robert Galloway

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

One: Honor and majesty are before God;

All: **Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name.**

One: Let us worship God.

Congregation sings Stanzas 1, 3, 5; Choir sings Stanzas 2, 4

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels  
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood  
 5. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his

pros-trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and  
 and the gall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and  
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and

crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al  
 crown him Lord of all. Go spread your tro - phies  
 crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
 last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

**Choir Stanzas**

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.

4. Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

# Confession

## Call to Confession

God of our past and God of our future, we confess that oftentimes we miss the mark. We fall short. We disappoint ourselves or others around us. Most of all, we have not done all that you would have us do. This is why we are here today: for community that corrects and inspires us, for worship that lifts our spirits, for the urgent reminder of your Grace that abounds in our lives, and for the peace that enables us to reflect it toward those we meet along our way. In this time of worship, Lord, remake us and fill us up. Remind us of our calling. Grant us the courage to be your people through the risen Christ, the only one who sets us free.

## Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## \*Response (Hymn No. 33, Stanza 1)

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Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

# Sacrament of Baptism

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William Banks Hice

### \*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

### Anthem

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Eric Nelson

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sins. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art!*

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.

Banks is the son of Julia and Carter Hice.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Carson Peacock.

The Guest Elder is Brooke Loucks.

# Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

# Sermon

"Grateful for Our Past and Committed to Our Future"

The Reverend Pen Peery

# \*Hymn No. 29

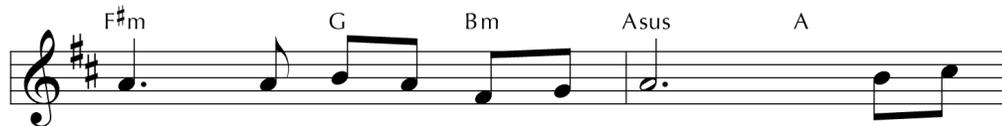
"O God, You Search Me"

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

1 - all, 2 - women, 3 - all, 4 - men, 5 - all



All 1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my  
 Women 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -  
 All 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have  
 Men 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I  
 All 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I  
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with  
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are  
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is  
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the  
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery  
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my  
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the  
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
 dark - ness is ra - dant in your sight.  
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

# Response

## Litany on the Occasion of First Presbyterian's Bicentennial

The Reverend Anna Dickson

One: We give you thanks, O God, for the ways your Spirit stirred our forebears in the faith to organize a church on this site 200 years ago, for the sake of the town that was its mission field and for the benefit of its members who grew in their understanding of themselves as disciples of Jesus Christ. Indeed, disciples of Jesus who learned that what is foundational for our faith is to...

**All: Love the Lord our God with all of our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

One: We are grateful, over these many years, for the gift of partnerships that we have helped form and in which we have participated. For the ways you used people of faith in our congregation to help plant churches, start ministries, and establish non-profits – all of which speak to the impact of your mission through this place into the city and around the globe – we give you thanks and praise. Engaging in outreach is a tangible way that we seek to...

**All: Love the Lord our God with all of our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: We are mindful of the role our church has played in the lives of those who have been a part of this community of faith. For 200 years of welcoming people through the sign and seal of the waters of baptisms; 200 years of shaping children in the Reformed tradition; 200 years of joining couples in the covenant of marriage; 200 years of claiming the promises of resurrection through memorial services – we are struck by your abiding faith as we share with one another the gift of being part of Christ's body, together. Our purpose as a people gathered here in Christian community is to...

**All: Love the Lord our God with all of our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: We rejoice in the opportunity we have had over these 200 years to bear witness to the good news of the gospel through our worship of you. For prayers we have prayed together, music we have made together, Scripture we have heard together, and sacraments we have shared together – this has been a place where worship is central and where we have proclaimed the message of salvation to the city and far beyond. In so doing, we embody what it means to...

**All: Love the Lord our God with all of our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: We not only give you thanks for our past, O God, but we ask you to help guide us in our future. For the ways you will use our work, our witness, our words, and our worship for the sake of your purpose; the ways you will help us grow, and thrive, as we adapt to the ways your city needs our church and our church meets the needs of this city; the ways you will stretch us to include more and more people who will comprise the face of this congregation – we are already grateful and filled with confidence and hope. We commit that moving forward into our next season as your people, we will continue to...

**All: Love the Lord our God with all of our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

## Stewardship of Life

### Offertory Anthem

“Sing We Merrily Unto God Our Strength”

Sidney Campbell

*Sing we merrily unto God our strength. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp and the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day. For this was made a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob.*

### \*Doxology

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**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 & The Lord's Prayer

Pete Carlson

**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. 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

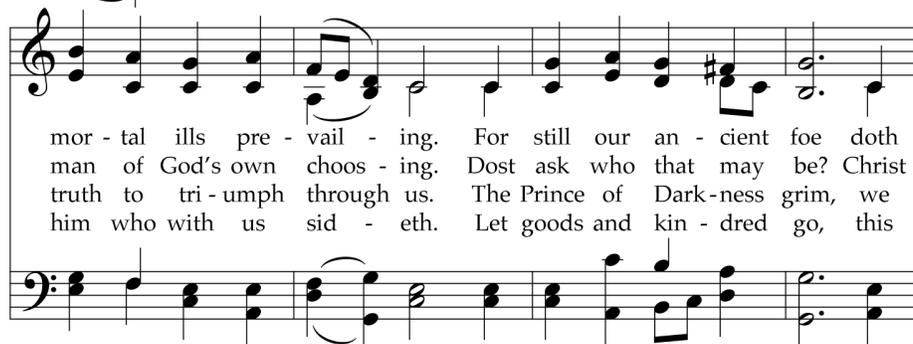
EIN' FESTE BURG/arr. Michael Burkhardt



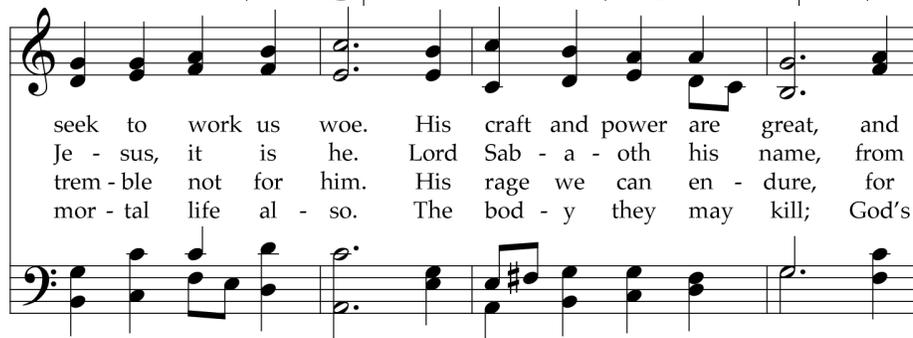
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



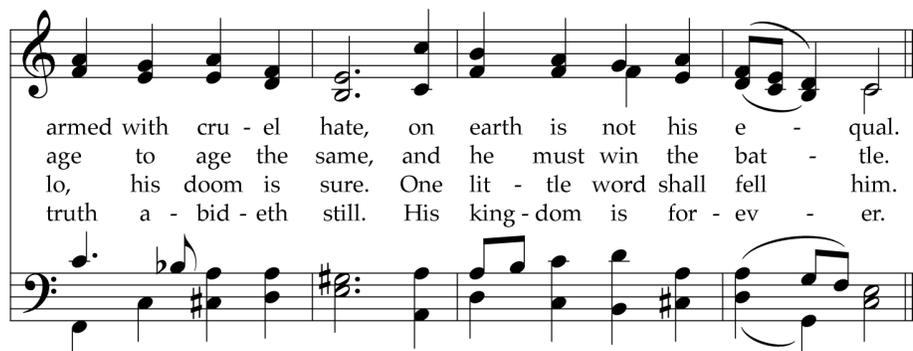
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you; deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you; deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you; moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.*

### Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

J. S. Bach/trans. Gerald Near

**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

### Adult Sunday Classes Resume, September 19, 10 a.m.

Join us for one of two adult classes:

*Exploring the Bible, S203*, is a year-long in-depth study of the whole Biblical story led by Robert Galloway. *Discipleship Hybrid Class, "Seeking Shalom", P206 and via Zoom*, looks at poverty in the Bible and helps us reimagine faithful and impactful responses to poverty led by Garrell Keesler and Hal Clarke. | Questions? Email Garrell at [gkeesler@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:gkeesler@firstpres-charlotte.org). To join the online class go to: [bit.ly/FPCFormation2021](http://bit.ly/FPCFormation2021).

### Tutor a Student In Need

Interventions, such as high-quality tutoring, can change the trajectory of a child negatively impacted by the pandemic. FPC partners with three tutoring organizations - Augustine Literacy Project, Heart Math Tutoring, and HELPS Fluency Tutoring - who consistently help students achieve gains in math and literacy. | For more information or to volunteer, email Heather at [hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org).

### Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering, Sunday, September 26, 2 p.m., Weddington

All are welcome for an afternoon of food and fellowship at Sara Pressly's farm. There is no cost, however, registration is required by September 22. | To register, visit [bit.ly/2021pwfall](http://bit.ly/2021pwfall). Questions? Email Linda at [lindahenley0517@gmail.com](mailto:lindahenley0517@gmail.com).

### Help for Haiti

The scale of the disaster facing Haiti after the August 14 earthquake is becoming clearer. The needs are far more basic - people need food, water, and shelter. The fastest and surest way to make an impact is through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA has people on the ground that can make sure supplies get to those in need. | To contribute, go to: [bit.ly/pdahelpforhaiti](http://bit.ly/pdahelpforhaiti)

### Habitat Volunteers Needed, beginning Saturday, September 25

FPC, in collaboration with The Charlotte Church Partners, will return for year 23 and house 33 to build a Habitat house for a deserving family. More information to come. | Questions? Email Marwen at [marwen@carolina.rr.com](mailto:marwen@carolina.rr.com).

### Book Signing, September 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Queens University

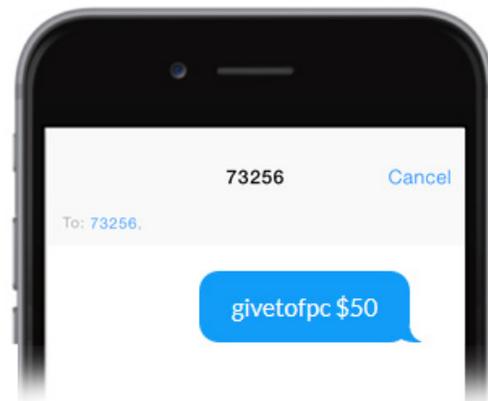
Come meet Lois Stickell, the author of our new history book, and have your copy signed. Lois will share anecdotes and answer questions. Books will be available for purchase. | Questions? Email Jean at [jeanmcochrane@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmcochrane@gmail.com).

### 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.

**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.
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# BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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The Bicentennial Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the church staff.

## 60+ Years Serving Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

FPC is fortunate to have a number of members who have been part of our congregation for 60 years or more! Their service, wisdom, and experience have been invaluable gifts to the church. These members include:

Gloria McClintock	87 years	Joe Nantz	67 years
Mary Barry	77 years	Nancy Helton	66 years
Bob Brown	77 years	Sissie Kelly	65 years
Bill Milner	74 years	Helen Jones	62 years
Helen Neil	72 years	Herb Browne	61 years
Marie Porter	72 years	Joyce Blue	60 years
Woody Clark	71 years	Jerry Clark	60 years
Rosemary Shaver	68 years	Frances Taylor	60 years

# Our Bicentennial Year

*Grateful for the past,  
committed to the future*

**Kickoff Sunday, Coffee with Katie, January 31, 9-10 a.m., Zoom** - A conversation with Katie Crowe and Anna Dickson.

**Kickoff Sunday, Guest Preacher, January 31, 11 a.m., Livestream or TV** - The Rev. Dr. Katie Crowe\* will be preaching.

**The Intersection of Church and Trade: Coming Together to Serve Christ in the Heart of Charlotte, February 21, 5-6 p.m., Zoom** - A conversation with The Rev. Dr. William P. Wood and Hugh McColl moderated by Dale Mullenix, with Liz Clasen-Kelly participating.

**Willard Lecture, March 14, 5-6:30 p.m., webinar** - This year's featured speaker is David Brooks, a NY Times columnist and cultural commentator.

**Global Mission Sunday, April 11, 11 a.m., Livestream or TV** - Guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary.

**Youth Sunday and Confirmation Recognition, April 18, 11 a.m., Livestream or TV** - FPC youth will lead the worship service and we will celebrate confirmands.

**Guest Preacher, April 25, Livestream or TV** - The Rev. Dr. Ernie Thompson\* will be preaching.

**Congregational Fellowship Event, May 22, 6-7:30 p.m., Former Church Manse.**

**Celebration Sunday, Worship, September 12, 11 a.m.**

**Celebration Sunday, Fellowship on the Lawn, September 12, 12:15 p.m.**

**A Conversation with Lois Stickell, September 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Queen's University Chapel** - Join us for a program and book signing with FPC Book Author, Lois Stickell. Details on the church website.

**Guest Preacher, September 26** - The Rev. Dr. Christopher Edmonston\* will be preaching. There will be a front lawn fellowship event following 11:00 a.m. worship.

**Restoring Balance and Healing Divides, October 17, 5-6:30 p.m.** - Bicentennial Speaker: Edgar Villanueva is an author and nationally recognized expert on social justice philanthropy. | Registration will be available at [firstpres-charlotte.org](http://firstpres-charlotte.org)

**Guest Preacher, November 7** - The Rev. Dr. Mary Katherine Robinson\* will be preaching. There will be a front lawn fellowship event following 11:00 a.m. worship.

\* denotes former Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

*Please visit the Bicentennial webpage to learn about upcoming events, find video links to past events, enjoy historical articles, watch videos from members of the congregation, and find the latest member recipes.*