



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

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Voluntary in D-flat
John Mooney, cello

Antonín Dvořák

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Williams/ed. Young

This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you are the one worthy of praise, who fills our hearts with extraordinary joy, and who weeps with us when we lash out and hurt each other. In your infinite love, you care for us, and teach us to love each other as you do. Instead, we too often use our feelings as a shortcut for manipulation, trying to get others to do what we want instead of listening for your guidance. Help us to change, to listen to each other, trusting in you and each other to love again in vulnerability, knowing that all shall be well.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
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

Sacrament of Baptism

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Sutton Oliver Spratt

*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

Psalm 113

*Musical Response

Bless the Lord, O saints and servants; praise the might of God's great name. Ageless, matchless, filled with wonder, yesterday, today, the same. When the dawn receives the sunrise till the night returns its rays, shall the glory of God's goodness be the theme of all our praise.

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Who in heaven can be God's equal, who on earth with God compare? Who can raise the poor from ashes, lift the needy from despair? God alone invites the helpless with the strong to share reward; fields once barren yield a harvest, tongues once silent praise their Lord.

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Sermon

"Loving Like Jesus Loves"

The Reverend Pen Peery

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.

We are grateful to Loretta Giles, Anne Lafferty, Richard Lafferty, Eric Langer, Kelly Potts, David Williamson and the FUPC Praise Team: Daphne Brown, Alexis Small, Lolane Yongue, and Director Jimmy Flanders for sharing their musical talents in worship today.

Sutton is the son of Zack and Allyson Spratt.

The defining characteristic of God's relationship with God's people is steadfast love. We continue our sermon series on the power of God's love; a love that is multi-faceted, dynamic, and life-giving. Each week we will explore a different dimension of the love that God has for us, and the love that God expects us to offer to one another.

Even though we are not meeting in person, we ask for your continued support. At times like these, our financial demands tend to increase rather than decrease. 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.

Anthem

“Upon Your Heart”

Eleanor Daley

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; love one another as I have loved you. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Response

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

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

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Bruce Stevenson

FUPC Praise Team and FPC Choir

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.*

*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. 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too,
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

Virtual Passing of the Peace

Benediction

“Amen”

DANISH

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in E-flat”

David N. Johnson

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

New Installed Associate Pastor

In the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 26, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee presented its nominee for our new installed Associate Pastor for Congregational Care—the Reverend Anna Rainey Dickson.

Anti-Racism Updates from Session

At last month's Session meeting, your Elders engaged a substantial conversation on how our church might respond faithfully and meaningfully to issues of racism. If you haven't seen the email from the Reverend Pen Peery, you can read it now on the Life at First page on the church website.

New Book Discussion in August

The discussion of the book *A Flexible Faith*, by Bonnie Kristian, begins August 6. What does it mean to be Christian today? How might we cultivate diversity instead of division in our faith? The group will meet for an hour via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays through September 24. If you are interested in joining or in hearing more, please contact the Reverend Mary Margaret Porter (mporter@firstpres-charlotte.org).

Two Positions Now Open at FPC

First Presbyterian Church has two positions now available in the Formation Department—Director of Youth Ministry and Director of Children and Family Ministry. Visit the Life at First page on the church website for details or contact the Reverend Robert Galloway (rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org) with questions.

August Formation: Manifestations of God's Love

Love, the focus of the current sermon series, is the primary way we understand God. In following God as disciples, we are called to model this love in the ways we treat one another. We invite you to explore manifestations of God's love. Our study will include gathering virtually and learning on our own.

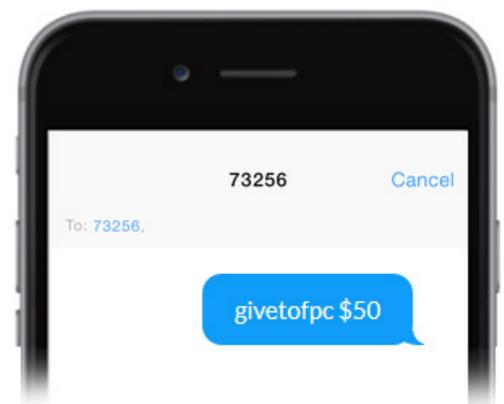
- August 2: (Learn) "God's Love Through the Sacraments" with the Reverend Robert Galloway. Register now for this Zoom session (<https://bit.ly/august2formation>) with small group breakouts.
- August 9: (Grow) Personal exploration via resources on the Life at First page on the church website.
- August 16: (Do) Participate remotely in communion and support hunger initiatives to show God's love to others.

Schools Supplies Drive

Drive through the front drive of the church to drop off school supplies to support students at Westerly Hills Academy (FPC partner school) and First Ward Elementary (FUPC partner school) on August 12 from 9:30-11:30, Thursday August 13 from 1-3pm or 4-6pm. As you drive through, you are invited to pick up gluten-free bread to use at home for Communion on August 16. Please stay in your car and wear a mask.

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.

Bible Study is now on Summer Break. We will reconvene September 2, 2020.

Join us for a Facebook live limited preaching series, “Applying God’s Word”. The series will air August 6, 13 & 20 at 7 p.m. The power is in the application!

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.