



On the fourth Sunday of the month,
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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022
11 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxtehude
Words of Welcome The Reverend Anna Dickson
Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship Christopher Tye
*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name. From early morn to
setting sun, his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart. He
makes his mercies known. Ye people, come and bow before his throne.*



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

Prayer of Confession

At times, O God, we forget who we are. We forget that we are your children, members of a covenant community, heirs of the promises of the gospel. And when we forget, we live lesser lives than you intend for us, we tarnish your divine image in us, we cheapen the very gift of our lives. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to your righteousness. Enable us to find our joy and delight in living for your glory, and in reflecting the life we have seen in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 581)

GLORIA PATRI

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.

Time with Children

Blessing of the Backpacks

Delilah Jane Phillips

Children ages three through second grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

Proclamation

Anthem

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. John Ferguson

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin; let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me; he will stay close beside me all the way. He calls children to his side, saying "Come with me abide." Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon

The Reverend Anna Dickson

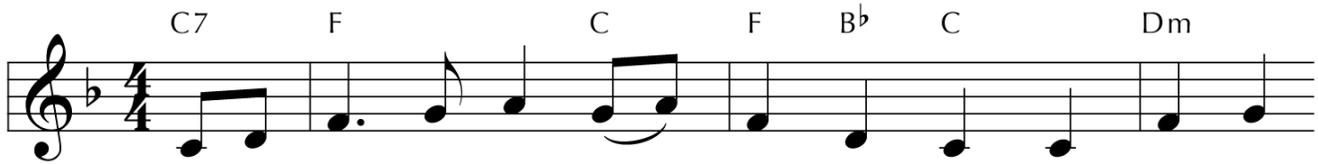
"The Things We Teach Our Children: Jesus Welcomes You"

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 rosebuds celebrate the births of Wyatt Joseph Lawler, son of Megan Foyle and Erik Lawler; and Thomas Halligan James, son of Abigail and Chris James.

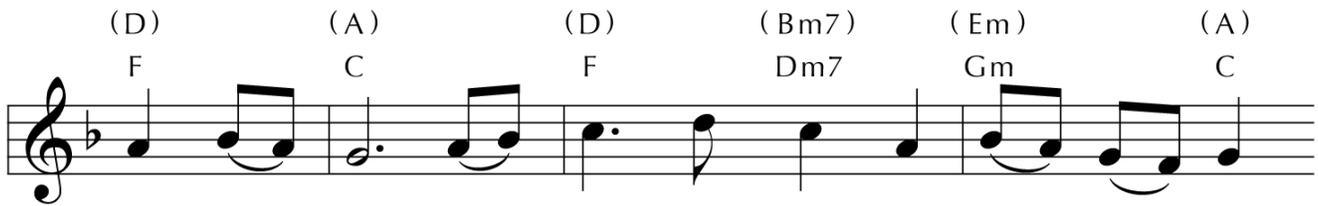
The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roger Victor Harrison, by his wife, Velda Harrison.

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program, a hunger relief and at-risk youth ministry of the Presbytery of Charlotte.



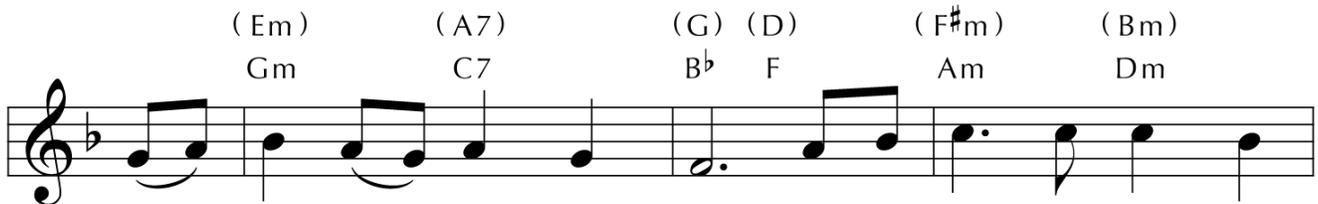
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



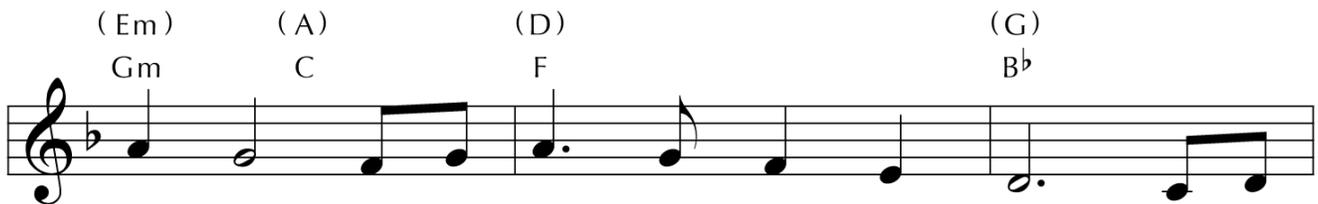
safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek

vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as

as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as

laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Response

*Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Robert Galloway

*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 and 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

Outreach

Lillie Cochran

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

*"Why We Sing"
FUPC Praise Team*

Kirk Franklin

*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

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 547

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Amen"

John Rutter

Postlude

Preludium in F

Vincent Lübeck

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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Rev. Peery is on sabbatical through August 31, 2022.

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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

First Fruits Resumes, September 7

Come join us for our monthly wine fellowship gathering at a local wine bar or a church member's home! The location will be communicated on a monthly basis. | Register: tinyurl.com/yece6fav

Study Group Participants Needed, Sign up by September 2

The Advocacy Committee needs participants for a study group on the issue of gun violence so that the Session can determine how FPC might respond through education, policy, and advocacy work. | Contact: hclarke61@aol.com

Yoga

Yoga Flow - *Tuesdays beginning September 6, noon, Fellowship Hall Overflow*
Bring your mat for a gentle, strength-building flow.

Chair Yoga - *Wednesdays beginning September 7, noon, P206*

Seated and standing postures focusing on balance, flexibility, and breath. Friends are welcome! | Questions: clynn@firstpres-charlotte.org or 704-927-0262

Choirs Resume, September 7

Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, chimes, and handbells will resume on September 7. Dinner is available at 5:30 p.m. (\$9 for ages 12+, \$6 for ages 5-11, free for children under 4) | Register: tinyurl.com/yfymxcwp

First United Presbyterian Church Announcements

Our next prayer walk will be August 27. We will gather in the education building at 9 a.m. We extend an invitation to members of FPC to join us. Wear your church t-shirt and represent.

Singles Life group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Meetings are in person at the church. We invite FPC singles to join us.

In Loving Memory of

Willis Irwin Henderson, III (Tuffy)
January 1, 1934 - August 22, 2022

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

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- Text to 73256
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