

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION CELEBRATION WEEK

**BEGINS TODAY SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10th**

The Presbyterian Church (USA) planning calendar recognizes a week of Christian Formation in churches and faith communities. For 2023, Christian Formation Celebration week begins September 10th, the Sunday after Labor Day. Churches may choose different weeks or split up some of the celebration over several Sundays depending on their church and school calendars. When considering all the ways in which formation happens in our faith communities, we can use this time to kick-off a new program year for Christian education, commission faith formation leaders or start ministries. We encourage you to recognize the importance of Christian Formation and your leaders in worship.

United In Faith & United In Love & United In Life

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“Helping Others See Jesus’ Grace In Me”

Order of Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

**Congregation Stands/rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

ALL: This day is God's gift to us

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: God has graciously gathered us together in this place

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise

*OPENING HYMN #105 (AA)

"Bless The Lord"



BLESS THE LORD 105

Bless the LORD O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Psalm 103:1

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and

all that is with-in me, bless His ho-ly

1. name! 2. name! 3. name! To verse

Verse

He has done great things, He has done great things,

He has done great things, bless His ho-ly name! D.C.

Text: Psalm 103:1
 Tune: André Crouch, b.1945, © Bud John Songs, Inc.; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*unison*)

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Day by day you guide us; every breath we take is a gift of your mercy. You strengthen our knees to serve you. You lift our hands to give you all praise. We come before you in the company of sisters and brothers to give you the worship due your wonderful name. May our words be worthy of the trust you place in us and our meditations mindful of your benevolent care. Amen.

INTROIT #114 (AA)

“Welcome Into This Place”

GOD OUR FATHER

HIS ADORATION AND PRAISE

114 WELCOME INTO THIS PLACE

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Psalm 122:1*

Wel-come in-to this place. Wel-come in-to this
bro - ken ves - sel. You de - sire to a-bide in the
prais - es of Your peo - ple, so we lift our hands and we
lift our hearts as we of-fer up this praise un-to Your name.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system starts with a whole note chord in the bass staff and a half note in the treble staff. The second system has a whole note chord in the bass staff and a half note in the treble staff. The third system has a whole note chord in the bass staff and a half note in the treble staff. The fourth system has a whole note chord in the bass staff and a half note in the treble staff.

Text: Orlando Jaurez
Tune: Orlando Jaurez; arr. by Jimmie Abbington
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL SELECTION

“Praise Team”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reverend Delton H. Farmer

Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
New Testament	Romans 8:28-30

SERMON

“A New Plan A New Season”
Reverend Delton H. Farmer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *{from A Brief Statement of Faith}*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

DISCIPLESHIP

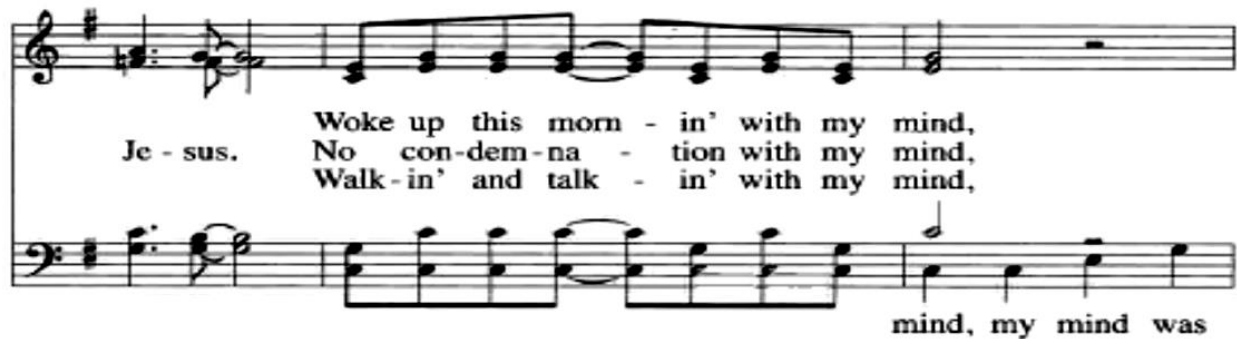
LIFE IN CHRIST

WOKE UP THIS MORNIN' 566

Those of steadfast mind You keep in peace— in peace because they trust in You.
Isaiah 26:3



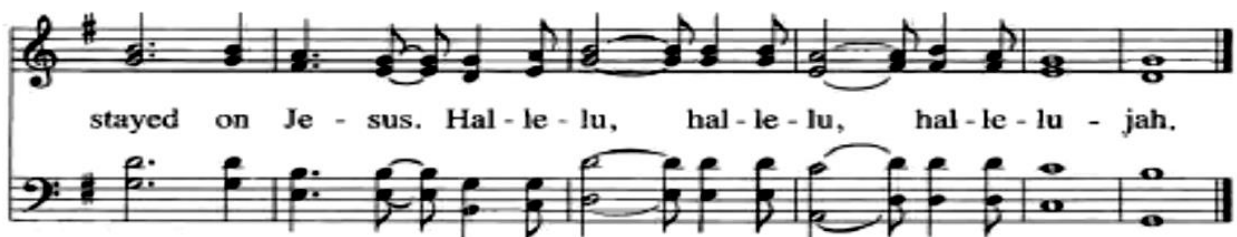
1. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
 2. No con-dem - na - tion with my mind, stayed on
 3. Walk - in' and talk - in' with my mind,
 mind, my mind was



Je - sus. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
 No con-dem-na - tion with my mind,
 Walk-in' and talk - in' with my mind,
 mind, my mind was



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 No con-dem-na - tion with my mind,
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stayed on Je - sus. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Congregational Praise Song

Tune: WITH MY MIND, 12 12 12 with hallelujahs; Congregational Praise Song, arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Carenton, b.1953, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN #**

“Let The Church Say Amen”

Let the Church say “amen”
Let the church say “amen”.
God has spoken.
So, let the church say “amen”
(Repeat 2 times)

***BENEDICTION**

Reverend Farmer



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP with FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

We will be worshipping with First Presbyterian Church on the 4th Sunday in October. Be sure to tune in to their TV ministry on channel 64.



TEN CENTS A MEAL - We Can Make a Huge Difference when ALL participate. Using the same passage Two and Five Cents-a-Meal has used since 1982. Please consider a gift to Ten Cents-a-Meal every 1st Sunday.

PW BIBLE STUDY/CT Meeting - Saturday, September 16th @ 11:00 am via Zoom

Meeting ID: 872 5882 563 **PC:** 758558 **Call in:** +1 301 715 8592

“Sacred Encounters” The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

- Introduction and Lesson One: Elizabeth's Sacred Encounter

LOAVES & FISHES 5TH Fridays @ First Presbyterian will resume September 29, 2023

CLEANSING WATERS SHOWER MINISTRY - 1st & 3rd Sundays from 9:00 am - 10:30 am

BT EXPRESS (Alcohol/Narcotics Program) Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

A Thank You Note !

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

First United Family,

I am sending a note of thank you to express my appreciation for the warmth and love shown to me, my family, and friends. Sunday was an absolute wonderful day of worship and fellowship. I trust that our heavenly Father was pleased. My friends, remember Sunday's sermon topic, "Through the Spirit." We must believe in the power of God - knowing that we can do nothing on our own; understanding that our God has limitless power. Secondly, we will trust and believe in the deep things of God. As we begin to move forward and God unfolds His vision for First United, as your Pastor, I ask that you join me and commit to God's plan for us, and let us watch God do amazing things now and for the future of this great church. We will say, "Yes to His will and yes to His way." By doing this, we will receive the peace of God active and present in our lives. Finally, I extend this challenge to you. Begin now anticipating growth, not in number, but in spirit. The numbers will come. I trust through the Spirit we will do great things! To God be the glory for now and all that is to come!

*Peace of Christ to All
Rev. Farmer, Pastor*

2023 Charlotte Church Partners Build Schedule



Meadows at Plato Price

Date	Meadows house number	Task	Max # of Volunteers
Saturday, 11/4	Plato 1	Drywall	15-20
Saturday, 11/4	Plato 2	Drywall	15-20
Saturday, 11/18	Plato 1	Paint	12
Saturday, 11/18	Plato 2	Paint	12
Saturday 12/2	Plato 1	Flooring	8
Saturday, 12/2	Plato 2	Flooring	8
Friday, 12/8	Plato 1	Trim	12
Friday, 12/8	Plato 2	Trim	12
Saturday, 12/9 FUPCC Host Day	Plato 1	Paint	12
Saturday, 12/9 FUPCC Host Day	Plato 2	Paint	12

Site Supervisor: Adam

Partner Family:

House Plan:

A Special Note: Save the date, Wednesday, September 20, 2023 @ 8:00 am

Address: 4202 Plato Circle, Charlotte, NC 28208

Address for Parking: 4201 Morris Field Dr. Charlotte, NC 28208

“Prayer Walk around the Meadows of Plato Price”

~CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE~

Hello First United Family,

Your monthly support for the Capital Campaign means so much.

Your Capital Campaign Pledge is your financial commitment to our 3-year funding drive to raise needed capital for major repairs and possible future renovations.

The roofs on the Sanctuary and the Education Building have been completed and paid for, but to continue to give our church new life and remain a part of the up-town landscape, your support is vital and needed more than ever.

ARE YOU COMMITTED TO DOING YOUR PART?

ARE YOUR PLEDGES UP TO DATE?

Thank you so much for those of you who continue to support this church, have faith and hope by paying your pledges to help move forward with the Lord's work on the corner of 7th and College Streets

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus". [Philippians 1:6]

Yours in Christ,
The Capital Campaign Leadership Team



NORTH CAROLINA

Voter **Photo ID** Requirement



WHAT PHOTO ID CAN I USE?

Any of the following that is **unexpired or expired for one year or less**:

- North Carolina Driver's License
- U.S. Passport Book/U.S. Passport Card
- State ID from NCDMV ("non-operator ID")
- NC Voter Photo ID card, issued by a county board of elections
- College/university student ID approved by State Board of Elections
- Charter school employee ID approved by State Board of Elections
- State/local government employee ID approved by State Board of Elections
- Driver's license/non-driver ID from another state, D.C. or U.S. territory *(only if voter registered in NC within 90 days of election)*

Any of the following, **regardless of whether the ID contains an expiration or issuance date**:

- Military or veteran ID card issued by the U.S. government
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a State or federally recognized tribe
- ID card issued by a U.S. government agency or the State of NC for a public assistance program

NOTE: Voters ages 65+ may use an expired ID if it was unexpired on their 65th birthday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				August 24 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 25 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	Closed
Closed	August 28 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 29 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 30 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 31 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	September 1 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	Closed
Closed	Closed	September 5 ALL 10 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	September 6 ALL 10 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	September 7 ALL 10 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	September 8 ALL 10 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	September 9 FINAL DAY ALL 10 Sites 8 am – 3 pm
Closed	Closed	September 12 Primary Election Day 6:30 am – 7:30 pm Voting in your assigned precinct (check your voter card or visit our website meckbee.org)	Eligible individuals may register and vote during the one-stop early voting period.			

7 Marks of Congregational Vitality

1. A commitment to forming disciples over every member's lifetime. This leads first to personal transformation, as people put on the heart of Christ, and then to social transformation, as people joyfully go forth into the community and tackle the issues facing today's culture.
2. Embracing the call to evangelism. We show forth the love of Christ by our actions and our lives even more than by our words. Our relationships are genuine and caring. People know we are Christians by our love.
3. An outward focus. Our church is not a place to escape from the world, but rather our gateway to our community where we may be the hands, feet, heart and mouth of Jesus Christ for people who are suffering or marginalized.
4. Empowering every member to discover their individual calling and the gifts God has given them so they can go forth and serve.
5. Spirit-inspired worship that challenges, teaches, transforms, convicts and energizes us so when we are sent out, we have experienced the wonder of God and are changed for the better from when we arrived.
6. Caring relationships modeled on God's love. We open our doors and hearts to all people, and we build relationships modeled on God's love, which leads to genuine reconciliation and peace.
7. Congregations with healthy systems. Our mission focuses are clear. There is fiscal responsibility and accountability. We have thoughtful decision-making structures. Our leaders and staff enjoy a sustainable balance of work/rest time.



History of our Partnership

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN + SUN COUNSELING AND WELLNESS

The Opening Doors campaign identified mental health as an outreach priority after Charlotte's Opportunity Task Force included access to mental healthcare as a major factor in socioeconomic mobility and flourishing. First Presbyterian Church recognized barriers to quality, accessible mental health counseling within the uptown community (cost, location) and set out to partner with excellent therapists to provide care in uptown.

COVID-19 underscored the widespread need, not only for direct services for people of all income levels, but also for more opportunities to destigmatize education about mental health and wellness.

After receiving proposals from many potential partners, Sun Counseling was identified as the church's clinical partner for this project. First Presbyterian values Sun Counseling's proven excellence in clinical practice, as well as their commitment to compassionate, engaging education about mental health concerns that are familiar to many of us.

The Opening Doors Capital Campaign will fund income-based scholarships for clients seeing the therapists at the First Presbyterian location. FPC will also provide two offices in the Fresco Lobby during business hours.

Sun Counseling will provide educational opportunities throughout the year for the congregation and community of First Presbyterian Church.

Opening
DOORS



First Presbyterian
Church of Charlotte

Sun Counseling and Wellness

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

About Sun Counseling and Wellness

Sun Counseling and Wellness is made up of a consortium of providers that have many years of experience working with individuals, couples, families, and groups. We are passionate about helping clients achieve a balanced and fulfilling life and treating the WHOLE person. We use modern and evidence-based therapeutic techniques and are individualized and creative in our work with clients. Some of our specialty areas include trauma, grief, eating disorders, anxiety, depression, self-esteem, body image, life transitions, integrative wellness, yoga, acupuncture, and more.



VALUES

Authenticity, Creativity, Compassion, Education, Service, Showing up. This spells ACCESS. By definition, access is "a means of approaching or entering a place and the ability, right, or permission to approach, enter, speak with, or use." Our hope is for every person to find permission to tend to their wellness and to have the opportunity to do so.

These are approachable, safe, inclusive, nonjudgmental counseling relationships to fit your needs. It is our privilege to work with clients and we are on a mission to destigmatize, elevate the conversation, and normalize dialogue around mental health. We want people to feel proud to say "Yep, I go to therapy!"

Scheduling an Appointment

Sun Counseling and Wellness will handle all scheduling for appointments in the First Presbyterian counseling center. The new client form can be accessed on their website: suncounselingandwellness.com/new-clients

You do not need a referral from a First Presbyterian minister to make an appointment.

About the Scholarships

The cost of therapy can be a barrier to many. Sun Counseling therapists will work directly with individual clients to identify the appropriate rate for services rendered, using the income-based charts provided below.

If you think you qualify for a reduced rate, please fill out the form at fpc.charlotte.org/scholarship or speak directly with your therapist during or prior to your first session.

For adult clients or guardians with FEWER than four dependents:

YOUR INCOME	SESSION COST
Up to \$15,000	\$10 / \$15
\$15,001-\$30,000	\$25 / \$35
\$30,001-\$40,000	\$50 / \$75
\$40,001-\$50,000	\$75 / \$100
\$50,001-\$55,000	\$100 / \$150
\$55,001-\$60,000	\$125 / \$165
\$60,001+	\$150* / \$200*

For adult clients or guardians with MORE than four dependents:

YOUR INCOME	SESSION COST
Up to \$20,000	\$10 / \$15
\$20,001-\$40,000	\$25 / \$35
\$40,001-\$50,000	\$50 / \$75
\$50,001-\$60,000	\$75 / \$100
\$60,001-\$65,000	\$100 / \$135
\$65,001-\$70,000	\$125 / \$165
\$70,001+	\$150* / \$200*

* fee for session with a provisionally licensed therapist

* Full-rate fees: \$175 for a 60-minute intake / \$150 for subsequent 50-minute sessions

* fee for session with a fully licensed therapist

* Full-rate fees: \$250 for a 60-minute intake session / \$200 for subsequent 50-minute sessions

Meet the Therapists

Sun Counseling and Wellness provides two full-time therapists who are available for appointments on the First Presbyterian campus.



Dr. Sheba Sumratt, DBH, LCMHC

I have 15 years of experience providing counseling, professional development, and consultative services. I work with children, teens and adolescents, and adults. I provide services to individuals with emotional, psychological, lifestyle changes, and various other problem-situations. I work to reduce behavioral and/or mental health

symptoms that impair quality of life in order to improve overall self-care management and wellness. Specialty areas: Anxiety, depression, grief and loss, developmental concerns, adjustment and life transitions, self-esteem and self-concept, interpersonal conflict and relationship issues, substance use.

Andrea Juarez, LCSWA

I am a Latinx, Bilingual (English/Spanish), Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate. I am passionate about breaking the stigma surrounding mental health and helping individuals find healing in their life. My aim is to work collaboratively with you to empower and support through life's ups and downs. It is my priority to create a safe and inclusive space for you to process and explore your feelings. Specialty areas: complex trauma, intergenerational trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship dynamics, First Gen experience, LatinX experience, change/life transitions, navigating family of origin experiences.



More info at firstpres-charlotte.org/counseling-center

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Shepard Foley ~ Ms. Jane Reid ~ Margaret Freeman ~ Connie Patton



Great God of wisdom, righteousness, and grace, we are overcome by the benefits you have bestowed upon us. Help us to bear within us the hope that in Christ all things are possible. With faith rekindled, we set forth on our journey in the certain knowledge that we are ever at home with you. Amen

Scripture:

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