

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



United In Faith & United In Love & United In Life
Sunday, September 24, 2023

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“Helping Others See Jesus’ Grace In Me”

Order of Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost

**Congregation Stands*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #106 (AA)

“In The Beauty Of Holiness”

***CALL TO WORSHIPDe’Andre Yongue**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #291 (AA)**

“O How I Love Jesus”

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*unison*)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: Grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be feed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION.....De’Andre Yongue

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God’s grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION

“Praise Team”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament – Psalm 145:1-8

New Testament – Philippians 1:21-30

SERMON

“For This I Declare Praise”

Rev. Delton Farmer

INVITATIONAL HYMN #354(AA)

“Come To Jesus”

❧ INVITATION TO DISCIPLSHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *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

MINUTE FOR MISSIONBlake Brown

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise Team

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN #131 (AA)**

“Guide My Feet”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. 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, October 21, 2023 @ 11:00 am via Zoom

Meeting ID: 872 5882 5653 **PC:** 758558 **Call in:** +1 301 715 8592

Lesson Two – “The Exorcism in Gerasa”

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

OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

We will no longer receive split checks for your offerings and gifts. All checks will indicate in the memo line, one designated offering, for example, church support, building fund, capital campaign or any other designation.

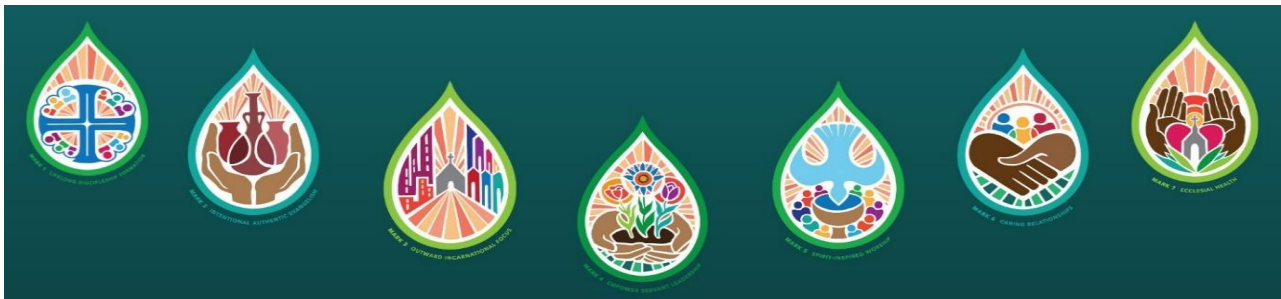
CARE AND CONCERN

Final arrangements for Mrs. Thelma Stokes Smith

Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 @ 2:00 pm, The Fountain Church, 9621 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615 Reverend Paul L. Anderson, Pastor.

Condolences and other acts of kindness should be sent to Ms. Michelle Smith Cofield, 8304 Hardeth Way, Raleigh, NC 27616.

Abel Shepherd Team leaders - Deacon Charles Jackson and Elder Sharon Kelley



Habitat for Humanity[®] of the Charlotte Region

PRAYER WALK - Meadows at Plato Price September 20, 2023



A brand-new community of 39 affordable Habitat homes built and purchased by hard-working local families.

Thank you to the generous **Cornerstone Investors** for committing gifts of \$1 million+ to this very special project!

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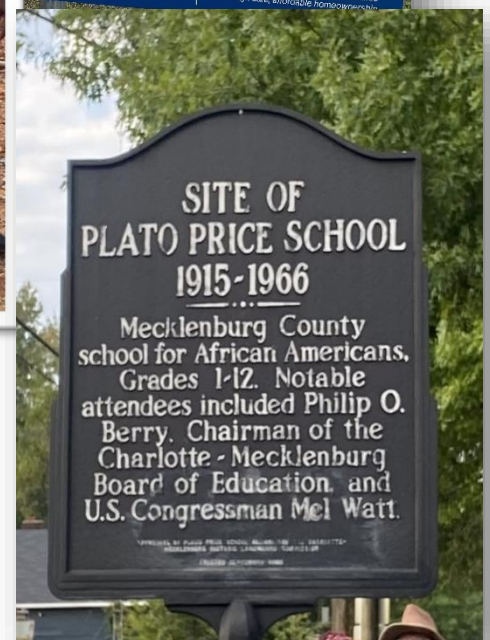
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through safe, affordable homeownership





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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

~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

❧ SICK AND SHUT-INS ❧

AT HOME

Mrs. Louise Ezell1850 Magwood Dr. #212, Charleston SC 29414

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, HOSPITALS & SENIOR LIVING

Mr. Samuel ReidPINEVILLE REHAB & LIVING CENTER
1010 Lakeview Drive Room #61-B Pineville, NC 28134 (704)-889-2273

Dr. Mildred Y. MosleyWALTONWOOD AT COTSWOLD
5215 Randolph Rd Apt 2018, Charlotte, NC 28211-5164

Mrs. Margaret Freeman SUMMIT PLACE OF SOUTH PARK
2101 Runnymede Lane, Room #116, Charlotte, NC 28209

PRAYER LIST Email: prayer@fupcc.org

Barbara Cannon  Caryle Blakeney-Bennett  Abby Flanders
Margaret Freeman  Shepard Foley  Ms. Jane Reid  Connie Patton



Bringer of hope to the nations, glory be to you. We pray that nations may heed the word of peace that Christ proclaims. Be with all that suffer as a result of human hostility, and through Christ, break down the walls that keep us apart. Fill leaders with wisdom; bring humility to rulers. Make us effective witnesses to the hope of Christ's salvation and give us firm resolution to proclaim him Redeemer of all. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

Scripture:

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