

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

5th Sunday Of Easter

**Congregation Stands/rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #174 (AA)

"We Have Come Into This House"

JESUS CHRIST

HIS ADORATION AND PRAISE

174 WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE

*Worship the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with singing.
Psalm 100:2*

1. We have - come in - to this house to
2. So, for - get a - bout your - self,
3. Let us - lift up ho - ly hands,

gath - er in His name and wor - ship Him. We have
con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him. So, for -
mag - ni - fy His name - and wor - ship Him. Let us

come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and
get a - bout your - self, con - cen - trate on Him and
lift up ho - ly hands, mag - ni - fy His name and

wor - ship Him. We have come in - to this house to
wor - ship Him. So, for - get a - bout your - self,
wor - ship Him. Let us lift up ho - ly hands,



gath - er in His name and wor - ship Christ the Lord.
 con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Christ the Lord.
 mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Christ the Lord.



Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

All: For we are the church of Jesus Christ!

Leader: We pray for the Holy Spirit to dwell with us,

All: Opening our hearts and minds that we may freely worship and praise our God!



CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**(*unison*)

Good and Gracious Lord, as we begin this day of worship, we are reminded that You hold us in the palm of Your strong hand, working all things for our good and to Your glory. There is no place we can go that escapes your notice and is hidden from your loving attention. We are amazed by your power and in awe of Your grace: You take what’s inadvertently or intentionally evil and bend it to Your will and ways.

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are, and we are a people who have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God’s goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPC Choir - "My Life Is In Your Hands " *by Kirk Franklin*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

Gracious God may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 33:4-9

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke5:1-10

SERMON **" Say’s Who" Rev. Delton H. Farmer**



INVITATIONAL

FUPC Choir - "If It Had Not Been For The Lord On My Side" by Helen Baylor

❧ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER ❧

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Jesus Name Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Having heard the good news and being assured of God's love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude. Let us give thanks with what we have and who we are. Let us give our offering.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION

FUPC Choir - "I Love To Prais Him" by The Mississippi Mass Choir

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen



LIFE IN CHRIST

TESTIMONY, WITNESS AND PRAISE

504 LOVE LIFTED ME

*...in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.
Isaiah 63:9*

1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll
 3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly

shore, Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in,
 cling, In His bless - ed pres - ence live,
 saves; He will lift you by His love

Sink - ing to rise no more; But the Mas - ter
 Ev - er His prais - es sing. Love so might - y
 Out of the an - gry waves. He's the Mas - ter

of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry,
 and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs;
 of the sea, Bil - lows His will o - bey;

From the wa - ters lift - ed me— Now safe am I.
 Faith - ful, lov - ing serv - ice, too, To Him be - longs.
 He your Sav - ior wants to be— Be saved to - day.

me,
 Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed

me,
 e - ven me, When noth - ing else could help,

1. Love lift - ed me; 2. Love lift - ed me.

Text: James Rowe, 1865-1933
 Tune: SAFETY, 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 4 with refrain; Howard E. Smith, 1863-1918

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Farmer**
 May you leave this place to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world, offering love and grace to all you meet. And may you be blessed by the triune God, Father, Son and Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP with FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

We will be worshipping with First Presbyterian Church May 5, 2024. 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 been used since 1982. Please consider a gift to Ten Cents-a-Meal every 1st Sunday.

PW BIBLE STUDY/CT Meeting - Saturday, May 18, 2024 @ 11:00 am via Zoom

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

[Lesson 9 – ?]

PW WOMEN

PW Women will be collecting personal hygiene items for Sister to Sister for women (*deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine products, lotion*), we would also like for the PW Men to donate items for men. We will be collecting all items until June 30, 2024.

LOAVES & FISHES 5TH Fridays @ First Presbyterian, the next date will be May 31, 2024

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

BIBLE STUDY – (Hybrid) - Bible Study every Wednesday night @ 6:30pm

(Studying the Book of Acts – "From Resurrection to Pentecost")

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 834 3423 2514 **Passcode:** 306013

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83434232514?pwd=OU9aMGFkSkt6Z0R6U2ZIM2FRYm90Zz09>

One tap mobile, + 1-301- 715-8592, follow the prompts: then give meeting ID - 834 3423 2514#, Enter passcode - 306013#

PRAISE & WORSHIP MINISTRY & FUPC CHOIR

There will be a brief meeting of the Praise & Worship Ministry and the FUPC Choir immediately following the morning worship by the piano. All members are asked to attend.

FIRST UNITED'S TRIUMPHANT TEENS – Bible Study

Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am Classroom #201 Ages: 13-18 (snacks provided)

******For more information, please contact the church office******

CARE AND CONCERN – THANK YOU

The Roberts Family extends many thanks to you all for your prayers, love, calls, and cards due to the loss of my brother, Reginald Roberts. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord and we are at peace.

Much Love,
Michelle Maxwell



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DAY 1 – FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024



• **SUNDAY, MAY 5TH** •

DUE TO THE NOISE LEVEL AND ROAD CLOSURES THAT ARE ANTICIPATED DURING THE 3 DAY, LOVIN' LIFE MUSIC FESTIVAL THAT WILL BE HELD IN FIRST WARD PARK, WE WILL BE WORSHIPPING WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.



PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 11:00 A.M.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” – Ephesians 6:18

Intercession is God’s strategy for including the saints (you and I) in ruling with Him in power. God has chosen intercession as the primary means in which He releases His power now and forever. Jesus exhibited the practice of intercession when He created the earth by speaking the Word to the Father (Genesis 1).

- Intercession causes us to internalize God’s Word and changes us.
- Intercession unites our heart to people and places we pray for.

WATCH AND PRAY

- Intercession renews our hope and faith.
- Intercession imparts life (*John 6:63*).
- Intercession makes a long-term impact beyond this age (*Rev. 5:8, 8:1-6*).
- Intercession humbles us.
- Intercession changes the spiritual atmosphere of cities and nations.
- Intercession causes multiple blessings to return to the intercessor (*Luke 6:38*).

If this is your gifting, come and join the army of CHANGE AGENTS!

*****Contact Michelle Maxwell at 704-574-9128 or email:elenoremaxwell@gmail.com*****



Men's Breakfast

May 18, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

*Please RSVP by contacting
the church office at
704-376-8014*

by May 15, 2024

∞ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ∞

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

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.finyx.us/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 Surratt, 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

