

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

6th Sunday After Pentecost

**Congregation Stands/rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT #107 (AA)

"We've Come To Worship You"

COD OUR FATHER

HIS ADORATION AND PRAISE

107 WE'VE COME TO WORSHIP YOU

*Thus says the LORD: "Let my people go, so that they may worship me."
Exodus 8:1*

1. Lord, we've come to wor - ship You.
2. Lord, we've come to give You thanks.
3. Lord, we've come to give You praise.

Lord, we've come to wor - ship You, for we
Lord, we've come to give You thanks, for we
Lord, we've come to give You praise, for we

know that Your name is wor - thy, oh Lord, and we've
know that Your name is wor - thy, oh Lord, and we've
know that Your name is wor - thy, oh Lord, and we've

come to wor - ship You.
come to give You thanks.
come to give You praise.

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Tune: Stephen Key
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*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We trust that the Lord is with us

All: And all shall be made well

Leader: Our faith is the light that guides us

All: Through work, life and the world

Leader: Rejoice and know that God is here

All: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord

***OPENING HYMN #500 (AA)**

"Glory, Glory Halleluiaah"

1st Verse

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down!

2nd Verse

Friends don't treat me like they used to
Since I laid my burdens down.
Friends don't treat me like they used to
Since I laid my burdens down!

3rd Verse

I'm goin' home to live with Jesus
Since I laid my burdens down.
I'm goin' home to live with Jesus
Since I laid my burdens down!

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

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but as Christ intercedes on our behalf we are emboldened to come before your throne of grace. You make us mindful of your bountiful care as each morning we arise to greet the dawn of a new day. As we enter the sanctuary, we behold your countenance in the eyes of sisters and brothers. As your Word is read and proclaimed we hear how you have been faithful throughout the ages. Be pleased with our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your goodness in thought, word, and deed.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We call on the Lord from the depths of our pain. We wait for the Lord on the strength of our hope. Faithfully, let us confess our sins and trust in God to bring us new life and new ways of living, as we pray together the Prayer of Confession as printed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us – from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves – we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven't asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Great is God's faithfulness! With God there is forgiveness and great power to redeem

All: God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning

Leader: God has turned our mourning to dancing, forgiving us fully and freely

All: Our souls will not be silent. As forgiven people, we will praise the Lord!

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPC Choir "Love Is A Miracle " *by Maverick City Music*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler**

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

SERMON **Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler**

INVITATIONAL SELECTION

FUPCC Choir "I Must Tell Jesus"

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Brief Statement of Faith (lines 1-6, 77-79))*

Leader: What do we believe?

We Believe.....

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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

Leader: Leader: With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God. *(You may give online @fupcc.org; mail your gifts to the church office, 406 N. College Street, 28202; or leave with the Officers as you exit.)* Remember, the Lord Loves a cheerful giver. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION

FUPCC Choir - "I Shall Wear A Crown" by Trey McLaughlin

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Lord God, let these offerings help us all along our paths and let them be useful in following our faith and helping our church. May our minds, souls, and bodies help to serve you. Let our gifts and kindness help not only You but our friends, our community and our world. Amen.

***CLOSING SELECTION**

"Let The Church Say Amen"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Farmer**

POSTLUDE



About the Matthew 25 mark

The circular shape represents unity and equality. Like God, a circle has no beginning and no end, and it symbolizes our continuing effort to help one another. The shape also suggests a globe that points to our engagement with the world.

The three interlocking figures represent the equality of all people without gender or race bias. They have their arms around each other, symbolizing friendship, protection and service. The number three suggests the three focus areas of congregational vitality, structural racism and systematic poverty, as well as the Trinity.

The color palette is bright, lively, friendly and energetic — suggestive of our active commitment. Finally, the legend “Matthew 25” below the symbol is the literal identification of the mark. We use a handwritten font to make the point that active engagement in the world requires human effort.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP with FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

We will be worshipping with First Presbyterian Church TBA. 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– PW Bible study will resume Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 11:00 am

PW WOMEN - will be collecting personal hygiene items for Sister to Sister for women (*deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine products, lotion*), The collection of toiletries will continue throughout the year (December).

LOAVES & FISHES 5TH Fridays @ First Presbyterian, the next date will be August 30, 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 will resume September 4, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 834 3423 2514

Passcode: 306013

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83434232514?pwd=OU9aMGFkSkt6Z0R6U2ZlM2FRYm90Zz09>

One tap mobile, + 1-301- 715-8592, follow the prompts:

then give meeting ID - 834 3423 2514#, Enter passcode - 306013#

FIRST UNITED'S TRIUMPHANT TEENS – Bible Study Starting today April 7, 2024

Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am

Classroom #201

Ages: 13-18 (snacks provided)

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

YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE

Your Voice, Your Vote. All please know these are critical times. Now is the time to do your homework on those running for office. Know what their platforms are about. Be concerned not just for your future but our future. Ensure that not only you are registered to vote but those around you. Don't wait until the last minute. Get registered now.

CARE AND CONCERN

Constance Sims fell and broke her shoulder. After a brief time in the hospital, she is now in a skilled care facility for rehab. She is a member of the ISAAC Team.



Summer 2024 - Home Bible Study

First United we have studied Book 1 of Psalms over the last month. We will enjoy summer break from June 26 - August 28. During this time you are invited to continue reading and in self-study over this wonderful book of songs and poems.

To Do:

I am inviting you to **choose any 1 of the 150** writings that truly speak to your spirit. A Psalm that has lifted, healed and encouraged your heart. Consider embracing a new psalm. We all have the familiar passages, maybe God desires to introduce a new reading to you. Be open to new blessings this summer.

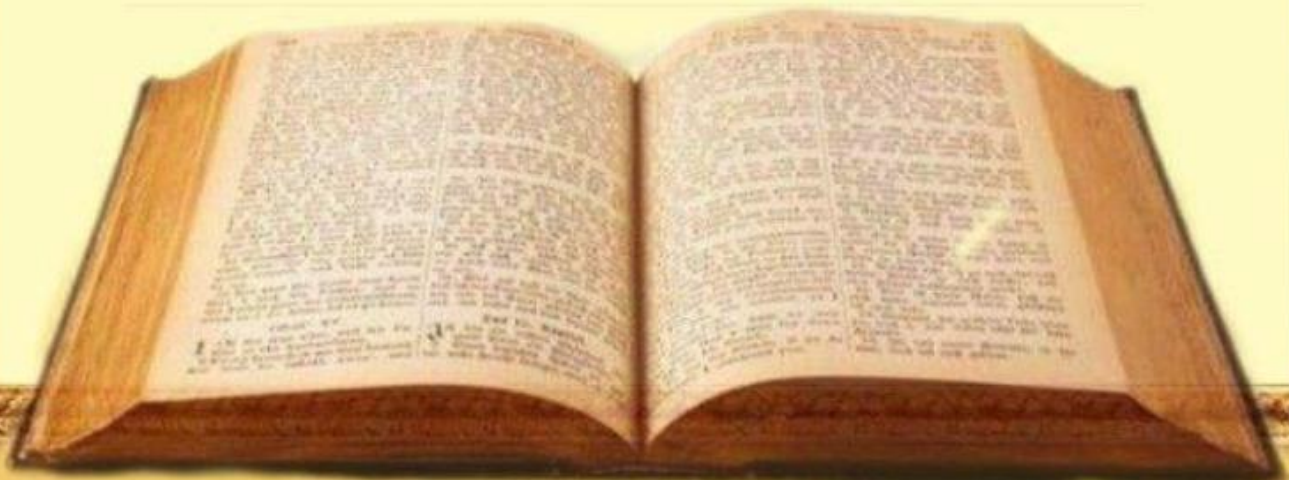
For Example:

Benjamin Franklin Chavis Jr. an African-American activist, author, journalist, and the current president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association was falsely accused and incarcerated. It was the Psalms that set him free even in the mist of captivity. Psalms reveal, lament, kingship, trust, thanksgiving, wisdom and praise.

Over the next two months write a:

- Poem
- Explanation
- Words of encouragement

This writing should highlight what your Psalm of choice has shared with your spirit. Spend time reading and meditating over the words before you begin writing. It is my hope at the end of the summer we all can come together and share our writings over fellowship and a meal.



Clearance Sale!

All FUPC T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hoodies
up to \$2 Off Clearance!!!!

Hello Church Family, in effort to clear the remaining apparel inventory, the Deacon Board is excited to announce that our apparel is now on

!!!! SALE !!!!

**That means, all Hoodies are now \$20,
Crewneck sweatshirts are \$18, Adult
T-shirts are \$8, and Youth T-shirts are \$6!!**

All items will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Please get yours now while supplies last!!!
When they are gone, they are gone!!

SIZES AVAILABLE

Hoodies: M, L and 2XL

Sweatshirts: XL

Youth T-Shirts: S, M, L

Adult T-Shirts: S, M, L, 2XL and 3XL



≈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



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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.tiny.cc/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

Liturgist: Sean Maxwell
Offering: Monica Carr and Elder Sharon Kelley
Greeting: Elder Sharon Kelley

Scripture: