# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# July 7, 2024

# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

# Order of Worship

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

\*Congregation Stands/rise in spirit



Text: Geron Davis, b.1960 Tune: Geron Davis, b.1960; arr. by Nolan Wiiliams, Jr., b.1969 © 1983, Meadowgreen Music Co./Songchannel Music Co.

# \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives. All: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations. Leader: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship. All: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day. Leader: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us, ALL: Let us gather to worship God!

# **\*OPENING HYMN #39 (GG)**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisbolm, 1923

MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923 Text and Music © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

# \* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (Unison)

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens, O God; righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Your steadfast love goes before you as you set the planets in orbit and establish your covenant here on earth. You still the raging waters, and calm perturbed hearts. You are God above, beyond, and within all creation. We extol you, Our God, the Rock of our salvation. Amen.

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# CALL TO CONFESSION

**Leader:** When we gather to worship God, we must first be honest with ourselves. We are not who God has called us to be as a people. We have not cared for others in every instance. We have made many mistakes. Let us unburden ourselves and confess our sins, knowing that God awaits to forgive and renew, as we pray together the Prayer of Confession as printed.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun. You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. **All: Thanks be to God! Amen.** 

# \*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPC Choir - "More Than Anything" by Lamar Campbell

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

**OLD TESTAMENT** 

# NEW TESTAMENT

SERMON ...... Rev. Delton H. Farmer

# **INVITATIONAL HYMN #380 (AA)**

"Trust And Obey"

ASSURANCE, TRUST AND CONFIDENCE



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# ৯৯ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER సంస

# \*AFFRIMATION OF FAITH (adapted from Belonging to God: A first Catechism)

We believe when Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority. When Jesus acted, he acted with God's power. Jesus amazed people with his deeds of power, but he was also gentle and loving. Even now, he cares for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for sheep. Jesus also called his disciples to follow him. Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to always trust in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life. We live our lives in gratitude for the person and work of Jesus Christ. Amen

# CALL FOR THE OFFERING

**Leader:** All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Let us then give back a portion of that goodness to God's work in the world. *You may give online* @<u>fupcc.org</u>; mail your gifts to the church office, 406 N. College Street, 28202; or leave with the Officers as you exit.)

# **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SELECTION** 

FUPC Choir - "I'll Just Say Yes" by Brian Courtney Wilson

# \*DOXOLOGY

# PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Leader:** Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you. May they be used to bring grace and healing to this hurting world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ...... Invitation to the Lord's Table

# **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you **People: And also, with you** Leader: Lift up your hearts **People: We lift them to the Lord** Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **People: It is right to give him thanks and praise** 

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

# **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Let The Church Say Amen"

May you each go out with nothing but words of grace and healing, relying on Jesus Christ, who always gives us what we need. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**Processional** – G. F. Handel

# **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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.

PW BIBLE STUDY - PW Bible study will resume Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 11:00 am

<u>PW WOMEN</u> - 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 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 August 28, 2024

 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#

<u>FIRST UNITED'S TRIUMPHANT TEENS – Bible Study Starting today April 7, 2024</u> 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.

# HANDBELL CHOIR

The FUPC Handbell choir is seeking additional members. Prior experience is not required. Children and adults are welcome to join. If you are interested, please meet Barbara Byers by the piano after the worship service today.

Yours in Christ, Barbara Byers



# 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 incarnated. 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.

# &July Birthdays à

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Joan Antrum	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Juanita Herron	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ellen Smith	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mark Bowling	July 5 <sup>th</sup>
Arnie McClain	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Daniel Freeman IV	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Kiah Lynn	July 11 <sup>th</sup>
Kennedy Lynn	July 11 <sup>th</sup>
Darlene Brown	July 13 <sup>th</sup>
O'Neil Junious II	July 16 <sup>th</sup>
James Flanders, Jr.	July 19 <sup>th</sup>
Keyondra H. Clark	July 23rd
Xavier Brown	July 24 <sup>th</sup>
Dr. Sandra Govan	July 28 <sup>th</sup>
Mahogany Yongue	July 28 <sup>th</sup>

# « July Anniversaries »

Jody & Kyron Williams Alexandra & Michael Huff

July 21<sup>st</sup> July 30<sup>th</sup>

# Cleanance Sule.

# <u>All FUPC T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hoodies</u> <u>up to \$2 Off Clearance!!!!</u>

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

# IIII SALE IIII

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

# <u> ৯CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ৯</u>

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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  $7^{h}$  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]

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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 FIRSTPRESBYTERIAN+ 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 incomebased scholarships for dients 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.



# 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 evidencebased therapeutic techniques and are individualized and creative in our work with clients. Some of our specialty



lients. Some of our specialty areas include trauma, grief, eating disorders, arxiety, 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: suncounseling and we liness.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 Courseling therapists will work directly with individual clients to identify the appropriate rate for services rendered, using the incomebased charts provided below.

If you think you qualify for a reduced rate, please fill out the form at **fpc.tiny.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

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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*	

### It is for session with a provisionally licensed therapist "Full-rate fees: \$175 for a 60-minute intake / \$150 for subsequent 50-minute sessions

### It is the 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 improve overall self-care management and wellness. Specially areas: Anxiety, depression, grief and loss, deve lopmental concerns, adjustment and life transitions, self-esteem and self-cancept, interpersonal conflict and relationship issues, substance use.

### Andrea Juarez, LCSWA

I am a Latino, Biingual (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. Specially areas: complex trauma, intergenerational trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship dynamics, First Gen experience, LatinX experience, change/life transitions, navigating family of origin experiences.

# Participating in Worship – July 7, 2024

Liturgist: Elder Anthony Dozier Communion: Elder Mabel Williams Deacons Preparing Communion: Deacons Clifford Waddell II and Stephanie Davis Offering: Monica Carr and Elder Sharon Kelley Ushering: Stephanie Davis and DéAndre Yongue Greeting: Gaynelle Grier Guest Organist : Dr. Pam Dennis Guest Flautist: Karen Solis

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# AT HOME

Mrs. Louise Ezell	1850 Magwood Dr. #212, Charleston SC 29414
Dr. Sandra Govan	6508 Wickville Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215
Ms. Jonette Harper	5925 Sierra Dr. Charlotte, NC 28216

# **SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES , HOSPITALS & SENIOR LIVING**

Dr. Mildred Y. Mosley	WALTONWOOD AT COTSWOLD
	5215 Randolph Rd Apt 2018, Charlotte, NC 28211-5164
Mrs. Margaret Freeman	BROOKDALE SOUTH CHARLOTTE 5515 Rea Road Apartment #111B, Charlotte, NC 28226
Ms. Constance Sims	200 Hawthorne Ln, Room# 3318 Charlotte, NC 28204
Mrs. Selene Burris	ATRIUM MAIN

# PRAYER LIST Email: prayer@fupcc.org

Barbara Cannon **cs** Caryle Blakeney-Bennett **cs** Abby Flanders

# Shepard Foley **cs** Ms. Jane Reid **cs** Connie Patton **cs** Mrs. Yvonne Thomas



Loving God, we are grateful for the world into which Christ sends us. Its beauty and grandeur inspire us; its hunger and poverty challenge us to service and sacrifice. Make us sensitive to the cries of the needy, and resourceful in ways to serve them, for the sake of him who has redeemed us by his blood. Amen..

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# **SERMON NOTES**

**Scripture:**