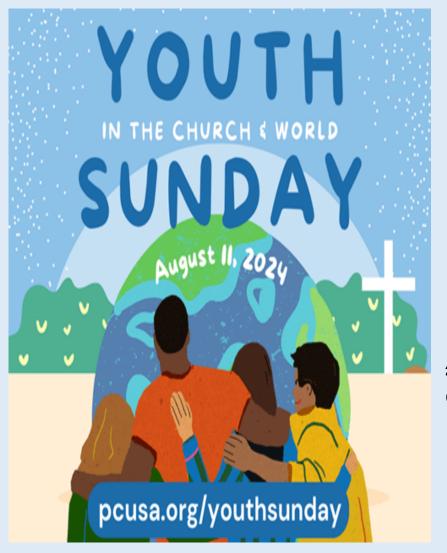
### FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) calendar lifts up a special Sunday that celebrates the gifts of young Presbyterians. "Youth in the Church and the World' is traditionally the second or third Sunday of August—a time of transition for most teens and their families. Back to school and new school adventures await. Youth in the Church and the World Sunday is a wonderful day to pray for the young people in your church, and to encourage them to share their faith.

"Blessed are you, on the brink of something new: new opportunities, new friendships, new classes, new journeys. Blessed are you, dear one, so full of hope — you whose horizon extends far beyond what your eyes can see. May your celebration be sweet and delicious and have as much laughter as tears. This new thing is worth rejoicing. May the joy that buoys you today carry you through the difficult spots to come."

### Reverend Delton H. Farmer, Pastor

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

### Order of Worship

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

\*Congregation Stands/rise in spirit

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INTROIT #174 (AA)

"We Have Come Into This House"

HIS ADORATION AND PRAISE JESUS CHRIST We Have Come Into This House 174 Worship the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with singing. Psalm 100:2 have in to this house to self, So, Let bout your for  $\mathbf{a}$ ly So. for Him and wor ship Him. this house gath - er come to to in His and bout your con - cen -trate on His and up ho 1yhands. mag - ni fy name and ship Him. have come in to this house self, hands, get WOL us up ho gath - er ship in His name and wor Christ Lord. con - cen trate and Christ WOI ord mag - ni fy His name and wor ship Christ Lord. Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.

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### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

All: We are hungry for the bread of heaven.

Leader: Jesus said, "The bread of God gives life to the world."

All: We are hungry for eternal life.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

All: We are here to become what we already are: the body of Christ, food for a hungry world.

\*OPENING HYMN #35 (GG)

"Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty"

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

### 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. MUSIC: Stralsund Ernewerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

### \* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (Unison)

Loving God, source of forgiveness and renewal, on this Sabbath morning, we gather in Your presence with hearts wide open. May Your compassion and grace surround us, encouraging our souls. Speak to us through Your Word, and fill us anew with Your generous spirit. Unite us with Christ, binding us in love, so that we may shine the light of Your Spirit in this world. Amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**Leader:** Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Heavenly Father, we confess our shortcomings and seek forgiveness. You call us to stand with the least and the last, yet we often cling to power and privilege. We fear the consequences of faithful action in this world. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for our silence in the face of oppression and our lack of action. Forgive us, O God. Help us risk following where Christ calls. May we be courageous advocates for justice, standing against injustice and inequality. Grant us the strength to dismantle systems that perpetuate suffering and to uplift the marginalized. May our hearts be open to your guidance, and may we walk in the footsteps of Jesus, even when it requires sacrifice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** God's love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to right relationship with God. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPCC Choir "More Than Wonderful"

**OLD TESTAMENT - Ezekiel 37:1-14** 

NEW TESTAMENT – John 14:18-19

LIFE IN CHRIST

SALVATION / INVITATION AND ACCEPTANCE

### 345 JUST AS I AM

He cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."

John 7:37-38



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Tune: WOODWORTH, LM; William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

### ৯ం INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /LORD'S PRAYER సంస

### \*AFFRIMATION 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

BLESSINGS/PRAYERS (for the new school year) Blessed are you, on the brink of something new: new opportunities, new friendships, new classes, new journeys. Blessed are you, dear one, so full of hope — you whose horizon extends far beyond what your eyes can see. May your celebration be sweet and delicious and have as much laughter as tears. This new thing is worth rejoicing. May the joy that buoys you today carry you through the difficult spots to come.

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

**Leader:** Luke 12:48 "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." As we gather to present our tithes and offerings to God, let us do so with hearts full of gratitude. Our generosity reflects the abundance of blessings we've received. May we give generously, knowing that our gifts make a difference in the lives of others and gives honor to God who entrusted us with much. (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** (Includes Special Offering for First Ward Elementary Arts Academy)

OFFERTORY SELECTION

FUPCC Choir - "The Goodness Of God" by CeCe Winans

\*DOXOLOGY

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Leader:** The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcome guest. May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been blessed. Amen.



THE CHURCH

### 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widelyknown and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt. MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907 CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7 As we leave this sacred space, may God the Creator who formed us, the Redeemer who restores us, and the Sustainer who empowers us accompany us on our journey. May we go forth as vessels of blessing, sharing grace, love, and service with others.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen." (2 Corinthians 13:14)

### **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.



<u>TEN CENTS A MEAL</u> - 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).

NOURISH UP 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 September 4, 2024

<u>SUMMER 2024 (HOME BIBLE STUDY)</u> – The writing should highlight what your Psalm of choice has shared with your spirit. It is the hope of Rev. Farmer at the end of the summer, we all can come together and share our writings over fellowship and a meal.

### Over the next month write a:

- Poem
- Explanation
- Words of encouragement

### 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\*\*\*\*

### HABITAT Fall 2024 Kick-off – Saturday, September 7, 2024 @ 11:30 am

First United site sponsorship day is September 7, 2024 after the dedication in the afternoon.

### 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.





















### COLLEGE AND GREEK



**September 15, 2024** 

REP Your School,
Fraternity, or Sorority by
wearing
paraphernalia!!!



First United Presb. Church



Statesville Ave. Presb. Church

### **SATURDAY**

Regal Starlight

11240 US Hwy 29 Charlotte, NC August 24, 2024 2:30 p.m. (Seating starts at 2:00)

For More Info





member with the church's Education Ministry.

It is this "Hope and Love" that the Family of Geralene (Gerrie) Hill would like to establish a scholarship at First United Presbyterian Church in memory of Gerrie.

July 15, 2024 would have been Gerrie's 80th birthday, please consider making a \$80 donation to this scholarship in her memory.

### **HOW TO DONATE**

Check: - Made payable to First United Presbyterian Church

Online: www.fupcc.org - Click Give now

Make sure to note donations are for the "Gerrie Hill Scholarship"

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Church family,



Our partner school, First Ward Elementary, Creative Arts Academy is preparing for the opening of the 2024 - 2025 academic year. Both principal, Dr. Selestine Young, and assistant principal, Mrs. Kimberly Roberts have reached out to us to help support the teachers and staff during the teacher preparation period on August 22nd. Our target this year is \$1,000. A gift of at least \$35.00 is appreciated. Any additional funds collected in excess of our target will be used for Christian education purposes within the congregation.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this partnership.



### Summer 2024 - Home Bible Study

First United we have studied Book 1 of Psalms. We will enjoy summer break from June 26 – September 4. 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.

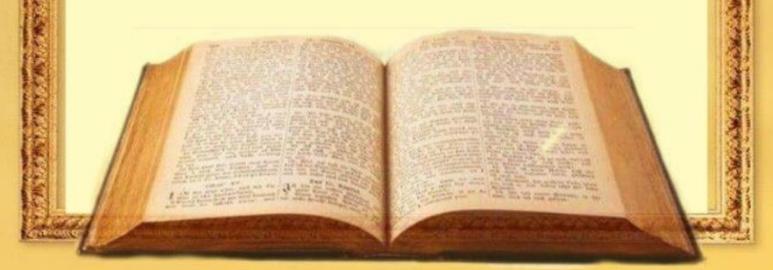
### For Example:

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.



## 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 **≈**

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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  $7^{\text{th}}$  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 incomebased 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.



# Sun Counseling and Wellness At first Presbyterian Church of Charlotte

### 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



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 dient 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 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 alients 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*

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

fire for session with a fully licensed therapist

\*Full-rate fees: \$ 250 for a 60-minute intake session / \$20 0 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. Specialty areas: Anxiety, depression, griefand loss, developmental concerns, adjustment and life transitions, self-esteem and self-concept, interpersonal conflict and relationship issues, substanceuse.

### Andrea Juarez, LCSWA

I am a Latino, 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. 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 - August 11, 2024

**Liturgist:** Elder Debra Givens

Offering: Deacons Helen Hairston and Valerie Tutt

**Greeting:** Sharon Kelley

Ushering: Barbara Hartsell and Selene Burris

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Mrs. Louise Ezell	
<b>Dr. Sandra Govan</b>	
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Loving God, we are grateful for the world into which Christ sends us. Its beauty and grandeur inspire us; it	
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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