

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

14th Sunday After Pentecost

**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
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, to
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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Tune: WORSHIP HIM, 16 16 18 6; Bruce Ballinger, b.1945, © 1976, Sound III; arr. by Stephen Key, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ abides in us,

People: And we abide in him.

Leader: Christ has the words of eternal life:

People: We believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.

Leader: As we hear the gospel of peace today,

People: Let us choose again whom we will serve.

Leader: We will serve the God of liberation and new life,

People: the God who hears and answers when we call.

Leader: We bring our praises and our prayers to God,

All: Trusting God to meet us as we gather. Let us worship our God together!

***OPENING HYMN #35 (GG)**

"Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty"

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a-

a tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel-ters thee un- der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal-va- tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen- tly sus- tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-
prais- es be- fore him! Let the a- men sound from his

tem- ple draw near; join me in glad ad- o- ra- tion!
sires e'er have been grant- ed in what he or- dain - eth?
peo- ple a- gain; glad- ly for aye we a- dore him.

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 Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN
14.14.4.7.8

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

Heavenly Father, we enter into God's house, to praise your holy name. We bring our struggles and challenges of the week. Free our hearts and minds so that we may rest in your presence. Thank you God for this special place where we come to be empowered to worship and serve you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned. Trusting that God is always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, let us turn to God in prayer, seeking forgiveness and new life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. Oftentimes we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: John's Gospel tells us: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him". Christ forgives us and makes us whole. Christ fills us with life and sets us free for love. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPCC Choir "Trust In God" *by Aware Worship*

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

Eternal God, quiet our hearts and minds amid the clattering chaos of the world and all the voices vying for our attention. May we clearly hear your word of life spoken to us today. As we hear, help us to understand; as we understand, move us to respond in love, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ; Amen.

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

OLD TESTAMENT - Job 4:1-6, 12-21

NEW TESTAMENT – Mark 6:1-6a

SERMON **"You CAN endure the trial with faith in God"** **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

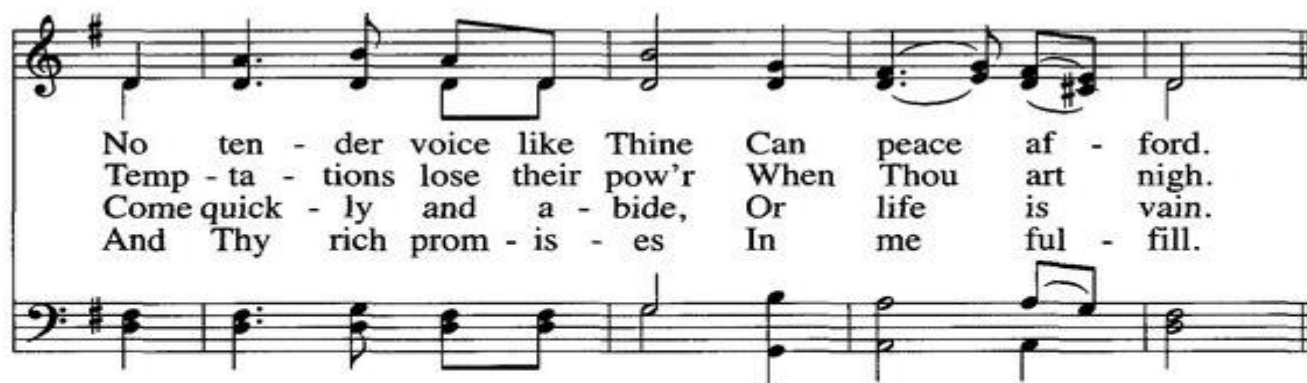
I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR 451

With my whole heart I seek You; do not let me stray from Your commandments.

Psalms 119:10



1. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Stay Thou near - by;
 3. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, In joy or pain;
 4. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;



No ten - der voice like Thine Can peace af - ford.
 Temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.
 Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life is vain.
 And Thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fill.



I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee;



O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to Thee.

Text: Annie S. Hawkes, 1835-1918

Tune: NEED, 6 4 6 4 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

❧ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Leader: When Christ abides in us and we abide in him, we can see that every- thing we have is a gift from God. The gifts of time, talent and treasure God has entrusted us with are not to be hoarded, but to be shared, to give life to others as Christ gives life to us. Let us now return to God a portion of what God has so generously given to us. (*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 - "The Reason Why We Sing" by Kirk Franklin

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Holy God, we thank you that we have heard your words of eternal life today. As a sign of our gratitude, we offer you these gifts. Take what we have given and multiply it for the good: the good of our faith community, the good of our neighbors, and the good of the world you so love. Shape and mold us so that our whole lives become a loving response to your goodness. In the name of the one whose life gives life to the world, Jesus Christ, Amen.



THE CHURCH

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known 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

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Farmer**
"Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And remember that wherever you go, whatever evils God calls you to fight, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit will be with you always". Amen

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
via ZOOM (3rd Saturday, every month)

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

LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN/Introduction/Lesson 1-Environmental Justice

PW WOMEN - 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).

NOURISH UP 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 @ 6:30 pm

FIRST UNITED'S TRIUMPHANT TEENS

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

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

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

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



First United site sponsorship day is September 7, 2024 after the dedication in the afternoon – 2853 James St. Charlotte, NC 28208

First United continues to participate in the Habitat build project in collaboration with area churches. We give thanks for being a part of such a worthy cause in providing a home for families in need. Our church is responsible for the lunch and kickoff event on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Rev. Farmer will share a brief meditation and Rev. Lucy Crain will offer a prayer blessing over the studs signed by the members of the different churches. Please join us along with the family who will move into the home when completed at 11:30am on September 7, a day of thanksgiving, fellowship and community.

⌘ This is our 27th year and 36 house being built ⌘



COLLEGE AND GREEK

Sunday

September 15, 2024

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



FIRST UNITED MEN

Men of First United "Save the Date." You have been asked to provide music on the following Sunday's. **September 29th** and **December 15th**. Be a part of the worship experience. Let us make a "Joyful Noise" unto the Lord. Stay tuned for rehearsal dates and times.

Movie Event



First United
Presb. Church



Statesville Ave.
Presb. Church

**“Registration is now CLOSED for the August 31, 2024
Luncheon discussion on “The Forge”**

SAVE THE DATE

HOMEcoming 2024

NOVEMBER 15 - 17, 2024

**Submit Theme Ideas
to the Session as you
reflect on A Season to
Reclaim, Return, and
Remember
(Eccl 3: 1-8)**

**Deadline:
August 15, 2024**



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.

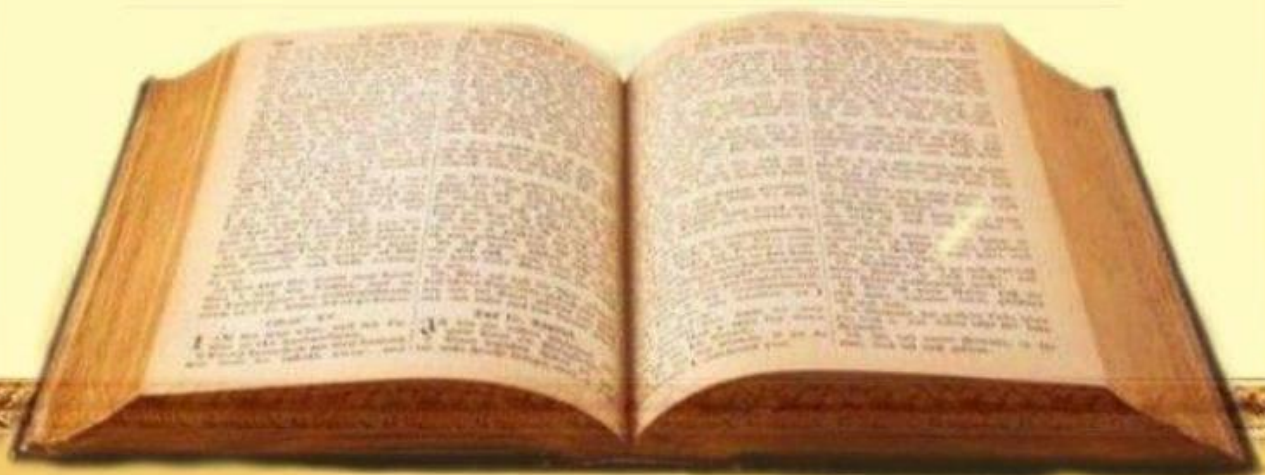
For Example:

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 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.



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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.



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.charlotte.org/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.



Liturgist: Elder Lolane Yongue
Offering: Deacon Helen Hairston and Elder Gail Walker
Greeting: Elder Sharon Kelley
Sharing: Robert Rhyne, Joan Antrum and Gaynelle Grie

AT HOME

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES , HOSPITALS & SENIOR LIVING



SERMON NOTES

Scripture:

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