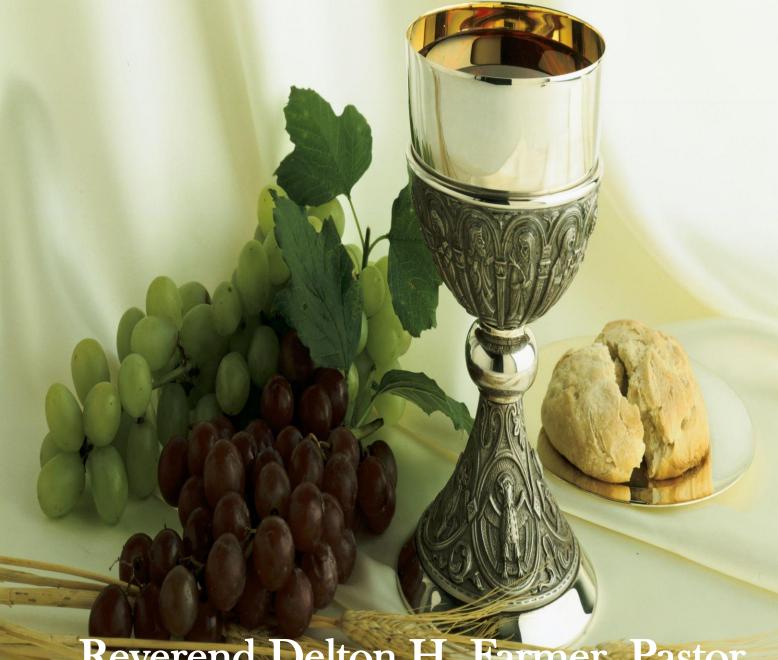
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 4, 2024



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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

11th Sunday After Pentecost

*Congregation Stands/rise in spirit

Prelude in C Major – *David Johnson*

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer – arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT #174 (AA)

"We Have Come Into This House"

JESUS CHRIST HIS ADORATION AND PRAISE

174 WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE



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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called

ALL: Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit

ALL: Just as we were called to the one hope of our calling

Leader: One Lord, one faith, one baptism

ALL: One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all

Leader: Let us worship God.

*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

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* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (Unison)

O God of grace and infinite goodness, you nourish us with the bread of life and sustain us with the peace that sets our longing hearts at rest. You fill our cup with kindness; it overflows with the bounty of your all-encompassing care. You chose to dwell among us and in us through our Savior, Jesus Christ. We praise you and adore you, O God of us all. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends as we pray together the prayer of confession as printed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, in Jesus we have seen your glory, yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you want us to be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks out. This is good news!

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPC Choir – "Center Of My Joy" by Richard Smallwood

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reverend Katherine Kerr

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT - Ephesians 4:1-16

NEW TESTAMENT - Psalm 51:1-12

SERMON

"Worthy Of The Calling"

Reverend Katherine Kerr

>>> INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE సంస

***AFFRIMATION OF FAITH** (from Colossians 1: 15 – 20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church, he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Leader: With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received let us bring our gifts 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 at the back of the sanctuary as you exit. Remember, all we have, and all we are, belong to God. Let us give with a cheerful heart. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION

FUPC Choir - "My Tribute" by Andraè Crouch

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Help us to use them, even as you use us to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Kerr

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

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 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.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	Rev. Kerr
POSTLUDE Guest Organist	



& Welcome Ms. Michelle Grier Delaney

We are grateful to God to welcome Ms. Michelle Grier Delaney to our church family. Ms. Delaney indicated her interest in joining us during worship on Sunday, July 28, 2024, and was received by the session immediately following worship. We look forward to a wonderful welcome reception for Ms. Delaney after she completes new member classes. As you extend our big FUPC welcome, encouraging her to share her talents around the church, strengthens our call of discipleship and radical hospitality!

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).

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

SUMMER 2024 (HOME BIBLE STUDY) – 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.

«August Birthdays»

Mabel R. Williams	August 4 th	Thulder "Sam" Carelock	August 6 th
Zia Hibma	August 8 th	Betty McNair	August 11 th
Claudia McClain	August 12 th	Castonia Dozier	August 14 th
Ra-Nya Jones	August 15 th	Eboni Clark	August 18 th
Emoni Clark	August 18 th	Cary Dozier	August 22 nd
Constance Sims	August 22 nd	Jane Reid Stratford	August 26 th

August Anniversary & Monica & Olanda Carr Jr. August 22nd



We Welcome the Reverend Katherine Kerr



Senior Associate Minister for Congregational Life and Pastoral Care Covenant Presbyterian Church

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Katherine is a cradle Presbyterian. She graduated from Davidson College and holds a Master's Degree in Counseling from Wake Forest University. As a young adult working in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, she joined Covenant where she was an active

member, as well as a staff member for one year. It was during her first tenure at Covenant that she discerned a call to ministry.

Katherine earned her Master's in Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and was ordained at Covenant in 2005. She served as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Oxford, Mississippi before returning to Charlotte in 2008. She was Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte for 11 years. Katherine joined the staff at Covenant in October 2019.

Katherine is married to Bill and they are the parents of Caroline.







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"

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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.

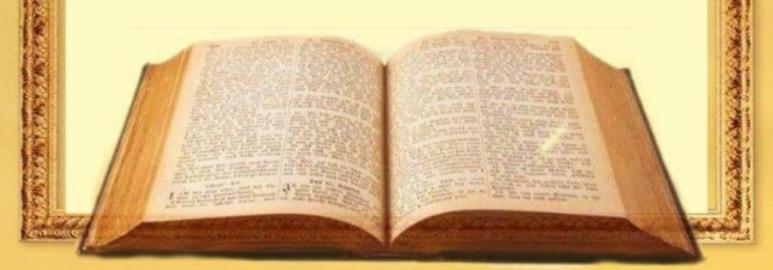
For Example:

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 **≈**

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^{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.





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, artxiety, depression, self-esteem, body image, life transition, 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 Counseling 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*		

fire for session with a provisionally licensed therapist

*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 / \$200 for subsecuent 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, 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. 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 4, 2024

Liturgist: Elder Natalie K. Beard Communion: Elder Mabel Williams

Deacons Preparing Communion: Deacons **Offering:** Monica Carr and Elder Sharon Kelley **Ushering:** Stephanie Davis and DéAndre Yongue

Greeting: Debra Givens
Guest Organist: Dr. Pam Dennis
Guest Flautist: Karen Solis

≪ SICK AND SHUT-INS ≪

AT HOME
Mrs. Louise Ezell
Dr. Sandra Govan
Ms. Jonette Harper
Mrs. Selene Burris
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Mrs. Margaret Freeman BROOKDALE SOUTH CHARLOTTE
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Barbara Cannon & Caryle Blakeney-Bennett & Abby Flanders
Shepard Foley Ms. Jane Reid Connie Patton 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
SERMON NOTES
Scripture:
Scripture.