

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COLLEGE & GREEK *Sunday*

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

17th Sunday After Pentecost

**Congregation Stands/rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT #438 (AA)**

"Come By Here, My Lord" (*verses 1&4 only*)

1 Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
Oh Lord, come by here.

4 Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, come by here.
Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, come by here.
Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, come by here.
Oh, Lord, come by here.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies proclaim His handiwork.

People: With hearts full of praise, we rejoice, for God's glory fills the streets and the skies!

Leader: With voices lifted high, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation, where every breath speaks of His greatness!

People: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

All: With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of God. Let's worship the Holy One, for His glory is everywhere!

**1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

**2 Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
God everlasting through eternity.**

**3 Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

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

God of wisdom and truth, speak to us today. Inspire us with your word. Speak clearly to our hearts, that we may walk in your ways and live in your love. In the name of Christ, our Messiah, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us place our trust in God's boundless mercy and step into the healing waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us courageously confess our sins and recognize our deep need for forgiveness.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God, you call to us from all places, but we often refuse to listen. Caught up in our own ideas, we miss how they hinder our connection with each other. You invite us to transform our lives, but we doubt and choose complacency. Forgive us, God of Love, when we ignore your call to live in love. By your mercy, help us acknowledge our sin and live for Christ's sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Old Gospel Melody" *by Franklin L. Sheppard*

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPC Choir "Psalm 34" *by The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir*

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

Speak to us, Spirit of Knowledge, so that we may focus on divine things. Pour out your Wisdom upon us so we may respond by taking up our cross and following you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Reverend Delton H. Farmer**

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 50:4-9a

NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 8:27-38

SERMON **"The Cost and Call of Discipleship"** **Reverend Delton H. Farmer**



LIFE IN CHRIST

ASSURANCE, TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

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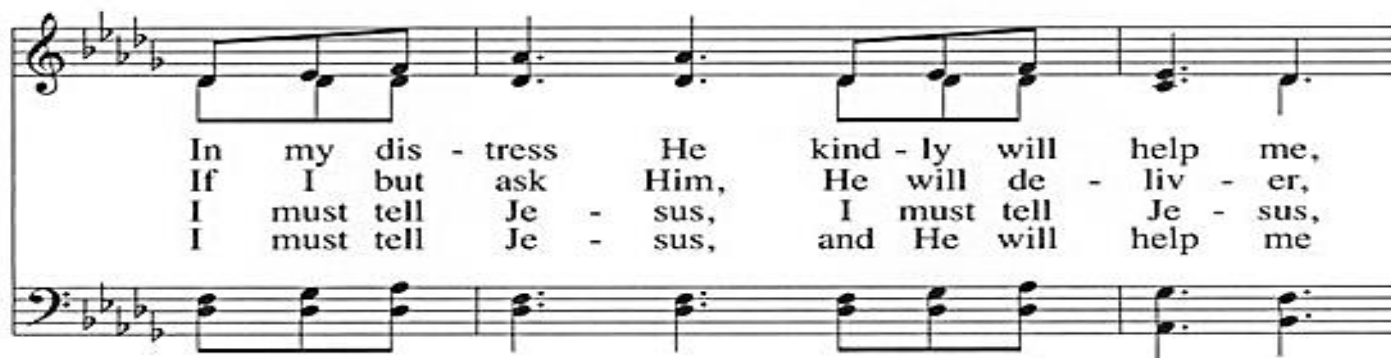
*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer... let your requests be made known to God.
Philippians 4:6*



1. I must tell Je - sus all of my tri - als,
 2. I must tell Je - sus all of my troub - les,
 3. Tempt-ed and tried, I need a great Sav - ior,
 4. O how the world to e - vil al - lures me!



I can - not bear these bur - dens a - lone;
 He is a kind, com - pas - sion - ate Friend;
 One who can help my bur - dens to bear;
 O how my heart is tempt - ed to sin!



In my dis - tress He kind - ly will help me,
 If I but ask Him, He will de - liv - er,
 I must tell Je - sus, I must tell Je - sus,
 I must tell Je - sus, and He will help me



He ev - er loves and cares for His own.
 Make of my troub - les quick - ly an end.
 He all my cares and sor - rows will share.
 O - ver the world the vic - t'ry to win.

I must tell Je - sus! I must tell Je - sus! I can-not
 bear my bur-dens a - lone; I must tell Je - sus! I must tell
 Je - sus! Je - sus can help me, Je-sus a - lone.

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 Tune: ORWIGSBURG, 10 9 10 9 with refrain; Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

COLLEGE & GREEK RECOGNITION Elder Donna Fair

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Leader: In Mark, Jesus asks the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” This question serves as a call to action for us to express and share the transformative and healing love of God that we experience in our lives through our generous giving of tithes and offerings. (*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

FUPC Choir - "Worthy Of It All" *by CeCe Winans*

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: God who witnesses the cries and shouts of creation and receives our tithes and offerings. May our streets be filled with jubilation, our cities be embraced by peace, and our lives be blessed with abundance. Amen.

*CLOSING SELECTION

"Something God" *by William Murphy*

Something good is about to happen
Something God is about to take place

It's gonna be Good
It's gonna be God

Something good is about to happen
Something God is about to take place

Tell 'em again, it's gonna be God, it's gonna be God

(Something good Is about to happen)
(Something God is about to take place)

One more time
Something good is about to happen
Something God is about to take place

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

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE

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

PRESBYTERIAN 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 November 29, 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 every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 874 8560 5940 Passcode: 413228

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87485605940?pwd=1W9aATJXSS4OqG90shNj5hr8jYK7cB.1>

Dial by location: One tap mobile, +1 646 931 3860 US, +1 929 205 6099 US (New York),
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) follow the prompts.

FIRST UNITED'S TRIUMPHANT TEENS – Bible Study

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

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

INTERCESSORY CORPORATE PRAYER -The 4th Saturday of each month

AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND HEALTH FAIR

Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church • 3435 Nevin Road Charlotte, NC 28269

Saturday, September 28, 2024 • From 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

❧❧ **HOMECOMING 2024** ❧❧
SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 15-17, 2024

!!!!Let's Get Out the Vote!!!!

Are you registered to vote? Are your friends and family registered to vote?

Voter registration forms are available on the table in the church library and in the Narthex.

(Look on the table adjacent to the rear wall of the sanctuary.)

Either mail your completed form to the Board of Elections or return it in person to the Board at 741 Kenilworth Avenue in Charlotte.

EARLY VOTING

Begin: Thursday, October 17

Ends: Saturday, November 2

The general election is Tuesday, November 5.

Thank you in advance for voting!

 **VOTE**



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.

FUPC Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

Will be rehearsing on:

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Immediately following morning service
by the piano.

Saturday, September 28, 2024

@ 9:00 am in the Sanctuary by the piano

❧ SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING ❧

On Sunday, October 6th, we will observe a service of Wholeness and Healing during our morning worship at 11:00 a.m. We are hoping that all of our sick & shut-in members who are able can join us, in person, for this spiritually fulfilling experience. If you are a shut-in member, or the care provider for one of our members that would like to attend, please call the church office and let us know if there are ambulatory concerns that we will need to accommodate. We will be providing assistance with getting members into and out of the worship space.

-- Elder Donna Fair

❧ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ❧

Hello First United Family,

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

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



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



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.tinyurl.com/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.

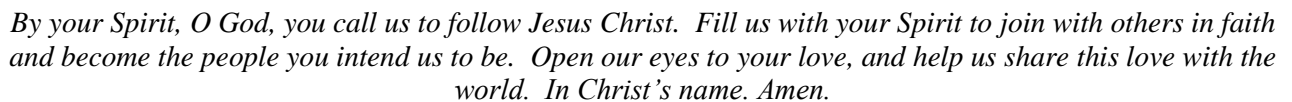


More info at firstpres-charlotte.org/counseling-center

Liturgist: Elder Renea Stitt
Offering: Deacon Helen Hairston and Gail Walker
Greeting: Sharon Kelley
Ushering: Jaron Givens and Reggie Clark

AT HOME

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES , HOSPITALS & SENIOR LIVING



Scripture:

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