

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

National Hispanic Heritage Month  
September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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*"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"*

# Order of Worship

## 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**People:** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**Leader:** Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets free the prisoners

**All:** The Lord shall reign forever, from generation to generation. Praise the Lord.

**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*)**

**Holy One, thank you for a new day to call upon your name. You are the Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Leader:** God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path of righteousness.



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION**

**FUPC Choir – "Love Is A Miracle"** *by Maverick City Music*

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

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer in this worship moment

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** ..... **Reverend Delton H. Farmer**

**OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 35:4-7a**

**NEW TESTAMENT - Mark 7:24-37**

**SERMON** ..... **"The Masters Touch"** ..... **Reverend Delton H. Farmer**

**INVITATIONAL HYMN #449 (AA)**

**"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"**

**❧ 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.

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

**Leader:** We have more to offer than we recognize or realize. God has given us abundant gifts. Let us faithfully respond to our generous God, by presenting our tithes and offerings. 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](http://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 - "God Made Me"** *by The Mississippi Mass Choir*

### \*DOXOLOGY

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Leader:** Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. 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

May we leave this house of worship today, following God's Spirit into the world, spreading His love. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>TH</sup> 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\*\*\*\***

### **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

### **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.

### **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**



# 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 29<sup>th</sup>** and **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Be a part of the worship experience. Let us make a "Joyful Noise" unto the Lord. Stay tuned for rehearsal dates and times.



# 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**





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# ≈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<sup>th</sup> 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



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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**



### **Let Justice Roll Down**

Presbyterian Women in your congregation are warmly invited to join  
with family and friends of Presbyterian Women at SAPC  
in observance of our annual Women's Day worship service on

**Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Reverend Dorothy J. Killian**  
**At-Large Member of the Presbytery of Charlotte**

The theme will center on the 2024-2025 PW Horizons Bible Study

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We hope you plan to stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, as we share  
as partners in Christ, at a reception immediately following worship

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**



# 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](http://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.tiny.cc/scholarship](http://fpc.tiny.cc/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](http://firstpres-charlotte.org/counseling-center)

**Scripture:**