

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 27, 2024

Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

REFORMATION
♦ SUNDAY ♦

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

23rd Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 25)

**Congregation Stands/rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT #644 (AA)

"Alleluia"

SERVICE MUSIC

644 ALLELUIA

*He is your praise; He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things...
Deuteronomy 10:21*

The musical score for Alleluia 644 is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2. Thank You, Jesus,... 3. Lord, we praise You,... 4. Lord, we love You...

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

People: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

People: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge

All: Let us worship the living God!

LIFE EVERLASTING

590 WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION

The ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads...
Isaiah 35:10

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be
2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred
4. Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be

known, Join in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join
God; But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But
sweets Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be -
dry; We're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're

in a song with sweet ac - cord, And thus sur -
chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, May speak their
fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the
march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, To fair - er

1. And thus sur-round the

round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.
joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.

throne, And thus sur - round the throne.

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful,
We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

beau - ti - ful Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to

Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.
Zi - on, Zi - on,

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

Heavenly Father, today, on this Lord's Day, we come before You with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving. Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see Jesus as He reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to set aside those things that will hinder our worship and praise to You. As Your word is proclaimed today, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do Your will. In Jesus 'Name, we pray. AMEN.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Heavenly Father, I come to You as an empty vessel needing to be filled with Your love and grace. Strengthen my weak faith and warm my cold heart. Help me trust You completely, even in my doubts. I am poor, but You are rich in mercy. I am a sinner, but You are righteous. In Your presence, I find strength, hope, and all that I need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPC Choir - "Changed" *by Tramaine Hawkins*

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

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31:7-9

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 7:23-28

SERMON **" Guided By God's Grace, Because He Loves Me "** **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.

teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death - less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;

grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.

TEXT: William H. Foulkes, stanzas 1–3, 1918, stanza 4, c. 1920
 MUSIC: Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918

HALL
 10.10.10.10

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

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: Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place. *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.* Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord, as we remember, all that we have, and all that we are belong to God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION

FUPCC Choir - "Let Praises Rise" by Trey McLaughlin

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

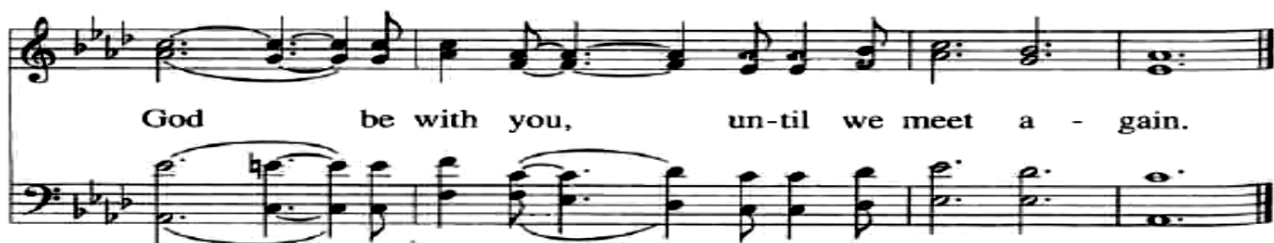
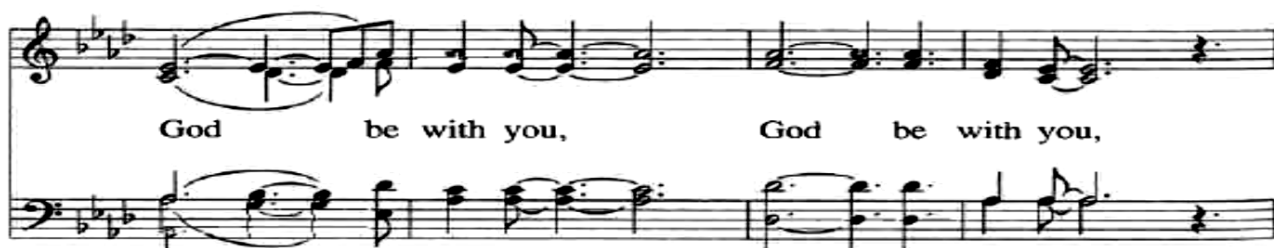
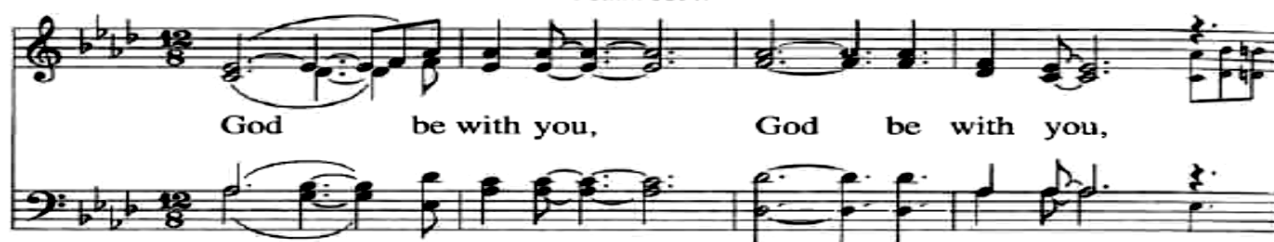


CLOSING OF SERVICE

BENEDICTIONS

639 GOD BE WITH YOU

*Where can I go from Your spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
Psalm 139:7*



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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Delton H. Farmer

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance, and give you peace. 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 1st Sunday.

PW BIBLE STUDY— PW Bible study (November 16, 2024 @ 11:00 am)

LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN/God's Call to Care for Neighbors & All Creation: Lesson 2 – Food Justice

Meeting ID: 819 3012 7450 • **Passcode:** 129126 • **Call in:** 1 309 205 3325 US

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).



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN and the CHRISTIAN NURTURE MINISTRY in observance of World Food Day on October 16, 2024, are sponsoring a church wide food drive during the month of October. We're asking the congregation to donate nonperishable food items to help restock the shelves of **Nourish Up**.



nourish up™
Lifting our community
through food.

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, +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) follow the prompts.

FIRST UNITED'S TRIUMPHANT TEENS – Bible Study 2nd & 4th Sunday's of each Month

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

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

BEN SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – 155th Church Anniversary

Fall Revival – Friday, November 8, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

155th Church Homecoming Service – Sunday, November 10, 2024 @ 11:15 am


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**HOMECOMING 2024**  
**SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 15-17, 2024**  
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Capital Campaign Update
Homecoming Assessment Request

Church Family –

As many of you may recall, we began a capital campaign journey a few years ago to repair our historic sanctuary roof and to replace the roof on our Education Building. Through the GOODNESS of God and your generosity, we were able to complete both projects. While we still have some outstanding pledge commitments, we are grateful for the support we have received thus far. If you have not yet completed your pledge commitment to these capital campaign efforts, we encourage you to do so during this homecoming season. Gifts of at least \$158 towards your outstanding pledge commitment would be much appreciated. Of course, if you have completed your pledge commitment (Thank You!), gifts of at least \$158 would also be appreciated to support the ongoing structural needs of our historic facilities. Be sure to indicate on your gift which scenario fits your situation. Additionally, please see below for requested breakdown of gift amounts:

Children Under 12	\$1.58
Youth Between 12-22	\$15.80
Adults Over Age 22	\$158.00

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.
-Stewardship Ministry Team

Sample ballots are available in the Library and the Narthex

!!!!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**



Attention Church Family

Here is an excellent opportunity to share the **GOOD NEWS** and discipleship throughout the world. The Deacon Outreach Ministry is actively involved in the Operation Christmas Child thru the Samaritans Purse Organization (providing Christmas boxes) to reach children worldwide. If this is something that you would like to travel with us on this journey, please contact me at (704-724-8810) and or see any deacon after church on any Sunday up to November 3rd (turn in date). There will be a display table set up in the library. Thanks.

-Deacon Charles Jackson



SUNDAY CONVERSATION

SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 2024

IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH SERVICE

**Please plan to attend this very
important meeting
concerning the life of the Church**

A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers clasped in a prayer position. The hand is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the image. Overlaid on the hand is the word "prayer" in a white, cursive script font. The background is dark and out of focus, with a bright light source on the left creating a lens flare effect.

First United Presbyterian Church

INTERCESSORY

prayer

The last Saturday of each Month @ 8:30 a.m.
(In the Library)

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.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

Participating in Worship – October 27, 2024

Liturgist: Elder Mabel R. Williams

Offering: Deacon Helen Hairston and Elder Gail Walker

Greeting: Deacon Helen Hairston

Ushering: Robert Rhyne, Jr., Joan Antrum and Gaynelle Grier

❧ SICK AND SHUT-INS ❧

AT HOME

Mrs. Louise Ezell 1850 Magwood Dr. #212, Charleston SC 29414

Dr. Sandra Govan 6508 Wickville Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215

Ms. Jonette Harper 5925 Sierra Dr. Charlotte, NC 28216

Mrs. Selene Burris 805 Cross Trail Dr. Charlotte, NC 28204

Ms. Constance Sims 2301 Ludlow Dr., Charlotte, NC 28216

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Mrs. Margaret Freeman BROOKDALE SOUTH CHARLOTTE

5515 Rea Road Apartment #111B, Charlotte, NC 28226

PRAYER LIST Email: prayer@fupcc.org

Barbara Cannon ❧ Caryle Blakeney-Bennett ❧ Abby Flanders

Shepard Foley ❧ Ms. Jane Reid ❧ Connie Patton ❧ Mrs. Yvonne Thomas



We pray, O God, that you will remove from us any burdens that keep us from realizing our destiny. Remove the scales from our eyes so that we can see clearly what you would have us to do. Help us to put our trust in Christ, who alone can keep us from falling by the waist side of false pride, deception, or boredom, so that we can walk boldly in His name. Amen

SERMON NOTES

Scripture:

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