

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2024



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. Peace is possible, and it begins with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make. The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together, connected as active peacemakers. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

20th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 22)

**Congregation Stands/rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Deacon Helen Hairston

*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*

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...

Text: Jerry Sinclair, 1943-1993
Music: Jerry Sinclair, 1943-1993
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: We declare your greatness to all humanity.

Leader: We lift our voices in the midst of this congregation:

People: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: Let us continue to honor and praise the Lord our God.

LIFE EVERLASTING

590 WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION

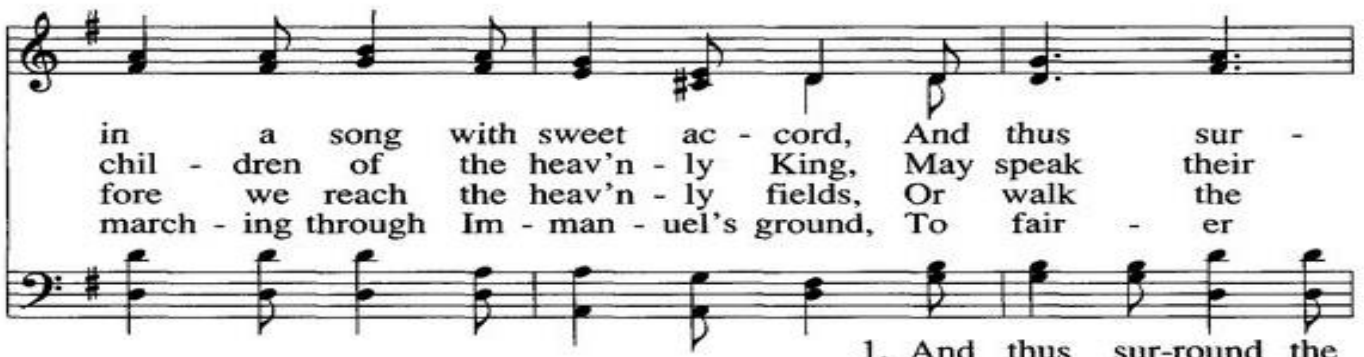
*The ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads...
Isaiah 35:10*



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,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: MARCHING TO ZION, 6 6 88 66 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*Unison*)

Gracious and Sovereign God, we gather today acknowledging You as the Creator of all things. We stand in awe of Your majesty and love. Thank You for the gift of this day and the blessing of worship and fellowship with those we have missed. May they feel Your love and our prayers. Guide us, Lord, as we serve, and may our ministry reflect Your love and glorify Your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: When we reflect on the goodness and majesty of God, we cannot help but recognize our own mortal frailty and failing. And yet, God cares for us. Strengthened by God's love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God's grace. Let us confess together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Sovereign God, who are we that you care for us? Yet, you entrust us with creation. We confess our pride and misuse of this charge, often dominating rather than caring. We also confess our tendencies to dominate others, ignoring our privilege and failing to seek justice. Your desire is for peace, but we often choose comfort instead. Remind us of our identity and dependence on you. Help us align with your will, revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all children of the one God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with Christ and with each other. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION

FUPC Choir – "More Than Anything" by Lamar Campbell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Reverend Delton H. Farmer

God of wisdom, though we are mere mortals, you are mindful of us. You know the voices inside and out that distract us. You know the words we need to hear. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us now to receive your holy, life-giving Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Reverend Delton H. Farmer

OLD TESTAMENT - Job 1:1, 2:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT - Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12

SERMON "Have You Considered My Servant" Reverend Delton H. Farmer

NEW MEMBER WELCOME Reverend Delton H. Farmer

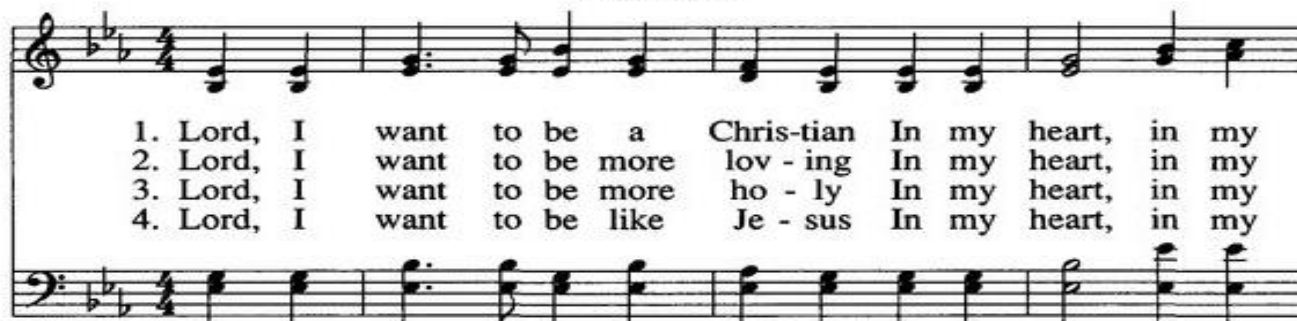


Michelle Grier Delaney

LIFE IN CHRIST

HOLINESS AND PURITY

463 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**Matthew 6:21*


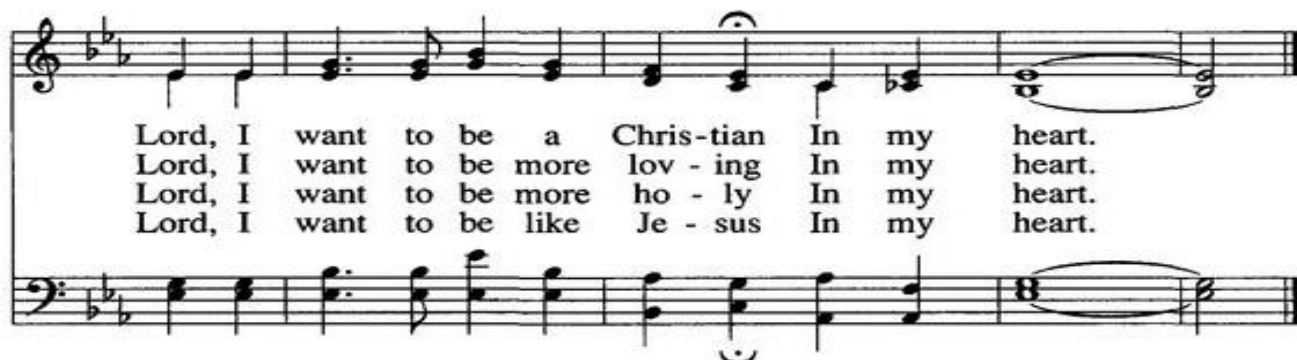
1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, in my
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my



heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart,
 heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart,
 heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart,
 heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart,



In my heart, In my heart,
 In my heart, In my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

Text: Negro spiritual, adapt. by John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, and Frederick J. Work, 1879-1942

Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN, 8 6 8 3 6 8 3; Negro spiritual, adapt. by Frederick J. Work, 1879-1942

❧ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ❧

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Elder Olanda Carr, Jr.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Leader: On World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. Our financial gifts add to our offerings of time, energy, and love as we seek to be people of peace and reconciliation. We have received in abundance from God. From that abundance, let us give, joyfully and generously. *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 (includes Peace and Global Witness Offering)

OFFERTORY SELECTION

FUPC Choir - "Oh Give Thanks"

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Holy God, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Invitation to the Lord's TableRev. Farmer

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



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*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are: "God be with you, God be with you, un-til we meet a - gain;". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the fourth system.

God be with you, God be with you,

God be with you, un-til we meet a - gain;

God be with you, God be with you,

God be with you, un-til we meet a - gain.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993, © 1940, Unichappell Music, Inc.

Tune: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993, © 1940, Unichappell Music, Inc.; arr. by Horace Clarence Boyer, b.1935, © 1992

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Farmer**

Beloved children of God, we go from this place carrying the blessing we have received, so that we may share it with all of God's children. Go and live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen. Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE



First United Presbyterian Church

INTERCESSORY

prayer

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

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 (3rd Saturday, every month) @ 11:00 am

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

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81930127450?pwd=DEx6hV3KoC4S27DeEsr5MdQZchbSU.1>

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.

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: 834 3423 2514

Passcode: 306013

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83434232514?pwd=OU9aMGFkSkt6Z0R6U2ZIM2FRYm90Zz09>

One tap mobile, + 1-301- 715-8592, follow the prompts: then give meeting

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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)

LET'S GET OUT THE VOTE

- **EARLY VOTING BEGIN: Thursday, October 17, 2024**
- **EARLY VOTING ENDS: Saturday, November 2, 2024**

THANK YOU NOTE from Ms. Ardella Wilson's Family

Dear First United Presbyterian Family,

We both want to "Thank You" so very much for being a big part of our Mom's life; she loved the church so much- it was her life and being a member of First United, made her so very happy !! We know you miss her like we do and want to thank you so much for the very beautiful card as well! Again, thank you for everything!!

-All our love, Ardy & Cynthia

❧ October Birthdays ❧

<i>Clara Estelle Harris</i>	<i>October 1st</i>
<i>Jane Reid</i>	<i>October 2nd</i>
<i>Robert Rhyne, Jr.</i>	<i>October 6th</i>
<i>Lydia Johnik</i>	<i>October 8th</i>
<i>Raymond Fair</i>	<i>October 8th</i>
<i>Ronald Thomas, Sr.</i>	<i>October 9th</i>
<i>Sharon Kelley</i>	<i>October 11th</i>
<i>Michelle Maxwell</i>	<i>October 12th</i>
<i>Stephanie Davis</i>	<i>October 13th</i>
<i>Reggie Clark</i>	<i>October 17th</i>
<i>Alexandra Huff</i>	<i>October 19th</i>
<i>Carol Justice</i>	<i>October 20th</i>
<i>Rev. Farmer</i>	<i>October 21st</i>
<i>Jeffrey Yongue</i>	<i>October 22nd</i>
<i>Mattie Solice Grigsby</i>	<i>October 24th</i>
<i>Yvonne Thomas</i>	<i>October 25th</i>
<i>Antray Small</i>	<i>October 26th</i>
<i>Gail Walker-Farmer</i>	<i>October 26th</i>
<i>Blake Brown</i>	<i>October 28th</i>
<i>Zévion Williams</i>	<i>October 29th</i>
<i>Zion Clark</i>	<i>October 30th</i>
<i>Gail Walker</i>	<i>October 31st</i>

❧ October Anniversaries ❧

Yvonne and Ronald Thomas Sr. *October 22nd*

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



HOME COMING 2024
SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 15-17, 2024

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



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

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.



