

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

# Order of Worship

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 27)

*\*Congregation Stands/rise in spirit*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INTROIT #328 (AA)

"Holy, Holy" (verses 1,2 & 3 only)

THE TRINITY

### HOLY, HOLY 328

*...without ceasing they sing. "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come."*  
Revelation 4:8

*Unison*

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly,  
 2. Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, We're so  
 3. Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, We're so  
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, Come and  
 5. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y;  
 blest to be Your chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther;  
 glad that You've re - deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus;  
 fill our hearts a - new, Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;

And we lift our hands be - fore You as a to - ken of our love,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.  
 Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.  
 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Jimmy Owens, b.1930  
 Tune: HOLY, Irregular; Jimmy Owens, b.1930  
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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

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

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

**ALL:** The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**LEADER:** The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**ALL:** I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**\*OPENING HYMN #160 (AA)**

**"The Lord Is My Light"**

GOD OUR FATHER

HIS CONSTANT FAITHFULNESS

**160 THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
Psalm 27:1*

Verse 1

1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the

Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and

my sal - va - tion. Whom shall I fear?

Refrain

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? The

Lord is the strength of my life. Whom shall I fear?

Verse 2

2. In the time of trou - ble He shall hide me,

in the time of trou-ble He shall hide me, in the time of

trou - ble He shall hide me. Whom shall I fear? D.S.

♩ Coda

fear. Verse 3

3. Wait on the Lord and

be of good cour - age, wait on the Lord and

be of good cour - age, wait on the Lord and

be of good cour - age. Whom shall I fear?

Refrain

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? The

Lord is the strength of my life. Whom shall I fear?

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Tune: Lillian Bouknight, © 1980, Savgos Music, Inc.; arr. by Stephen Key, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

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

Lord, we come today bringing all that we are—our hopes, our struggles, our joys, and our pain. We lay it all at Your feet, knowing You are here with us. We enter this sanctuary with expectation of your blessings. Open our hearts to receive Your Spirit, and fill us with peace, strength, and purpose. Let us hear Your words of hope and courage today. We give You all the praise, for You are worthy. In Jesus' name, Amen

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Leader:** God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us turn to God in honesty and humility, ready to confess our sins.

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

Merciful God, we come before You, confessing the ways we've fallen short. Forgive us for the sins rooted in our systems, for allowing oppression to grow through our silence and comfort. Open our eyes to see the injustices among us—the widening gap between rich and poor and the chains and challenges of societal differences. Stir our hearts to let go of apathy and selfishness. Forgive us for excuses, for votes cast with only ourselves in mind and for every moment we ignored the suffering around us. Lord, teach us to lift up the poor, protect the vulnerable, and build Your beloved community where all can belong and thrive. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION**

**FUPCC Choir - "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart" by Henry Smith**

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

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

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

**OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

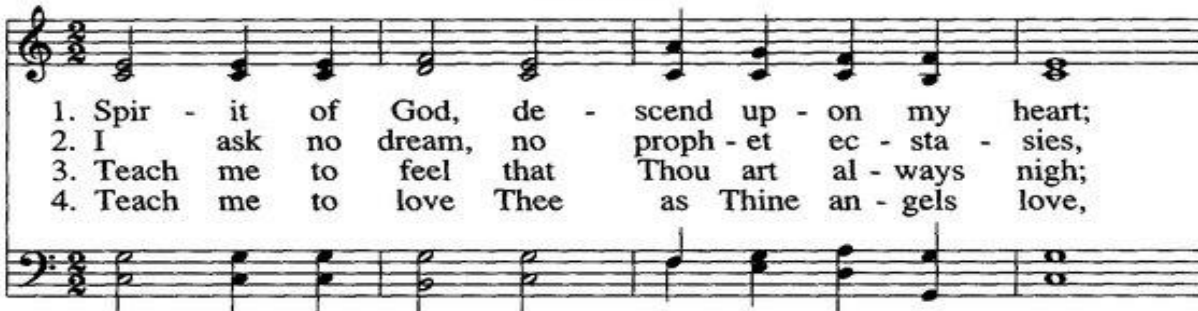
**NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 12:38-44**

**SERMON** ..... **" My God Will Provide" ..... Reverend Delton H. Farmer**

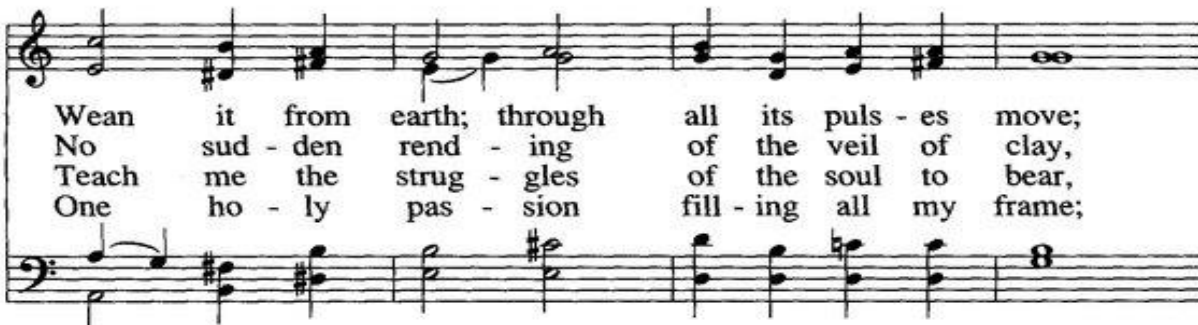
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THE HOLY SPIRIT

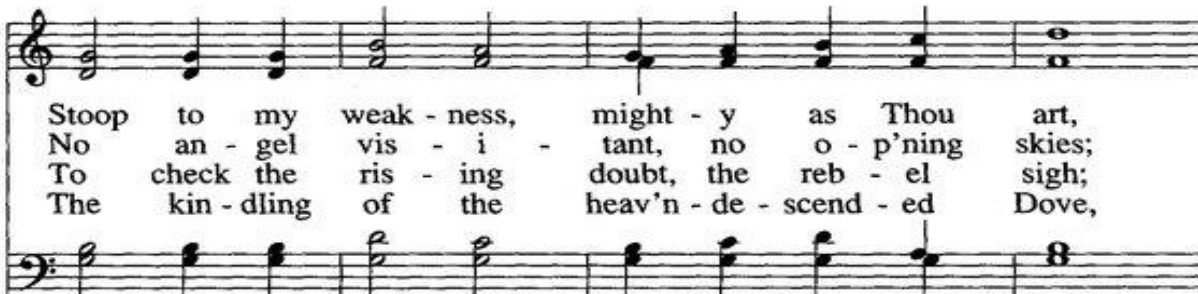
## SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART 312

*Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your holy spirit from me.**Psalm 51:11*


1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;  
 4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,  
 No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;  
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 The kin - dling of the heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove,



And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
 But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Tune: MORECAMBE, 10 10 10 10; Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

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:** Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive. " *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**

**FUPCC Choir - "God Made Me "** *by The Mississippi Mass Choir*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Leader:** Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

**\*CLOSING SELECTION**

**FUPCC Choir - "Be Blessed"** *by Bishop Paul S. Morton*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** ..... **Rev. Farmer**  
May we leave this house of worship emboldened by the Spirit redeemed by God's Grace and reminded that the Body of Christ surrounds us to for fellowship, help and support. May the grace, hope, peace and love of the God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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 be an “Independent Study”**

**LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN/God’s Call to Care for Neighbors & All Creation: Lesson 3 – 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).

**A “THANK YOU” from THE CHRISTIAN NURTURE SERVICE**

Christian Nurture Service and Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone for their generous food donations during the month of October.

Thank you,  
Debra Givens

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

**FIRST UNITED’S TRIUMPHANT TEENS – Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday’s of each Month**  
**Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am Classroom #201 Ages: 13-18 (snacks provided)**

**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

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INTERCESSORY

prayer

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





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# Homecoming 2024

**Nov. 16, 2024**

Fun Day - 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Games  
Line Dancing  
Movies  
Lunch

**Nov. 17, 2024**

Worship - 11:00 am  
Rev. Jerrod Lowry  
Guest Minister

JCSU Choir

Dinner - Immediately After Service  
\$20 - Adults  
\$10 = 12 & Under

For more information: Call or email the church, you can also click here

**Click Here**



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# First United Presbyterian Church Homecoming 2024

November 16 – 17, 2024

## A Season to Return, Reclaim and Remember

Eccl. 3:1-8

### FUN DAY

Join us for a Fun day  
Food, Games, Dancing  
and movie.

**DAY: Nov. 16, 2024**  
TIME: 12:00—3:00 PM  
PLACE: Church Fellow-  
ship Hall



### WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 am

Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Jerrod Lowry  
General Presbyter and  
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of  
Coastal Carolina

JCSU Choir



### DINNER

Immediately After Service

#### **Cost of Dinner:**

\$20 for Adults  
\$10—12 & Under

- *Included in the paid Homecoming Assessment for members.*
- *Tickets can be purchased after church on 11/ 3/24 & 11/10/24.*
- *Tickets can also be purchased online at fupcc.org, click "Give Now" and select Events, or click the link below.*
- *If you are unable to purchase by the methods above, please contact the church office.*

**TO PURCHASE DINNER  
TICKETS  
CLICK HERE**



Click [Events](#)  
Note: Dinner Tickets



**TO PAY HOMECOMING  
ASSESSMENT  
CLICK HERE**



Click [Building Fund](#)  
Note: Homecoming  
Dinner

### HOMECOMING ASSESSMENT (Members Only)

22—Over—\$158.00



Ages 12—22—15.80



Ages 12 & Under—\$1.58



# **Liturgical Dance Workshop**

**DATE: February 15, 2025**

**TIME: 10:00 am**

**LOCATION: The Education Building**

## DANCE MINISTRY

**With a dance ministry during service on  
Sunday, February 16, 2025.**

**This ministry is OPEN to any adult, youth and gender  
regardless of age. If interested, please contact:  
Ellen Smith at 704-516-4748.**



“Let them praise His name with  
dancing and make music to Him with  
tremble and harp”

*Psalm 149:3*



# 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.



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 "Yes, 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.tinyurl.com/scholarship](http://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 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.*

