

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

## *Christ the King / Reign of Christ*

At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8). This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints' Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins.

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

# Order of Service

## Christ the King/Reign of Christ

*\*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.

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

**LEADER:** What brings us together in this place?

**ALL:** To worship Christ, who loves us, who freed us from our sins by his blood

**LEADER:** Who made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father.

**ALL:** To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**\*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. 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?

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

Mighty God, Sovereign and Holy, we come before your throne today, seeking your glory. Open our eyes to see your Son, majestic in his coming, reigning with justice and righteousness. Open our hearts that we may rejoice in your Word, which is faithful and everlasting. In your power and grace, we pray. Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Leader:** Christ sympathizes with our weaknesses. The one we call King in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

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

Lord, though we call you King, we fail to follow your way. We chase power and security while you call us to serve. We harm your creation instead of caring for it. We hate when you command us to love. Too often, we cling to worldly identities instead of your kingdom. Reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and remain our Lord and our salvation. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Hear the good news: Jesus Christ loves us and has set us free from our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the certainty of God’s decree, know that we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION**

**FUPCC Choir "Spirit Fall Down" by Luther Barnes**

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

Holy Spirit, we pray that you enter into the hearts, minds, and souls of those who hear these words of Scripture. Illuminate the eternal essence of your being through our hearing of it, and through your power, transform this ink into the stuff of new life. Amen.

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

**OLD TESTAMENT: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

**NEW TESTAMENT: John 18:33-37**

**SERMON ..... " A Kingdom Life of Thanksgiving " ..... Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

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,

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

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

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**Leader:** The Lord God is Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. All that is, all that was, and all there will be belongs to God. Let us now return to God in part what is God's in whole. We know that God loves a cheerful giver. *"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 "The Lord Will Make A Way Somehow"**  
*Arranged by Hezekiah Walker*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Leader:** Holy One, we pray that you take these gifts of our labor, our wealth, our time, and our lives and use them to express your everlasting kingdom of love in this world. Amen.

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

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING..... Rev. Delton H. Farmer**  
Love God, Love yourself, Love your neighbor. Live as a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

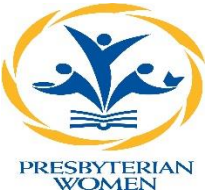


**TEN CENTS A MEAL** - We Can Make a Huge Difference when ALL participate. Using the same passage Two and Five Cents-a-Meal has been used since 1982. Please consider a gift to Ten Cents-a-Meal every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.

**PW BIBLE STUDY** – PW Bible study – Saturday, December 21, 2024 @ 11:00 am

**LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN**/God's Call to Care for Neighbors & All Creation: **Lesson 4** –Water Justice

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



### **PW WINTER GATHERING**

**DATE:** Saturday, December 21, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**LOCATION:** The Education Building

**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 INVITATION** - **The Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church**

invite you to attend their annual **Advent Communion Service on December 4, 2024**. Service begins at 11:00 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. You do not need to register to attend the service. If you wish to attend the luncheon you are asked to register on First Presbyterian Church's website, the cost is \$15.00. The church is located at 200 W. Trade Street (28202).

### **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)

A decorative border of musical notation, including treble and bass clefs, staves, and various notes, surrounds the central text.

## **FIRST UNITED MEN**

The Men of First United

# **"Save the Date" December 15, 2024**

You have been asked to provide music on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Be a part of the worship experience. Let us make a "Joyful Noise" unto the Lord.

### **FUPC Men's Ensemble Rehearsal**

Rehearsals will be

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

(Immediately Following worship by the piano)

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**Saturday, Decmeber 14, 2024**

**@ 9:00 am in the Sanctuary**

# **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.*



