

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *Holy Communion*

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

# Order of Worship

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 26)

*\*Congregation Stands/rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES ..... Celeste Bagley

\*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:** "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**People:** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

**Leader:** Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**People:** And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

**Leader:** Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

**People:** Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

**Leader:** These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives. Thanks be to God!

**All:** Let us worship God!

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

**Gracious Lord, we come together today with hearts full of praise and gratitude for the mighty works You have done in our lives. Open our spirits to receive Your Word, that we may walk boldly as faithful disciples, reflecting Your boundless love in every thought, word, and action. Let Your healing power flow through us, touching lives and bringing hope to all. In Your name, we pray. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Leader:** The Scriptures tell us, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who 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."

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

**Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** The psalmist assures us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. " In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION**

**FUPC Choir – "How Excellent"** *by The Mississippi Mass Choir*

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

We wait for you, Lord, our souls wait for you, and in your Word we hope. Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we may have hope and believe in the good news. Amen.

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

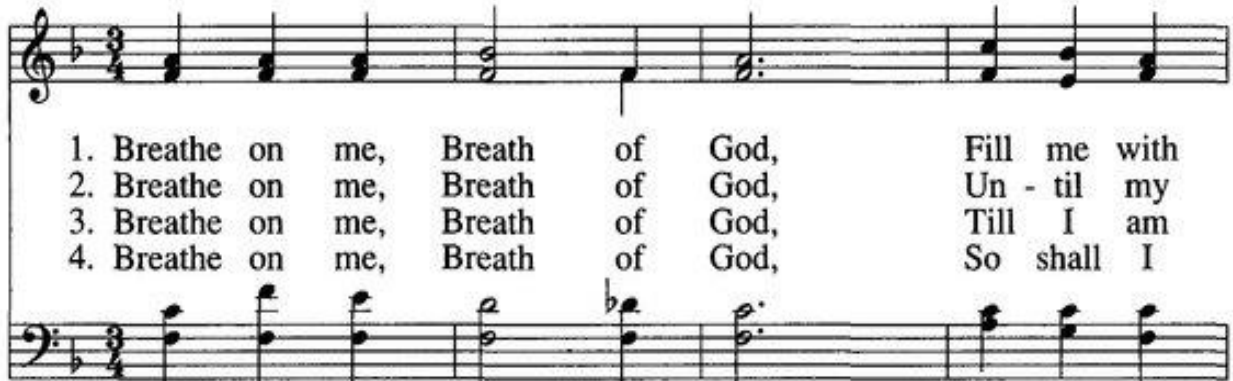
**OLD TESTAMENT - Psalm 119:137-144**

**NEW TESTAMENT - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**

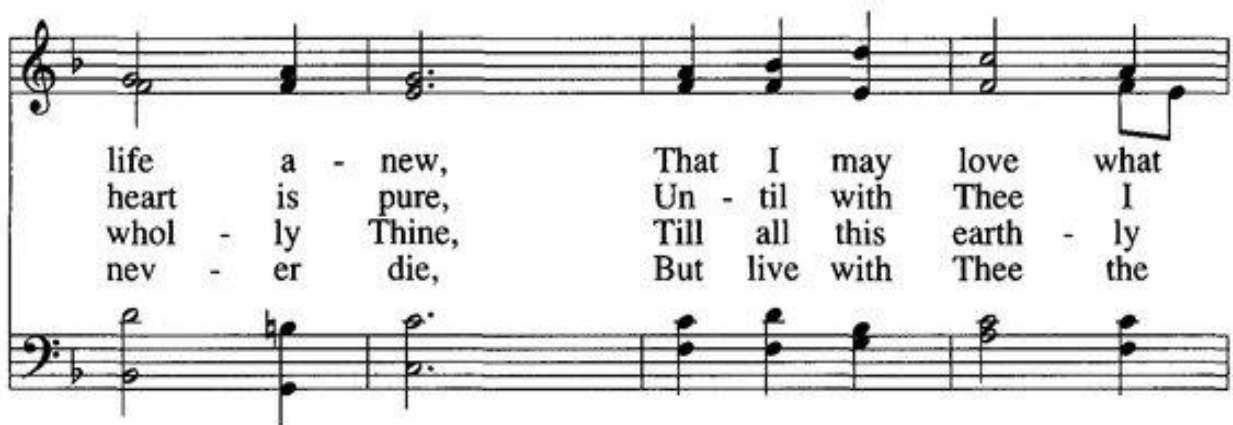
**SERMON** ..... **Reverend Delton H. Farmer**

**"Times Are Uncertain, I Will Yet Trust God and His Promises"**

## 317 BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

*...He Himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.**Acts 17:25*


1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with  
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my  
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am  
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I



life a - new, That I may love what  
 heart is pure, Un - til with Thee I  
 whol - ly Thine, Till all this earth - ly  
 nev - er die, But live with Thee the



Thou dost love And do what Thou wouldst do.  
 will one will, To do and to en - dure.  
 part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
 per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889

Tune: TRENTHAM, SM; Robert Jackson, 1840-1914

❧ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ❧

**\*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:** With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God who has so richly blessed us. *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**

**FUPC Choir - "Grateful"** by Hezekiah Walker

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Leader:** Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Invitation to the Lord's Table .....Rev. 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 SELECTION**

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

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** ..... **Rev. 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**



First United Presbyterian Church

**INTERCESSORY**

*prayer*

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



# 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 (3rd Saturday, every month) @ 11:00 am  
**LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN/God’s Call to Care for Neighbors & All Creation: Lesson 2** – Land 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).

**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 ID - 834 3423 2514#, Enter passcode - 306013#**

**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

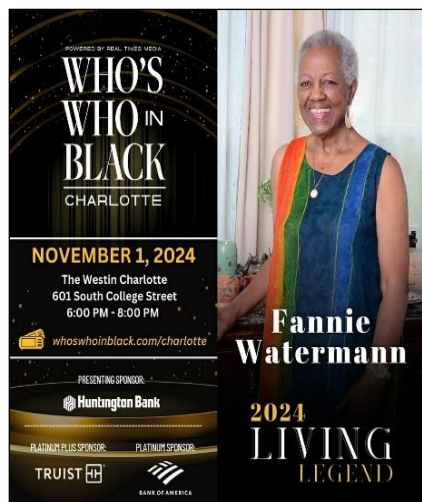
**BEN SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – 155<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary**

Fall Revival – Friday, November 8, 2024 @ 7:00 pm  
155<sup>th</sup> Church Homecoming Service – Sunday, November 10, 2024 @ 11:15 am

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**SUNDAY CONVERSATION TODAY IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER CHURCH SERVICE**

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Please take a moment today to **CONGRATULATE** our very own, **Fannie Waterman** who received the 2024 Living Legacy Award at the Who's Who in Black Charlotte event sponsored by Huntington Bank, Truist Bank and Bank of America this past Friday evening at the Westin Charlotte.





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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 Lowery  
Guest Minister

JCSU Choir

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

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For more information: Call or email the church, you can also 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 Lowery  
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**



Good evening team!

Made a stop up on James today and happy to show you we are roofed in! Wil and Teawan were busy with a crew of high schoolers painting next door. Another great day for all!

Enjoy your weekend!

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## November Birthdays

*Monica Carr*

*November 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Olin Grier*

*November 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Candace Stitt*

*November 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Mildred Mosley*

*November 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Martha Mullen*

*November 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Cynthia Farmer*

*November 12<sup>th</sup>*

*George Moreland, Jr.*

*November 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Donna Fair*

*November 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Linda Richardson*

*November 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Kadeem Hibma*

*November 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Charrie Clark*

*November 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Gisle Harris*

*November 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Esteban Solis*

*November 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Alice Kibler*

*November 30<sup>th</sup>*

## November Anniversaries

*Letitia & Wayne Mouzon November 9<sup>th</sup>*

# 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.



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.tiny.us/scholarship](http://fpc.tiny.us/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.*





