

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist - Elder Anthony Dozier
OFFERING (Collection) – Elder Michelle Maxwell & Deacon Stephanie Davis
COUNTERS – Deacons Helen Hairston & Valerie Tutt
USHERING – Jerome Walker & Martha Mullen

FIRST UNITED WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF JUNE 8, 2025

SUNDAY CONVERSATION

June 22, 2025, immediately after service
Please plan to attend to receive important information
and share your ideas.

NOURISH UP 5TH Fridays @ First Presbyterian

The next date will be August 29, 2025

FUPCC INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The last Saturday of each month @ 8:30 am in The Library

BT EXPRESS (Alcohol/Narcotics Program)

Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

FUPC BIBLE STUDY – Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 874 8560 5940 Passcode: 413228

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87485605940?pwd=1W9aATJXSS4OqG90shNj5hr8jYK7cB.1>

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PW BIBLE STUDY– Saturday, June 21, 2025 @ 11:00 am

Meeting ID: 819 3012 7450 □ Passcode: 129126

Call in: 1 309 205 3325 US

PRAYER LIST

Barbara Cannon Caryle • Blakeney-Bennett • Abby Flanders • Shepard Foley
Ms. Jane Reid • Connie Patton • Mrs. Yvonne Thomas

☞ AT HOME/ SICK AND SHUT-INS ☞

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

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

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

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Dr. Mildred Y. Mosley - WALTONWOOD AT COTSWOLD

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Youth Recognition Day

‘We Feel God's Holy Spirit Among Us!’



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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

The Day of Pentecost

** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTSAnthony Dozier

*CALL TO WORSHIPAnthony Dozier

LEADER: On the day of Pentecost, the church was gathered together in one place.

PEOPLE: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God blew through the church like a howling wind.

LEADER: On the day of Pentecost, differences were minimized as people came together seeing and hearing one another.

PEOPLE: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God fell down like rain on everyone gathered there that day.

LEADER: And sons and daughters prophesied. And young people saw visions, and old people dreamed dreams.

ALL: Thanks be to God for bringing us together in this place for worship. May we, like those before us, worship God with our whole hearts.

OPENING SONG.....“Let It Rise”*.....by Holland Davis

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us.
Let the praises of our King rise among us,
Let it rise! ohhhh...
Let it rise!

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us.
Let the joy of our King, rise among us,
Let it rise ohhhh...
Let it rise!

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us.
Let the praises of our King rise among us,
Let it rise! ohhhh...
Let it rise!

CALL TO CONFESSION Anthony Dozier

People of God, although we would like for our story to sound like Pentecost - a story where everyone from every nation is heard, the Spirit is visible, and people are united - we know that our story sounds very different, painfully different. Thus, we come to the portion in our worship where we confess our sins, where we practice truth-telling, acknowledging that we desperately need God’s Spirit in our lives. Let us confess our sins together, to the God of the early church and the God of the here and now through our Prayer of Confession in unison.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Unison: God of wisdom and understanding, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Your children are scattered; language keeps them apart. Forgive us for the cultural pride that refuses to learn the language of another. Forgive us for the barriers of insensitivity that repel those whom you seek to call through us. By your Spirit’s power undo the plight of Babel by the miracle of Pentecost, to the end that all may hear the gospel and praise the risen Christ with one voice.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONAnthony Dozier
As God confused the language of all the earth to keep the people from idolatry, so God sent Christ with the universal message of salvation: “Whoever calls on Christ’s name shall be saved.” Brothers and sisters, trust that name and be assured: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

CHORAL RESPONSE #582 (GG)*“Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me”*

RECOGNITION OF FIRST UNITED YOUTH PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND GIFTS TO GRADUATES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION..... Blake Brown

SCRIPTURE READING.....Acts 2:1-21.....Blake Brown

SPECIAL SELECTION*“Holy Spirit, Rain Down”* (Alvin Slaughter)
FUPC Combined Choir and FUPC Dance Ministry

2025 GRADUATE SPEAKERS

High School: Chandler Mouzon and De’Andre Yongue

College: Sean Maxwell and Devanée Williams

INVITATIONAL HYMN #408 (GG)*“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (*Includes Pentecost Offering*)Carmen Brown
As we gather in this place where we feel God's Holy Spirit among us, let us be Pentecost people! Let us now bring our tithes and our gifts and offerings to God. Remember that this Sunday we also receive the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering which enables young people here and around the world to meet God’s love in powerful acts of worship and community, transformative experiences of intentional living, and ensuring that all children are educated and can flourish exactly as God made them. You may give online by use of our website, fupcc.org, by mailing your gifts to the church office, or by placing your gifts in the offering plate as the officers pass through the aisles. So, let us give joyfully now, for the Spirit of God is moving among us.

OFFERTORY SELECTION.....*“Holy Spirit”* (Katie Torwalt / Bryan Torwalt)

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Carmen Brown
O God, to you be the glory! We live to praise you; we trust your judgment; in all that we do we seek to obey you. Receive our offerings; they are the gifts of your Spirit. You have wrought the wonders that accompany new life. We shall not shrink from giving you glory, for we are called by Christ to be stewards of what you create.

CLOSING HYMN # 700 (GG)*"I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Elayna Williams

Now go from this service of worship with refreshed faith from the same Pentecost wind that blew so many years ago, warmed with hope from the same Pentecost flame, and reminded you are loved in language you understand, just as it was spoken by those same Pentecost tongues. And may the God who gives, Jesus, the one given, and the Spirit who gives us to one another go with you. Amen.

POSTUDE