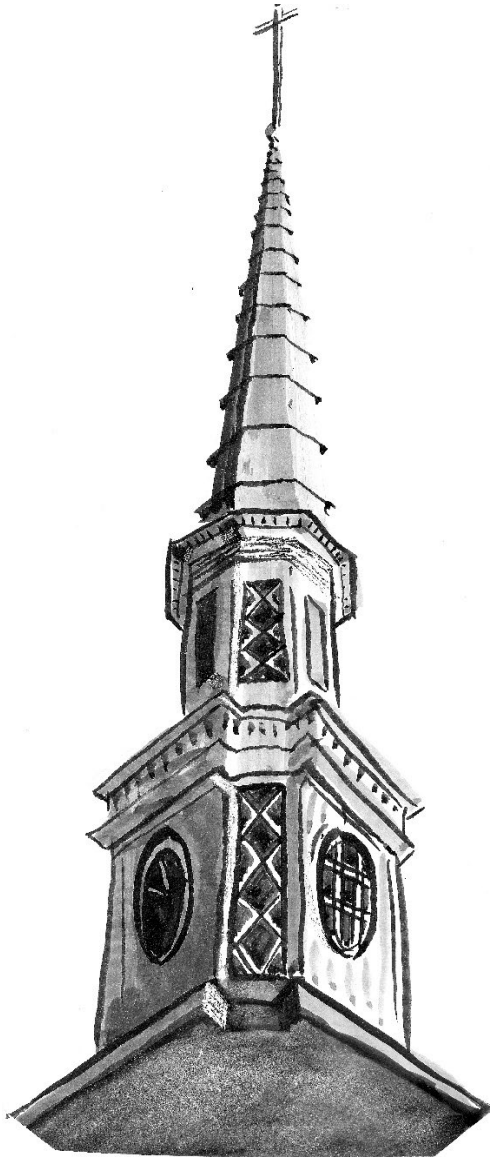
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026



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Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Liza Southard

Prelude: Symphony No. 2, Op. 13, No. 2 — Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

V. Adagio

Andy Lang, organist

Welcome

Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing the friendship register.

*Call to Worship

We lift our eyes to you.
We raise our voices.
The day of the Lord is near,
coming like a thief in the night.
The day of the Lord is near;
the day is coming quickly.
The day of the Lord is near,
and we are your good and faithful servants.

*Processional Hymn — No. 612: We Praise You, O God

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*Call to Confession

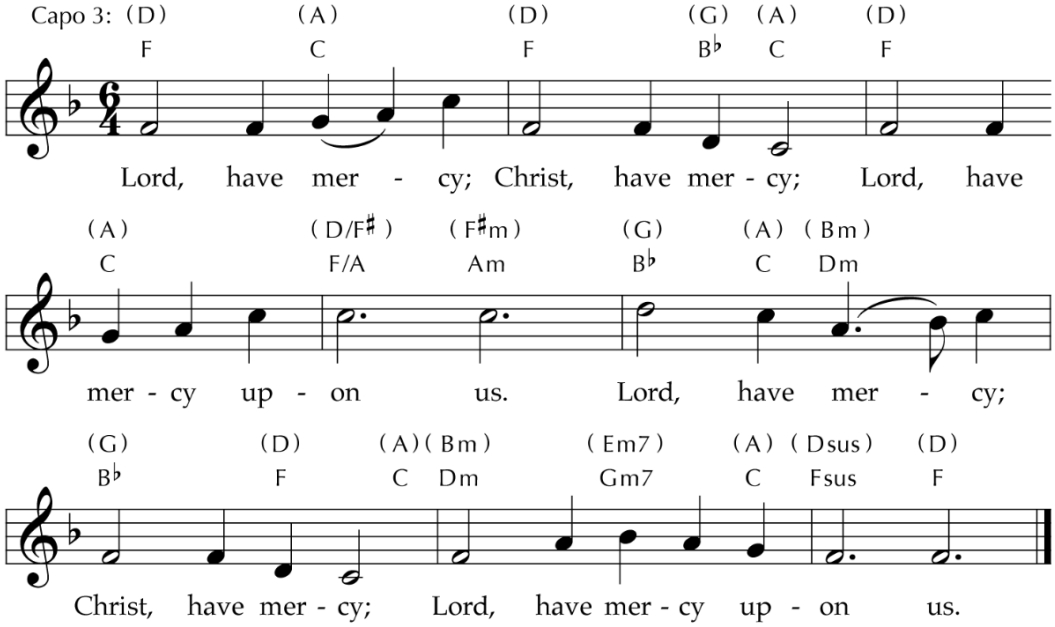
*Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of abundance,
you have given us so many gifts.
You bless us with talents, resources,
skills, and knowledge,
and yet we hide them under a bushel.
We hoard these gifts, instead of following you
and sharing with those in need.
We have been poor stewards of all you have given.
Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given,
that it might be returned in service to you.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

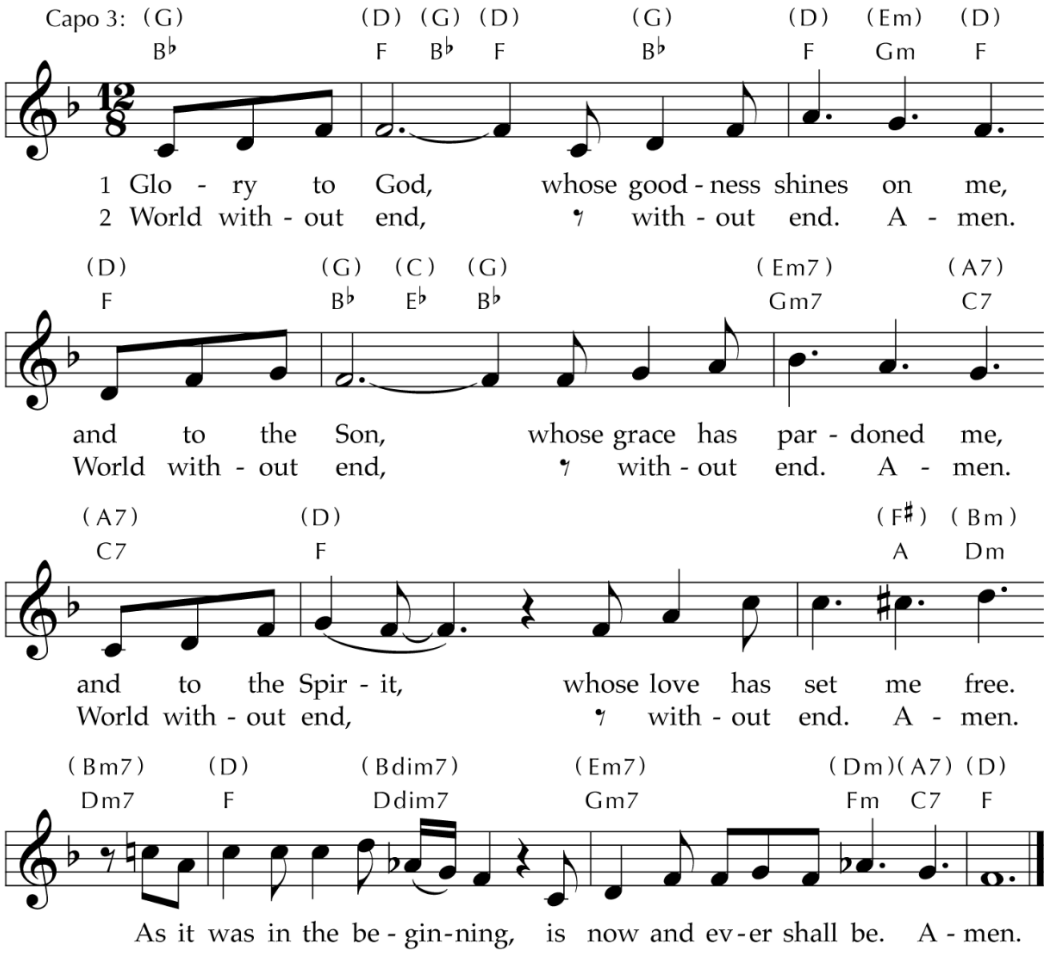
When this symbol (*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

***Congregational Response:** Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie eleison*) LAND OF REST



***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response:** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD



***Passing the Peace, Love and Joy of Christ to Others**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Listening for the Word

Story Telling

Bibles Distributed to *Children Worship Too!* Participants

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 — Pew Bible, pages 874-875
Holy wisdom, holy word. — Large Print Pew Bible, pages 1070-1071
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Open My Eyes — K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Chancel Choir
Jane Kolarich, conductor
Andy Lang, organ

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.

O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else, no other, none else with you.

Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings
With truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth both in public and private.

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. Amen.
-Lancelot Andrewes, alt. (1555-1626)

Second Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 — Pew Bible, pages 28-29
The Word of the Lord. — Large Print Pew Bible, pages 34-35
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Entrusted with Taking Risks" — Dr. Jim Lunde

Responding to the Word

***Hymn of Response — No. 716:** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending — BEACH SPRING

***Affirmation of Faith** - Adapted from *the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

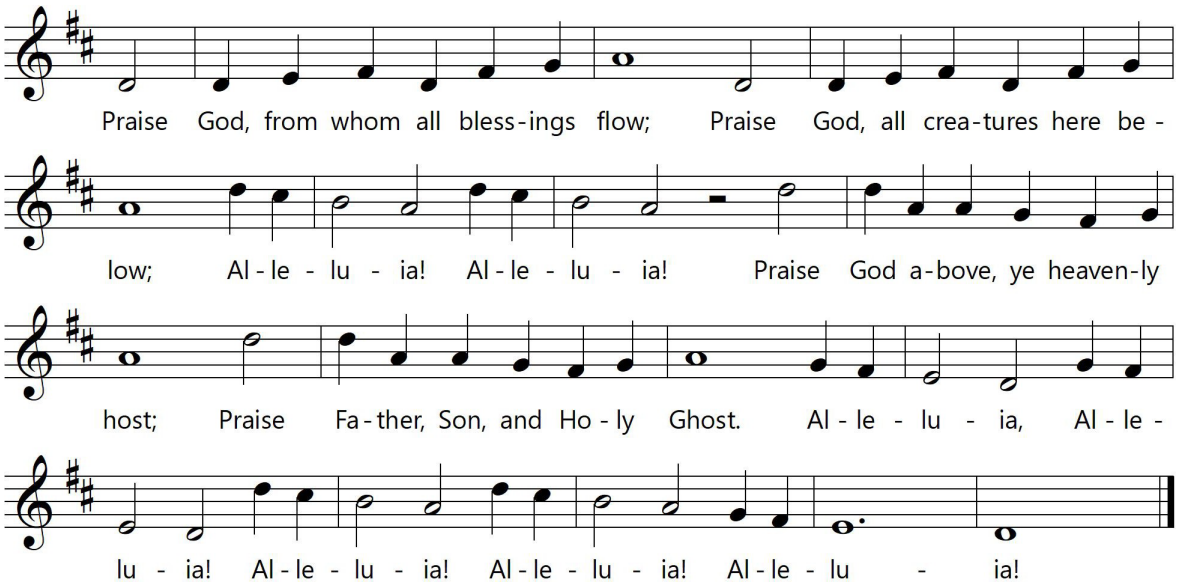
Moment for Mission: Alamance County Meals on Wheels — Nathan Adams

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Music at the Offertory: Prelude on 'Caithness' — Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Andy Lang, organ

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***Congregational Response:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — LASST UNS ERFREUEN



*Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the World

***Closing Hymn — No. 719:** Come, Labor On ORA LABORA

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537/ii Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Andy Lang, organ

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Dari Rowen, D. Min., Associate Pastor
Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by speaking to one of our ministers. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to contact the church office at 336-228-1703 to be added to the weekly email list.

LITURGY TODAY IS from *Call to Worship, PCUSA.*

ORGANIST TODAY IS Dr. Andy Lang who leads a professional dual-life. By day, he's the Associate Dean for IT and Data Analytics in the College of Arts & Sciences at UNC. At other times, he's a performing organist, who has played recitals in the U.S. and abroad. His main organ teachers have been James Kibbie (University of Michigan), James Higdon (University of Kansas) and John Ditto (University of Missouri-KC). He's also studied privately with Ben van Oosten (Grote Kerk, The Hague), Jean-Baptiste Robin (Versailles, France) and Daniel Roth (St. Sulpice, Paris). Andy is also an avid cactus collector, and some of his plants can be seen each year at the NC State Fair!

PENNIES FOR HUNGER/CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING is being received today. The collection is sent to Salem Presbytery where it is then divided and returned to local food ministries.

FISHIN (FAITH IN SMALL HEARTS): After Story Telling, children who are 1st grade and younger have an opportunity to go to a special time for faith formation and friendship building. They will return to the worship space during "Responding to the Word" to continue learning the how-to and why of worship alongside their church family.

PASTOR ON-CALL INFORMATION: If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the pastor on call by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and pressing 9. You will then be connected to the pastor on call.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP: We will hold a *Days for Girls* Workshop in Room 122 today from 2 – 5 p.m. A lot of help is needed to put ribbon in bags, mark serging lines on liners, mark shield patterns on fabric, serge flannel and prepare kits.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING begins November 18th and runs through December 18th. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Specific details will be shared in the weekly E-blast. Alternative Giving forms will be available in the welcome centers, the narthex, and the adult Sunday school classrooms. Someone will be in the narthex on Sundays to take orders and deliver completed cards.

NOVEMBER FRIENDSHIP GROUP: On Thursday, November 19 the Friendship Group will be treated to dance excerpts from the Nutcracker Ballet. Come to Shive Hall at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy performers from Walkerdance and stay for lunch! RSVP by making note on the friendship register or by calling the church office by end of day on Monday, November 16.

FPCB CHURCH-WIDE FURNITURE MINISTRY WORKDAY for November will take place on Saturday, November 21 (the weekend before Thanksgiving) beginning with coffee, doughnuts and prayer at 8:45 a.m. at the Furniture Ministry building. There is something for all ages and all skill levels to help do. Plan now to attend. It's a perfect time to share our gratitude by helping others. Thank you for all your support! Donations can be dropped off at the warehouse on Mondays between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. For pick up of larger items, call 336-212-2937.

ENRICHMENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Join the Enrichment Class on 11/22 and 12/6 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 228 as we kick off conversations using "If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus" by Philip Gulley, a Quaker pastor and author.

POSADA NAVIDEÑA (A MEXICAN CHRISTMAS TRADITION) honoring Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem before Jesus' birth will take place in Shive Hall at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 22. All are invited for festive food, fellowship and holiday cheer.

NATIVITY TABLEAU - It is time to sign up for your children and grandchildren to be part of this special Advent tradition. Parents/Guardians received the link to sign up via email. If you have not received the link or if you will have children visiting you for the holidays, and they would like to join in, please contact Charlotte Nance-Allbright callbright@fpcburlington.org. The tableau will take place during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 20.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY (NOTE – NEW DATES ADDED): The church will be creating the pictorial directory in-house using the photographic talents of Rev. John W. Johnson and our new Realm database. This will be an opportunity to get your photo taken and update your personal information in the Realm database. This will allow us to have an updated printed directory as well as an updated online directory with only having to have one photo taken! Rev. Johnson will be taking photos on Sundays November 15- December 13 before and after worship. He will be set up in the Witherspoon Room.

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – Through November 9, 2026, we have received pledges totaling $831,017.12 toward a goal of $1,250,000 in support of our 2027 operating budget. Although the formal campaign has concluded, your Gratitude and Generosity Team will pursue and accept 2027 pledges throughout the remainder of 2026 while we continue to approach our goal. Confidential pledges may be submitted by mail to FPC-B's Financial Administrator, Tori Stadler, or electronically through the "Pledge Online" application of the church website's home page, or by utilizing the QR code below. Additional pledge cards are available in the narthex.

NOTE: As you begin to consider your calendar year-end giving, keep in mind that you may make gifts through donations of appreciated stock, and for those who qualify, you may utilize your IRA assets to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), which might also help satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You are encouraged to seek advice from your financial planner as you ponder these decisions. We sincerely appreciate your generous commitment to the continuation of God's work.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: To access the activities calendar, please visit the website at www.fpcburlington.org or scan this QR code.

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Moment's Meditation

Gratitude is not only a response to God in good times
– it is ultimately the very will of God in hard times.
Ann Voskamp