

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 6, 2021

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

Remember to assemble your communion elements (bread and cup) before worship begins.

GATHERING MUSIC

Variations on "Praise Ye the Lord"

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Praise Ye the Lord

John Becker

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Weicher

Leader: Listen. Do you hear it?

All: The love of Christ is poured out for us.

Leader: Listen. Do you hear it?

All: The cloud of the faithful is singing God's praise.

Leader: Listen. Do you hear it?

All: The Spirit of God is calling us to worship.

HYMN NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly for aye we adore him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

You have called us blessed, O God, and washed us in the waters of your grace.

You have called us a family, O God, and bound us by the presence of your Spirit.

Forgive us, O Holy One,

when we forget that we belong to you:

when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence, the myth of supremacy,

or the fear of trusting something beyond ourselves.

Forgive us, O Holy One,

and by your forgiveness, free us from all that keeps us bound.

Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God,

**you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 8:4-11,16-20

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 3:20-35

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Family Redefined"

Mindy Douglas

HYMN No. 501

Feed Us, Lord

Feed Us

***Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread,
Be revealed again. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.***

***Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground,
May your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.***

***Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
Of the risen Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.***

***Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ,
Given strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.***

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

John Weicher

*Annabelle Brown, Maggie Chambliss, Eleanor Cole, Minna Fullenkamp,
Aiden James, Griffin Momsen-Hudson, Sophie Wilkins*

Video

Presentation of Scarves

Blessing & Charge

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Mindy Douglas, Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you, O God, creator of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image to love and serve you

and to live in peace with your creation.

When we rebelled against you, you did not abandon us,

but sent your only Son to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven

and with all the faithful of every time and place

who forever praise your name:

All (sing):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 552 (*Land of Rest*)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son.

In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh

and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, welcomed sinners,

and proclaimed good news to the poor.

Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world.

Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death.

Seated at your right hand, he reigns with you in glory

and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering the risen Christ,

we take from your creation this bread and wine

as we live for the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving we offer you now the sacrifice of our lives,

for great is the mystery of faith.

All (sing):

Hymn No. 553 (Land of Rest)



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ
and with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

(Intercessions for the church and the world)

In union with your Church in heaven and on earth,
we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose
in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

All (sing):

Hymn No. 554 (Land of Rest)



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

**All: O God, send us out from this table
to answer your summons
to follow Christ with joy and gladness into new life.
Set our feet on the holy way,
that our lives may be signs of life and light
and all we do may show forth Christ's love. Amen.**

HYMN No. 267

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

***Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!***

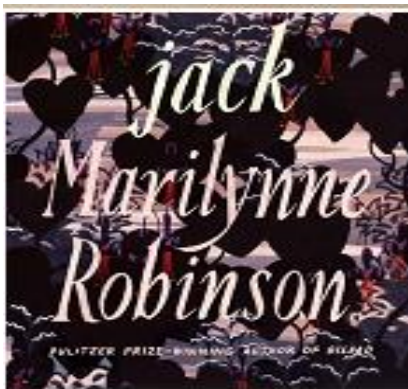
BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Johann L. Adam



Spring Fellowship / Book Discussion TODAY

Love Marilynne Robinson? Join **Bert Clere** at **Ponysaurus Brewing Co.** at **3:00 p.m. TODAY** for a discussion of her latest book, **Jack**. Participation is limited to 10 people. We ask that attendees wear masks (if not fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus) and practice social distancing.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On May 30, 76 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Class of 2021 high school and college graduates. The flowers are made possible by the Jerry Tyren Fund for flowers.

Portions of today's worship texts are taken from *Call to Worship* and *Book of Common Worship* (2018 edition). The hymn texts and music are from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal (reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926).

Many thanks to **John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck**, for their behind-the-scenes technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images accompanying our online services.

Click [here](#) to see the list of our Class of 2021 graduates.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Birth Announcement: **Anna Gray Wilson** was born June 1st to **Amy and Gray Wilson**. She joins older siblings, **Julia and James**.

Concerns:

Joy Orval, friend of Kerry Holbrook

Sharon Hirsch

Kerry Holbrook

Carter Momsen-Hudson

Fred Moore

Ruth Roberson

Margaret Sims

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Laurie Anderson, niece of Mary-Jo Keenan

Carolyn Bonner, wife of Deborah Momsen-Hudson's coworker Al Bonner

Flora Estrella, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Phil Goss, a friend of the congregation

Lori Griffin, great niece of Jeanne Hervey

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

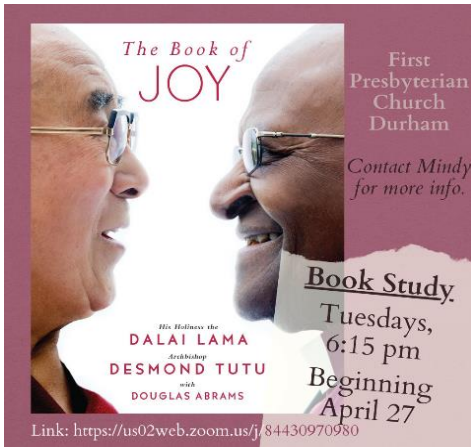
Ed Overton and wife Abby, friends of Doug Butler

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

Carlton Rounds' mother, who is fighting cancer. Carlton is a friend of Li-Chen Chin.

Sharyl, friend of Kerry Holbrook

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson



Spring Book Study

The Book of Joy

by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Mindy Douglas leads the study.

Click [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430970980) to join the discussion via Zoom.



SUMMER

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- Our **children's summer Sunday class** began today. All the children meet as one class using Zoom from 10:00-10:30 a.m.
- The summer **Faith & Community** class for adults will have six weeks led by the Anti-Racism Task Force (**June 6 - July 11**) studying the book *The Best of Enemies: Race and Redemption in the New South*, followed by five weeks of discussion of *The Black Church*, the documentary by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (**July 18 - August 15**). The Faith & Community class will meet via Zoom from **10:00-10:45 a.m.** on Sundays, June 6 and 13. Beginning Sunday, June 20 and following, class will meet in-person in Watts-Hill Hall and via Zoom from **9:45-10:30 a.m.**
- The **Lectionary, Journeys and Scratch adult classes** are meeting this summer. Start times and locations/Zoom links for each of these classes are now available.
- The **Women's Spiritual Formation Class** will not meet this summer. They are joining the Faith & Community class.



'Coffice' hours with Mitzi

Getting to know one another has been challenging these past 7 months. I am grateful for the walks and phone calls shared through the winter and for visits as vaccines were received. And still there are a lot of folk I've yet to meet.

**Join Mitzi on Wednesday, June 9
from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Ninth Street Bakery.**

If this date doesn't work for you,

call Mitzi at 919-444-1249 to find a time!

Vacation Church School!

June 21-25 - Evenings from 6:00-7:15 p.m.

We are currently recruiting volunteers to help with this ministry.

Contact Lenore Champion if you are available and willing to serve.

Outdoors on the FPC playground for the children, a time for parents to hang out, and *maybe* a food truck for grabbing dinner. The theme for our Vacation Church School is "Sabbath Practices: Hospitality, Prayer, Service, Storytelling, and Retreat."



Click [here](#) to read Mindy's letter to the congregation regarding regathering guidelines for in-person worship on June 20.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - LOVE IN THE HEART OF DURHAM

It's been a minute,
so let's get (re)introduced...

BULLETIN BOARD ART INSTALLATION

When you return to worship in the building (whenever that is)...

- BRING a photo of you & yours from during the pandemic,
- LABEL it with your name(s), and
- TACK it up on the long bulletin board in the foyer.

BETH

EMILY, CARLO & ...

MITZI

It's been a minute.
Let's (re)introduce ourselves.

As you return to worship in the church building, whenever that is, please bring a photo of you and yours doing something fun (or at least something) from during the pandemic. It can be anything, but make sure your face(s) is/are visible. Then, label it and tack it up on the long bulletin board in the foyer – supplies will be available. *For our children,* there will be a border on around the bulletin board that they can draw on as they return.



Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet each Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m., for now, on Zoom. Those who attend need to have both audio and video available. Each meeting begins with a short presentation about a part of the grief journey, and then we break into small groups for sharing and conversation. Here are our speakers for June:

June 8 Rev. David Brooks Guilt and Reconciliation
June 15 Rob Womack To be announced
June 21 William Holloman The Crosspane
June 28 William Holloman The Grief Wheel

To register for one of these Zoom meetings, please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the meeting.

Volunteers needed at Urban Ministries

For years, FPC has committed to provide volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at Urban Ministries of Durham. Even through the pandemic, members of FPC and those connected to us, have faithfully showed up as volunteers. If you are fully vaccinated and itching to serve again, please know that you are needed. As always, only volunteer when you are comfortable doing so.

Contact [Jen McGonigle](#) to sign up for one of FPC's regular time slots in June or call Jen at 202-421-5870. If you have interest in serving at Urban Ministries at other times and in other ways, click this link to learn more: <https://umdurham.org/get-involved/opportunities.html>.

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant



Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office: info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Feed Us, Lord

501



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.