

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

**GATHERING MUSIC** *Adagio* Padre Giovanni Martini

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE** *I've Got Peace Like a River* Denis Janzen

**CALL TO WORSHIP** John Weicher

Leader: The God we worship is the giver of life:

**All: the One who makes the dry tree green  
and grows a forest from the smallest seed.**

Leader: The God we worship is the giver of life:

**All: the One who forms us, names us, loves us,  
and teaches us to share our lives with the world.**

**HYMN No. 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.*

*The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.*

*God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.*

*Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.*

*And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,*

*while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,*

*and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN** John Weicher

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Litany)

Leader: When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,

**All: forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.**

Leader: When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love,

**All: compel us, Lord. Free us and forgive us.**

Leader: When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your grace,

**All: revive us Lord. Forgive us and compel us.**

Leader: For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,

**All: and through Christ's love alone we are reconciled to you.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God, you are the gardener of all creation.  
You planted this world with the seeds of your love  
and grow them with your faithfulness.  
We are your harvest:  
We find our meaning and sustenance in you.  
May our minds listen to you calling,  
may our ears be attuned to your will,  
may our feet follow you in the world,  
through Jesus, the Word become flesh.  
Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM LESSON**

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 4:26-34

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"That Unruly Kingdom of Grace"*

Mindy Douglas

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

John Weicher

**We believe in the debonaire God  
who clothes the wildflowers dressing them so superbly  
that they outdo Solomon in all his glory;  
who is the true Friend of all creatures great and small  
who feeds magpies and laughing kookaburras,  
and even doleful ravens and drongos.**

**We believe in the God of Christ Jesus, the Source of abundance, full of grace and truth.**

**We believe in the extravagant God who turns the other cheek,  
goes the second mile,  
turns water into the best wine,  
brings healing with his every touch,  
and who welcomes a woman's love  
as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.**

**We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ,  
who sweated blood in an Olive Grove,  
and kept the faith to the very end.**

**We believe in the redeeming God who spared no cost,  
forgave even his brutal crucifiers,  
had time for a dying thief at his side,**





**Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.**

**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 identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On June 6, 70 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and made possible by the Jerry Tyren Fund for flowers.

**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.

**Portions of today's worship texts** are taken from *Call to Worship* and *Feasting on the Word*. The **Affirmation of Faith** was written by Bruce Prewer and can be found on his home page: <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

The **hymn texts and music** are taken from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal (reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926).

### ~ Our Concerns ~

**Sharon Hirsch      Kerry Holbrook      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

**Joy Orval**, friend of Kerry Holbrook

**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**, Kerry Holbrook's friend

**Deb Walsh**, friend of Celia Dickerson



## Landscaping and Grounds Workday

Saturday, June 19 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Contact [Barbara Buckley](#) for details on the work to be done.



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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – LOVE IN THE HEART OF DURHAM



BETH



EMILY CARLO & ...  
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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.

**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.



We are currently recruiting volunteers to help with this event. Click [VOLUNTEER](#) if you are available and willing to help with this event.

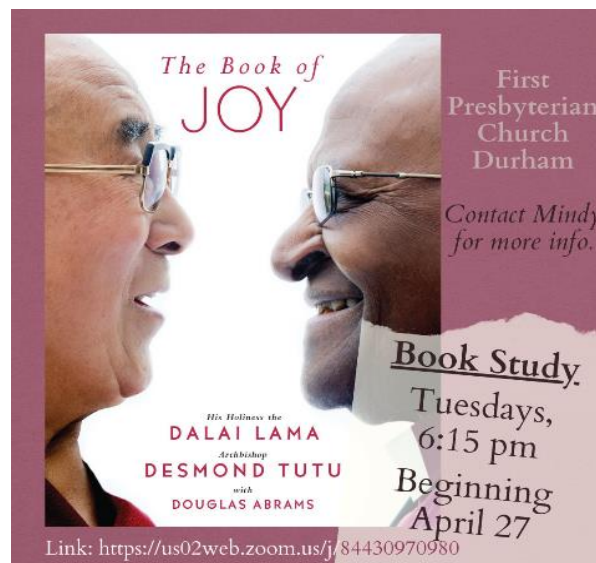
See your church friends, have fun, get dinner!

Click [REGISTER MY FAMILY](#) if you plan to attend this event.

Tentative schedule:  
 5:30-5:40: Arrival/Check-in;  
 5:40-6:10: Program for adults and kids, separately;  
 6:10-6:30: Whole group activity;  
 6:30-6:45: Grab and eat or Grab and go dinner!

Truly an event with something for EVERYONE!

Contact [Lenore Champion](#) if you have questions.



**The Book of Joy**  
 by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu  
**Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.**  
 Mindy Douglas leads the study.  
 Click [here](#) to join the discussion via Zoom.

## **Growing thru Grief Preview**

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. 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 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](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the meeting.

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## **Volunteers needed at Urban Ministries**

For years, FPC has committed to provide monthly volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at Urban Ministries of Durham. Even through the pandemic, members of FPC have faithfully served as volunteers. If you are fully vaccinated and can serve again or for the first time, please know that you are needed. As always, only volunteer when you are comfortable doing so. If you are available to serve in the month of June, contact [Jen McGonigle](mailto:Jen.McGonigle@umdurham.org) to sign up or call her at 202-421-5870. Click this link: <https://umdurham.org/get-involved/opportunities.html> to see other available opportunities to serve at Urban Ministries.

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



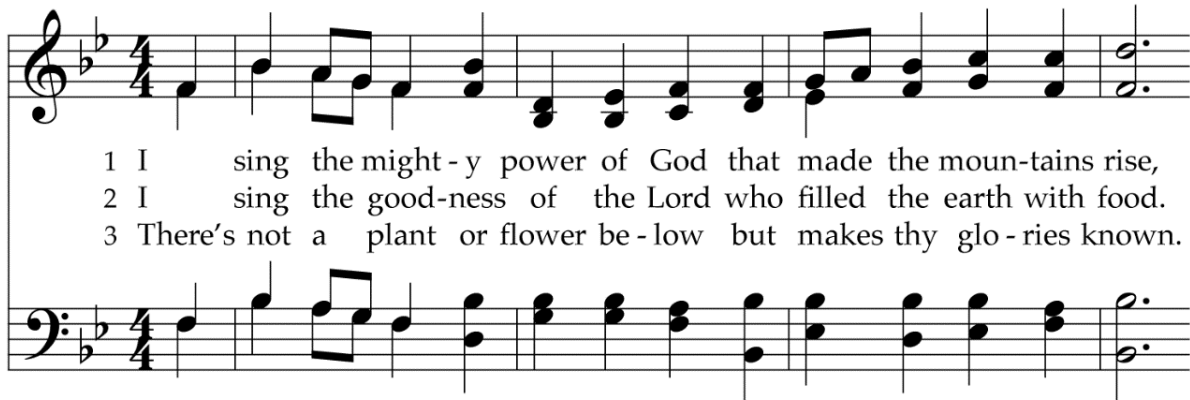
**Mitzi Leshner-Thomas**, Associate Pastor  
**Valerie McMillian**, Parish Administrator  
**Kathy Parkins**, Minister of Music  
**John Weicher**, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:

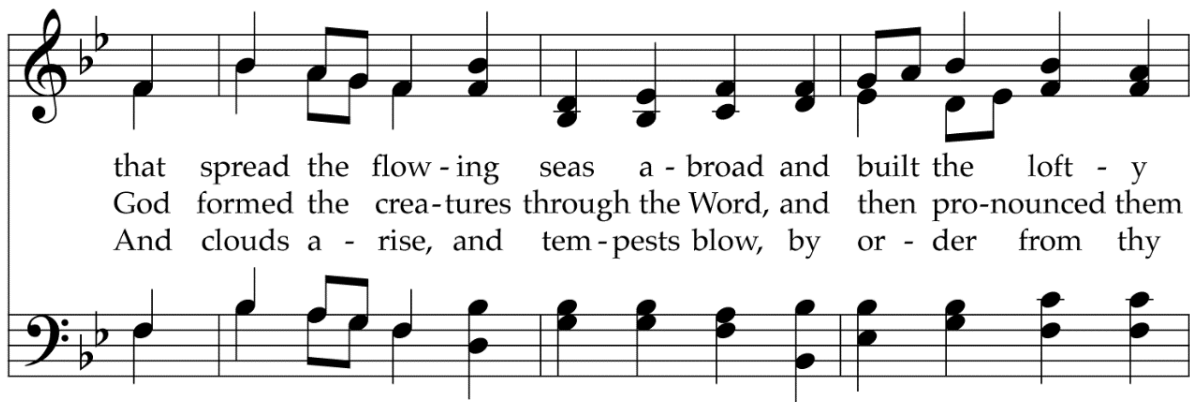
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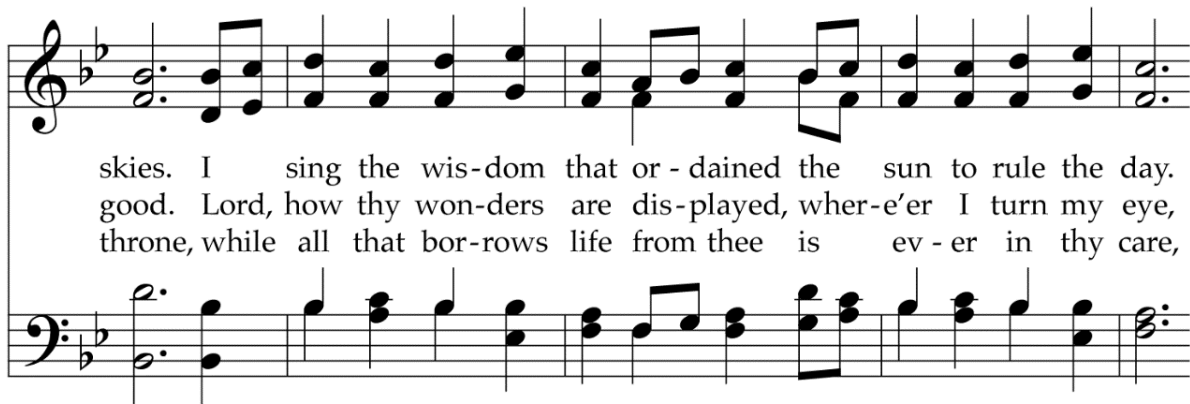
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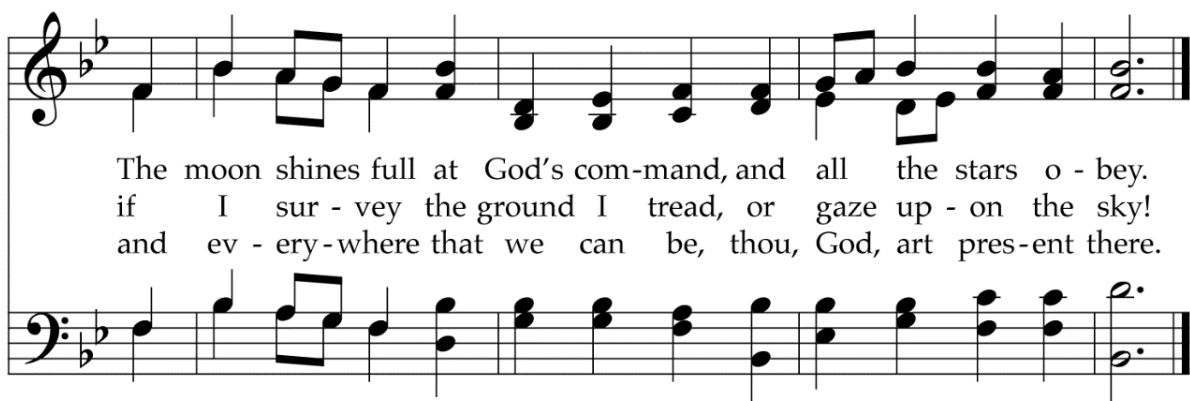
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



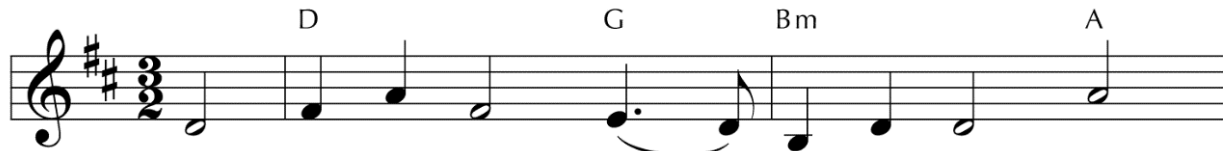
skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



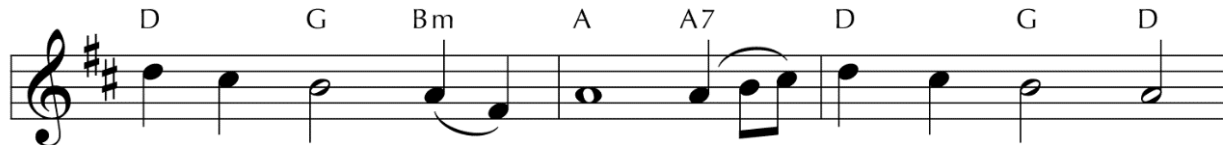
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.



# 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*