

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Esther Hethcox

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

American tune,
arr. John Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Let us hear what the Lord will speak,
for God will speak peace to God's people,
to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

People: **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

People: **The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before us and will make a path for our steps.**

All: **Come, let us worship God!**

***HYMN NO. 13**

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

Kingsfold

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

David Smith

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Most gracious and loving God,
how much more could we ask of you,
how much more could you give us,
than you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

**Yet we confess that we have not claimed the fullness of your grace to us.
We place our hope in material things instead of in your spiritual blessing.
We neglect to serve you with all our strength.**

**We love those whom we choose,
instead of those whom you call us to love.**

**From these and all our sins, holy God,
free us and forgive us.**

Make our hearts thrill once more to the calling of your voice alone.

**Fulfil your will in us and through us,
that the world would see in us
a witness to your power and glory.**

Those who are able, please stand.

Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

David Smith

***REGATHERING HYMN (No. 702, verse 3)**

Bunessan

*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

(Pew Bible, OT Page 280)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Michael Honeycutt

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

(Pew Bible, NT Page 40)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Ian Vellenga

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Business of Hope"

Ian Vellenga

(silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 772**

Live into Hope

Truro

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Brief Statement of Faith

Malarie Schexnider

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls us to all ministries of the Church.**

(Affirmation continues next page.)

**In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Malarie Schexnider

Offertory Music

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray

Spiritual,
arr. Johnson/Kelley

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Esther Hethcox

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Esther Hethcox

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.

*HYMN NO. 295

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Ian Vellenga

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C

G.F. Handel

**Following worship today, you are invited to share birthday greetings
with Mary Ann Ruegg and enjoy some birthday cake with her in the foyer –
a celebration in advance of Mary Ann's 100th birthday on July 18.**



First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning the QR code to the left. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right.



Sign in

Donate online

We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

We welcome to the pulpit mission co-worker *Ian Vellenga*. Ian Vellenga and his wife Jhanderys Dotel-Vellenga are mission co-workers serving in Nicaragua. They have served in Nicaragua since 2018 and FPC supports their ministry. Their role is to facilitate relationships between congregations of the PC(USA) and of the Council of Evangelical Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD), which promotes justice and peace to help economically impoverished communities. When they are in the USA, their home church is Nutbush Presbyterian Church, near Kerr Lake. Ian and Jhan have a young daughter, Marcella, and Ian's father, *David Vellenga*, is a retired pastor in our presbytery.

Music notes: While the choir is on a well-deserved break, we thank *Charlie Kelley* and his mom, *Laura Kelley*, for their music leadership this morning. Charlie was baptized as an infant at First Presbyterian and was active in children's choir and youth group. He is currently studying math and music at UNC-CH, where he plays in the marching band and various concert bands. Laura sings in our chancel choir and plays trumpet with the Durham Medical Orchestra. She works as a patent attorney.

The *flowers* are given by *Peter and Barbara Fish* to the glory of God and in celebration of *Mary Ann Ruegg's* 100th birthday.

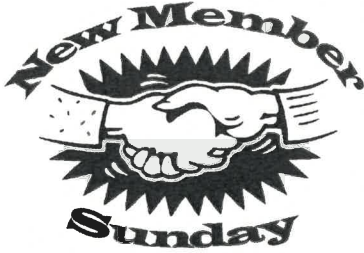
Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. *Activity bags* are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to the audio/visual console. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of today's *worship texts* are reprinted from *Call to Worship* (Volume 39.1 Year B 2005-2006), *Book of Common Worship* (2018), and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

Copies of the **PC(USA) 226th General Assembly post-convention summary**, prepared by Presbyterian Outlook, are available (yellow paper) from the table in the foyer.



Ready to join? Please let Esther Hethcox know if you are ready to become a member of First Presbyterian Church so a date and time can be arranged for you to meet with the Session to be received into membership. New members will be welcomed and introduced to the congregation on next **Sunday, July 21** during worship.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Happy 100th Birthday to *Mary Ann Ruegg* on July 18th.

Elizabeth High is home following a brief hospital stay.

Linda Foster Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson, is hospitalized in Colorado with septic meningitis.

Jo Ann Moore is recovering at home from a medical procedure.

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher, home following time in the ICU.

Paul Cornsweet Susan Cyr Kerry Holbrook Lee House Jenni James
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas Madge McKeithan Vernon Neece Ruth Roberson Franzi Rokoske
Keith Rokoske Alfred Tisdale

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills, Jim Wolfe*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

<i>Tim Boyer</i> , cousin of Fred Moore	<i>Francisca Cristobal</i> , family of Al & Judy Arrowwood
<i>Kim Cummings</i> , father of Drew Cummings	<i>Larry and Lynn Farrell</i> , parents of Rachel Bethune
<i>Isla Foster</i> , cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson	<i>Andrew Holbrook</i> , nephew of Kerry Holbrook
<i>Ford Holbrook</i> , brother Kerry Holbrook	<i>Katie Jackson</i> , wife of Matt Hirsch
<i>Donna Johnson</i> , mother of Ann Huff	Father of Madison, Schuyler, and Brian Knowles
<i>Alan Petersburg</i> , brother-in-law of Jenni James	<i>Doug Rimmer</i> , brother of Steve Rimmer
<i>Joe & Mary Kay Robinson</i> , former members of FPC	<i>Elizabeth Romska</i> , daughter of Bob Lewis
<i>Jim Vacca</i> , father of Jamie Chambliss	<i>Denisha Williams</i> , daughter of Sybil King



First Presbyterian Summer Blood Drive Thursday, August 1 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

If you are healthy and it will be over 50 days since your last blood donation, please sign up to give. Most donations take about an hour.

Donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card after they give.

**Go online to schedule your appointment:
RedCrossBlood.org. FPC's code is *firstpres*.**

(Bulletin insert – July 14, 2024)

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

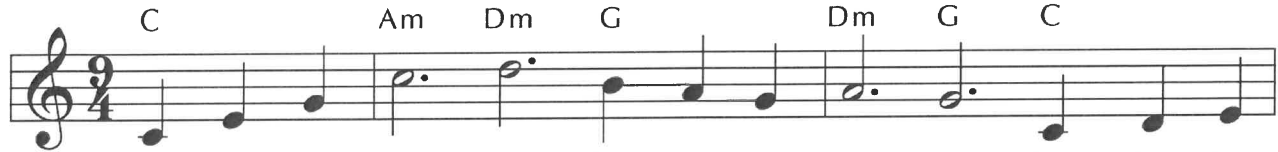
from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

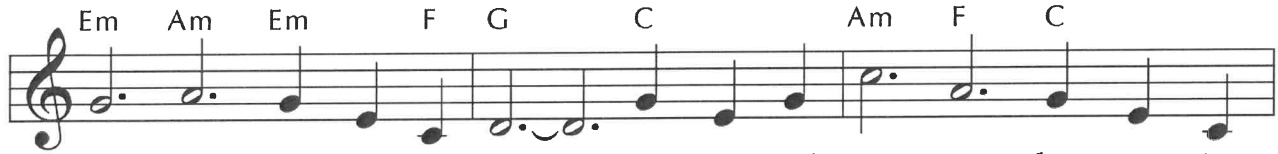
and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

Christ Be Beside Me

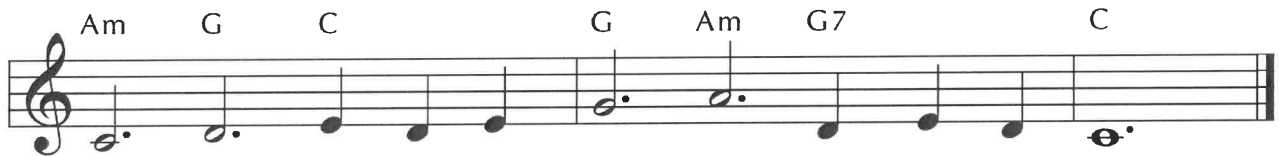
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1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
→ 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
→ all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
→ see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

Live into Hope

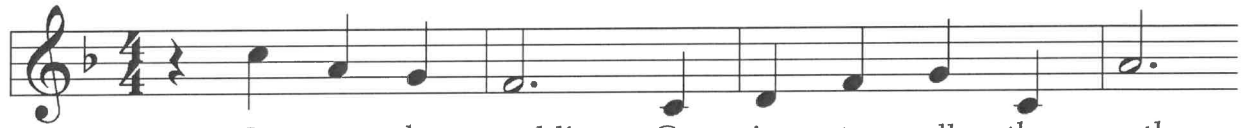
1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM Birthday reception for Mary Ann Ruegg (foyer)</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, July 15</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, July 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter today</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 17</p> <p>Chancel choir on summer break.</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff (Robert Daye Meeting Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 18</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 19</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, July 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 21 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation Class for children and Lectionary Class for adults</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (New members introduced)</p>	

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff (Sabbatical)
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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