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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

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Front Cover:

Today's bulletin cover comes from artwork created by our K-2nd grade faith formation class in their final spring session last week.

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Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Holy Manna

*Trad. American melody,
arr. Don Hustad*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day.

People: Come, Whirlwind of wonder!

Leader: Sing to the groaning of creation.

People: Come, still small Voice of hope!

Leader: Enflame us with your passion for justice.

People: Come, Liberator of the least!

Leader: Wind of God, blow through us;

People: Fire of God, burn within us

Let us worship God: Holy Three, Holy One.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One; what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**People: Huddled in fear of what others will think,
of what others will do,
of what God will do.**

Leader: Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**People: Making fun of what we do not understand,
tearing down what is sacred to another
waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Leader: Always God is with us:

**People: Nudging us like a gentle breeze,
stirring us with flames of hope,
speaking to us with words engraved in our
hearts.**

**May God forgive us and open us to receive God's
grace today and every day.**

Leader: In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our
hope.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that
first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us,
empowering us to know mercy and grace,
forgiveness and service.

In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the
Good News:

People: We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of seven systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in four-line stanzas. The first system includes four numbered lines of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system continues the lyrics. The fifth system continues the lyrics. The sixth system continues the lyrics. The seventh system continues the lyrics and ends with a double bar line.

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
speak to us in the language of our hearts,
that we may hear your Word with understanding
and answer your call with confidence. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

(Pew Bible, NT Page 235)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Amy Dillon

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-21

(Pew Bible, NT Page 118)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Mindy Douglas

SERMON

"A Divine Interruption"

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *A Declaration of Faith*

Esther Hethcox

**The Holy Spirit is God active in the world.
By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel.
By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered.
By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with his church.
We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life,
the renewer and perfecter of God's people
the one who makes real in us what God has done for us.**

**We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit
the church can be set on its way again,
even when it seems beyond hope of renewal.**

We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings.

**We are faithful to the reformers of the past
when we hold ourselves open in the present
to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.**



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
 1 風 之 頌, 林 中 吹 送, 輕 風
 2 彩 之 虹, 雨 後 高 懸, 生 之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
 送, 心 中 振 動, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹
 盼, 人 間 再 現, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
 God, as the green in the spring, as a
 送; 心 溫 暖, 奇 異 難 明, 風 浪
 送; 春 天 裡, 青 山 綠 水, 線 上



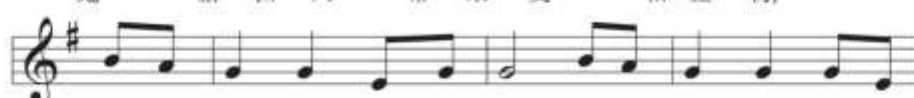
voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
 中, 靜 聽 主 聲, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹
 繫 飛 揚 風 箏, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
 送; 眼 不 見, 心 未 明, 風 來 去 何
 送; 大 地 萬 象 更 新, 和 平 終 實



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* *American tune, arr. D.A. White*

*Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around
Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then we'll be called home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.*

*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!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: In the beginning, God of creation, your wind swept the darkness,
stirring up life from heights to the depths.

Your Spirit raised us from dust and formed us
to be like your children with one common breath.

We couldn't see where the wind had come from.

We couldn't tell where the wind would go.

Divided, we hid behind walls turning away from the breath of life.

But you blew through the prophets,
you gave visions to slaves,

you spoke in the whirlwind and promised salvation.

You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath,
receiving your Spirit in the river Jordan.

He proclaimed freedom to captives,
and good news to the poor.

He gave hope to the suffering,
and life to the dead.

Therefore, we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All (sung):

565 Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: God of endless mercy, of all the things that are yours
we offer you these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine,
which are yours especially.
We offer them gladly, as he told us, giving thanks for his death and resurrection.
Filled with your Spirit, and drawn together in his peace,
we praise you and offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service:

All (sung):

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen 566



Leader: Now pour out your Spirit yet again
to make this bread and wine the body and blood of Christ,
that we might blow through the world
with his love healing and forgiving,
until the heights and depths are filled with your children
from every tribe and language and people and nation
joined with the angels in one triumphal song:

All (sung):

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Amen



THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

★ Ecumenical Version

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(The bread and the elements are gluten free and were prepared in a gluten-free area. We use grape juice in the cup. Servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive communion. **The server will give you a piece of bread, which you dip in the cup. Parents, please assist children as they take bread and lightly dip it into the cup.** After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)*

Communion Anthem

O Sacred Feast

Healey Willan

*O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed in us.*

*Our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory
is given unto us. Alleluia..*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Esther Hethcox

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 295

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang

Happening Today

A Time to Dance: To celebrate Mindy's 10 years of ministry at FPC, all are invited to A Time to Dance today from 6:30-8:30pm at Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (4907 Garrett Rd). Hors d'oeuvres and lemonade, water, and soft drinks will be provided. Mindy has led us in answering the call for social justice issues in Durham, and in that spirit, we invite you to bring a package of diapers to donate to the Diaper Bank of North Carolina in Mindy's honor. Get full details and RSVP at evite.me/PwgRB8TYk3.



Sign In

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.



Donate Online

The anthem today is dedicated to ***Mindy Douglas*** in gratitude for her ten years of ministry at First Presbyterian Church. The text of the anthem reminds us all that we are here as a community to hear the Word and receive the Blessed Manna which is promised to nourish us on our journey. We are grateful for Mindy's wisdom and love in leading us on the Way, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. -KCP

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.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of our mothers, ***Gale Gokey Brown*** and ***Rose Gadoury Marrotte*** by Tony and Teddie Brown.

Flower Donation Opportunities Available: There are open dates for worship flower donors in July. To sign up, visit bit.ly/FPCflowers26 or click on the flowers link in the bi-weekly newsletter.

Our ***paschal candle and stained red oak stand*** is a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. Adopted by early Christians, the lit candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross and an *alpha* and *omega*, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us always. Traditionally, the candle is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost.

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These Days devotional books for April-June are available in the foyer.

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

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the first and second floors 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.

Upcoming Community Events

Many of our events are posted in the bi-weekly newsletter. You may read past newsletters and join our mailing list at <https://firstpres-durham.org/weekly-newsletter/>



Yoga is offered at FPC on Mondays at 4:30pm (vinyasa flow class), and Fridays at 10:30am (chair yoga class). Contact **Jane Wettach** for more information at janewettach@gmail.com.

First Friends: Join us on Saturday, **May 30**, at the home of **Amy and Dan Mapel**. To learn more and RSVP, visit evite.me/caK37nZ7Af. First Friends is a community of 55+ individuals who gather monthly for fellowship.

New Summer Class: The Summer Book Class is back! Led by members of our Racial Equity Task Force, we'll be exploring afresh *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. Join us at **9:45 am** in Watts-Hill Hall on Sundays, **May 31-June 28**. We will have books available for purchase - reach out to **Kathy Krahenbuhl**, kat.krahenbuhl@gmail.com.

Calling all graduates! We want to know about all of our FPC spring graduates – of high school, college, and graduate school. Please send 1) a current picture (in regalia is welcome!) and 2) a few words about where they/you are graduating from and what's next for them/you. Please send this to **our new Communications Associate, Brandi Kirkland**, at communications@firstpres-durham.org by Tuesday, **June 9**.

Love Offerings & Retirement Celebrations: As we prepare for the retirements of three beloved staff members, the Session has approved love gift offerings for each of them. If you would like to contribute, please do so at bit.ly/FPCdonate by **June 15**. A celebration honoring **Kathy Parkins**, featuring a luncheon and program, will follow worship on Sunday, **June 14**. A celebration honoring **Tom Bloom** and **Sybil King** will follow worship on Sunday, **June 28**, featuring a reception and program. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend both of these important events.

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

We remember in prayer:

Tony Brown
John Fricks
Ann Huff
Fred Moore

Paul Cornsweet
Sue Fricks
Elizabeth Manceras
Lori Pistor

Sam Crabtree
Kerry Holbrook
Amy Mapel
Franzi Rokoske

Susan Cyr
Lee House
Harriett Mitchell

Care Communities:

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Elizabeth High,*
Alfred Tisdale
Hillcrest Convalescent: *Carol Wills, Phyllis Supple*
Brookdale Senior Living: *Debbie Mathews*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*
Pruitt Health - Durham: *Fred Callaway*
Southpoint Atria: *Madge McKeithen*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Ashley Alvord, colleague of Sharon Hirsch
Francisca Cristobal, relative of Al and Judy Arrowood
Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings
Sara Degand, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
Gera Fleming, mother of Christyn Klinck
Linda Foster-Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
Cheryl Fowler, friend of Cheri Reece
Jennifer Hervey, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey
Donna Holladay, friend of Jane & Robert Brawley
Katie Jackson, wife of Matthew Hirsch
Donna Johnson, mother of Ann Huff
Anthony Ketcham, brother of Wil James
Marcia Magee, aunt of Kathryn Muchison
Marie Maly, sister of Barbara Fish
Sandra Mikush, mother of Katie Fogleman
Martha Neece, sister-in-law of Vernon and Beth Neece
Ana Sofia Ochoa, family member of Becky Martin
Patrick O'Neill, father of Brianna Bennett
Rebecca Todd ("Toddie") Peters, mother of Sophie Peters
Bill Prochaska, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood
Annie Reaves, great-niece of Floalice and Robert Reaves
Joe Quirk, stepfather of Tim O'Brien
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

This Week at a Glance!

Sunday, May 24
Pentecost Sunday

9:45 AM Faith Formation (Lectionary Class)
11:00 AM Worship: Mindy Douglas, preaching

Following Worship
Diaconate (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM A Time to Dance! (Eno River Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship)

Monday, May 25

All Day Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
4:30 PM Yoga (Watts-Hill Hall)

Tuesday, May 26

11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon (Bullock's Barbecue, *CASH ONLY!*)
1:30 PM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

Wednesday, May 27

1:00 PM FPC Staff Meeting (Daye Meeting Room)

Thursday, May 28

9:00 AM Walk-in Ministry

Friday, May 29

10:30 AM Yoga (Room 201)

Saturday, May 30

6:30 PM First Friends (Home of Amy and Dan Mapel)

Sunday, May 31
Trinity Sunday

9:45 AM Faith Formation (Lectionary Class & Summer Book
Class for adults. Children's resumes June 7)
11:00 AM Worship with Communion: Esther Hethcox,
preaching

Following Worship
Meaning in the Middle Lunch (Daye Meeting Room)
Racial Equity Task Force Anniversary Celebration
(Lobby -- Upper)

CHURCH STAFF

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



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Brandi Kirkland, Communications Associate
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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