

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Mission Commissioning

June 7, 2026

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Esther Hethcox

PRELUDE

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone, arr. for organ by Wilma Jensen

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 33)

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

Praise the LORD with the lyre;

make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.

People: Sing to God a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Leader: For the word of the LORD is upright,

and all the LORD'S work is done in faithfulness.

People: God loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

All: Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 51**

To Abraham and Sarah

Llanfyllin

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

***REGATHERING HYMN NO. 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* *Glory to God*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michael Roane

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

(Pew Bible, OT Page 10)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Michael Roane

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 4:13-25

(Pew Bible, NT Page 155)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"In Order that the Promise May Rest on Grace"

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

Esther Hethcox

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
to live as one community.**

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

***HYMN NO. 308**

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

MISSION COMMISSIONING

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox, John Weicher

Middle School Trip to Asheville, NC

Asheville Youth Mission

Grace Baker
Juliet Bethune
James Jones
Art Kelley
Henry Kelley
Dayton Meade
Cordi Ramont
John Weicher
Lucy Weicher
Sophie Wilkins

High School Trip to Nicholas County, WV

Appalachian Service Project

Sibu Admay
Izzy Allison-Pleasants
David Armstrong
Michael Baker
Drew Cummings
Doran Cummings
Isa Cummings
Tyler Momsen-Hudson
Bob Pleasants
Cordi Ramont
Lexy Rile
Madeline Romska
Beth Stringfield
Cecilia Triche-Rowe
John Weicher
Tate Weicher

Service to the Larger Church

Izzy Allison-Pleasants -
Massanetta Middle School Conference Advocate
Leone Mbugua -
Massanetta Middle School Conference Advocate
Cris Rivera -
Montreat Youth Conference Small Group Leader

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem

Morning Has Broken

John Weicher

Shawn Kirchner

Carrie Huff Kirlauski, soloist;
Ann Huff, piano

***Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.***

***Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.***

***Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.***

***Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!***

***Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!***

(silent reflection)

*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

John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

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: Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

All (sung):

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: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died for us,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.

All (sung):

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Leader: Remembering your boundless love
revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and praise.

All (sung):

A - men, A - men, A - men!

A - men, A - men, A - - men!

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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, John Weicher

***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.)*

Voluntary

Aria

Anonymous

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

John Weicher

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

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

All: **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 341**

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Thaxted

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C (“Jig”)

D. Buxtehude

Happening Today

Appalachia Service Project Training:

Tyler Momsen-Hudson is hosting our annual ASP training, as we (re)learn tools and make some other key preparations for Appalachia Service Project (**1:30-3:30pm**, 1339 Holden Roberts Farm Road, Hillsborough).



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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 today are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for *Kathy Parkins'* many years of music ministry at FPC by *Vernon & Beth Neece*.

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.

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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 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/>



Things that Matter Book Club Potluck: Our yearly potluck will be at **Beth Eisenson's** house **6 pm Tuesday, June 9**. We will have time for fellowship and to discuss our upcoming year's book selections and plans. Please email RSVP for address directions and food item you are bringing to Beth at <mailto:heisenson@aol.com> or call 919-452-6613.

Summer Class: The Summer Book Class continues! Led by members of our Racial Equity Task Force, we are exploring afresh *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. Join us at **9:45 am** in Watts-Hill Hall on Sundays, **May 31-June 28**. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the volunteer office.

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 janeiwettach@gmail.com.

Last chance - 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 **Brandi Kirkland**, at communications@firstpres-durham.org by Tuesday, **June 9**.

Celebrating Kathy Parkins: Join us following worship on **June 14** for a light lunch and program honoring the retirement of our beloved Organist, Choir Director, and Minister of Music, **Kathy Parkins** after 32 years. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/celebrating-kathy>. Please send letters, cards, financial gifts in honor of Kathy, and paper photos (which will be returned) to the attention of Kathy Parkins Celebration at First Presbyterian Church, 305 East Main St., Durham, NC 27701.

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* ~

Celebrations:

Congratulations to *Lina Yoder* on the birth of her first great granddaughter.

We remember in prayer:

John Fricks at Duke Regional.

Tony Brown

Sue Fricks

Ann Huff

Harriett Mitchell

Paul Cornsweet

Elizabeth High

Elizabeth Manceras

Fred Moore

Sam Crabtree

Kerry Holbrook

Amy Mapel

Franzi Rokoske

Susan Cyr

Lee House

Dan Mapel

Care Communities:

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, 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

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

Sandra Mikush, mother of Katie Fogleman

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, June 7

Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation (Lectionary Class & Summer Book Class for adults.)

9:45 AM Children's Summer Faith Formation

10:15 AM Youth: Brent Curtis Blessing & T-Shirt Hand-Out

11:00 AM Worship: Mindy Douglas, preaching; Communion; Mission Commissioning

Following Worship

1:30 PM Appalachia Service Project Training (1339 Holden Roberts Farm Road)

Monday, June 8

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-In Ministry

1:30 PM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

4:30 PM Yoga (Watts-Hill Hall)

6:00 PM Christian Ed Committee (Zoom)

6:00 PM Property Committee (Room 205)

Wednesday, June 10

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

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

6:00 PM Choir Party (Off Site)

Thursday, June 11

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-in Ministry

7:00 PM Somethings Summer Book Group

Tuesday, June 9

6:00 PM Things That Matter Book Club Yearly Potluck (Beth Eisenson's House)

7:00 PM Somethings Summer Book Group

Friday, June 12

10:30 AM Yoga (Room 201)

Sunday, June 14

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Faith Formation

(Lectionary Class & Summer Book Class for adults. Children's Class.)

Immediately Following Worship Kathy Parkins Retirement Lunch (Watts-Hill Hall)

2:00 PM Asheville Youth Mission Departs

CHURCH STAFF

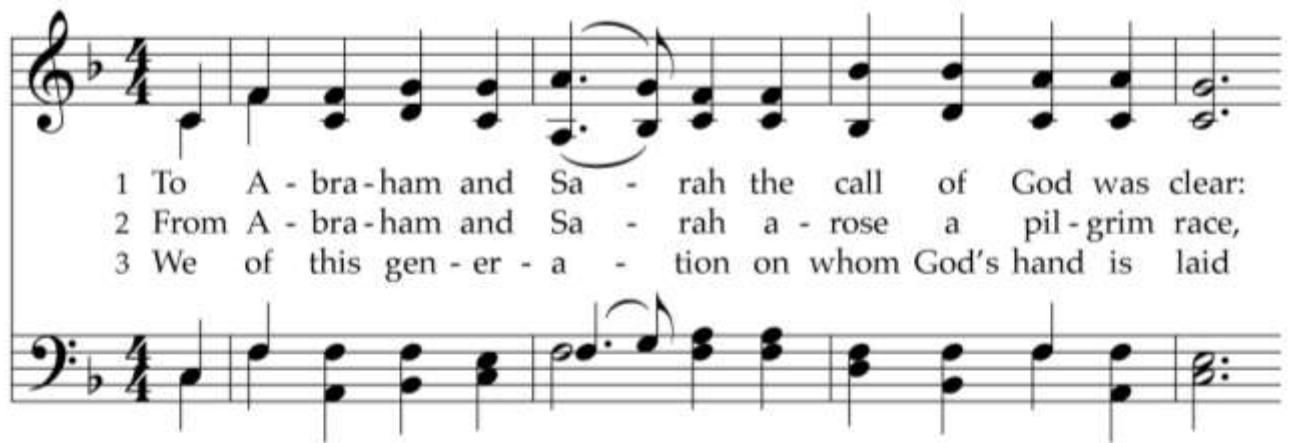
Janet Askew, Business Administrator
Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus
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Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Brandi Kirkland, Communications Associate
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
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1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid



"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,



You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,



that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
"That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
"That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *Glory to God*



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Thaxted

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous -

grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con -

face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be
fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions

known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dant to us its fruit will

O God, Show Mercy to Us (cont.)

Thaxted

shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics for this system are: "shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing".

sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
send, and all the earth will wor - ship to its re - mot - est end.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features the same treble and bass clef staves. The treble staff has a vocal line with lyrics: "sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring. send, and all the earth will wor - ship to its re - mot - est end." The bass staff provides the piano accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.