



Woman of Canaan, by Sadao Watanabe

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Musette

comp. G.F. Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from *Psalms 133*

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come.

People: God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people.

Leader: God gathers all the outcasts together, and makes us joyful.

All: Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 314**

Christ, Be Our Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented!

Our lives have been disrupted by sin.

We are dismayed at your presence,

anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures.

We cannot take back what we have said

or undo what we have done

or atone for the agony we have caused.

We are haunted by the past,

plagued by the present,

and fearful of the future.

We shrink away from your gaze

as strangers outside your circle of blessing.

Yet the faith you have planted in us

reaches out for your favor,

returns to your presence,

and hungers for your mercy,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franzi Rokoske

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Merciful Savior, your love has saved our lives,
secured our future,
and restored us to relationship with God.**

**By the power of your Spirit,
open our eyes and hearts
to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

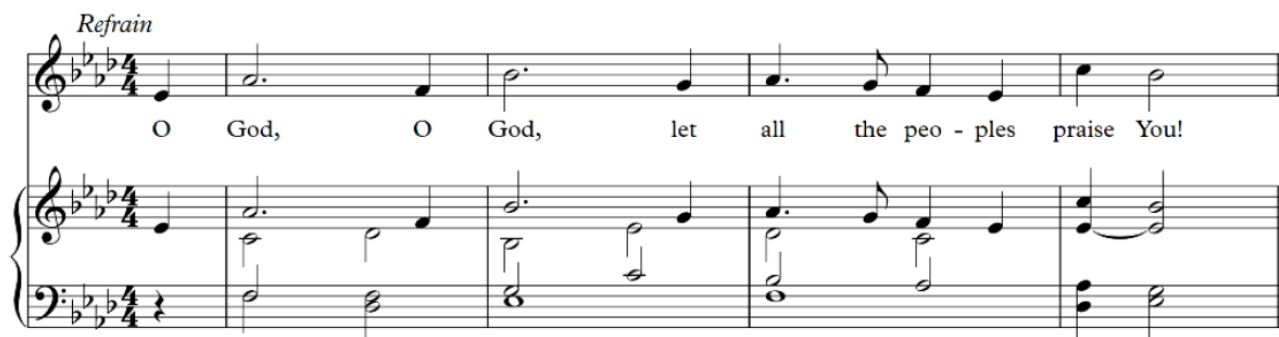
(Pew Bible, OT Page 686)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Franzi Rokoske

People: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 67



May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make Your face to shine upon us.
that Your way may be known upon earth,
Your saving power among all nations. **R**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. **R**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord! **R**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

(Pew Bible, NT Page 17)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Sam Miglarese

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Plenty of Good Room”

Sam Miglarese

(silent reflection)

SOLO

Plenty Good Room

Eric Hanson, soloist

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

Mindy Douglas

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor
to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.**

**His life in behalf of others
led to persecution and death.**

He commanded his disciples to live the same way.

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives that recognize all people in all cultures
as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us
to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.**

**It is part of our discipline
to live in simplicity,
avoiding greed and luxury
that threaten our neighbor's survival.**

**We are obligated to speak the truth in love,
to listen with patience and openness,
to love our enemies,
to accept the risk and pain
which love involves.**

*HYMN NO. 267

Come, Christians Join to Sing

MADRID

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Petit Offertoire

John Weicher

comp. César Franck

*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!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

John Weicher

Leader: Satisfy us with your love in the morning,

People: and we will live this day with joy and praise.

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

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. 385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Sam Miglarese

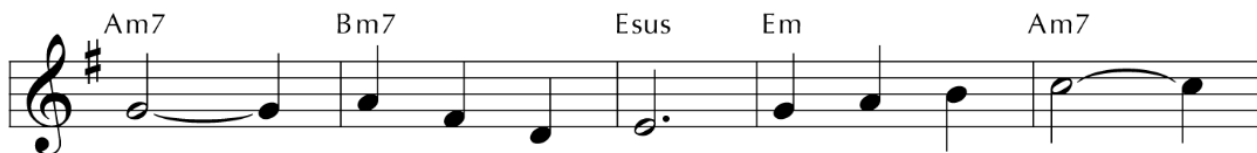
***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH

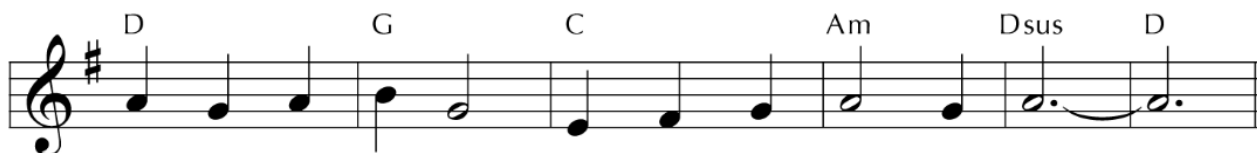
arr. Fred Bock



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



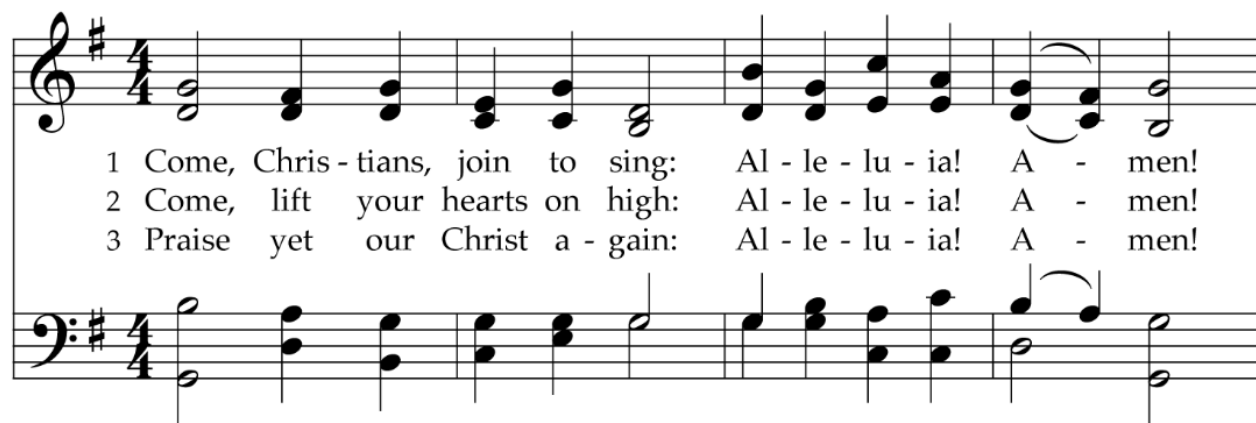
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



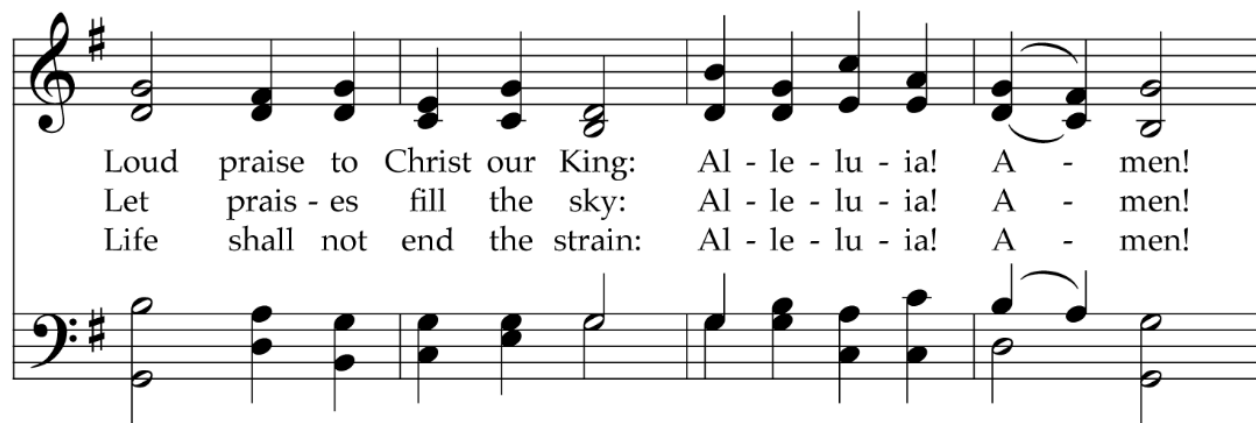
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



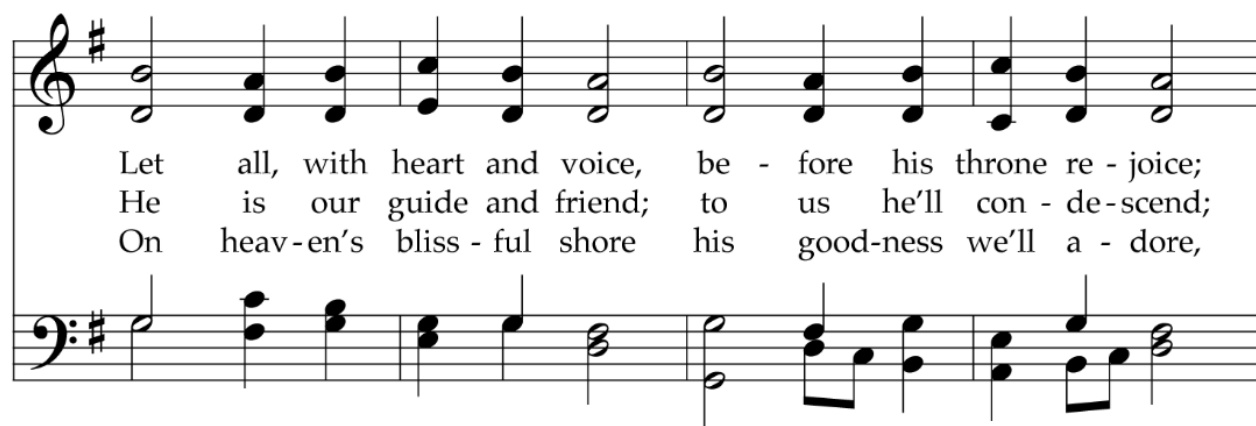
church gath - ered to - day.



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!



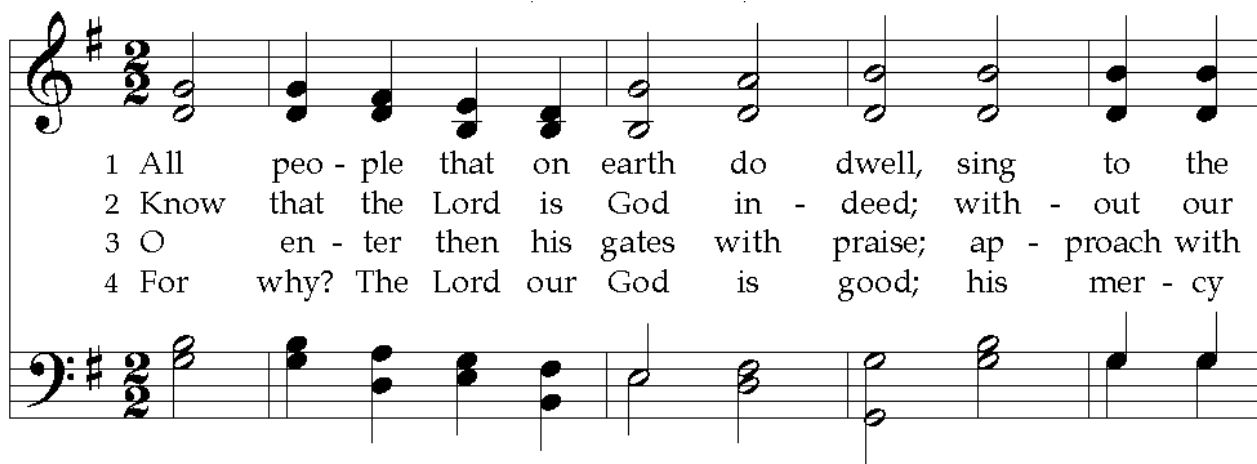
Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



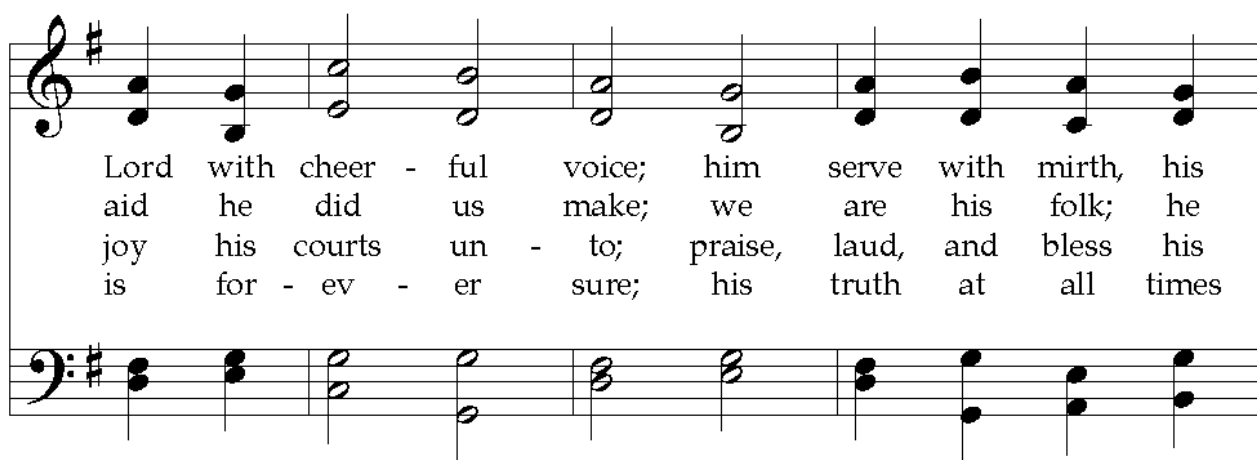
Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



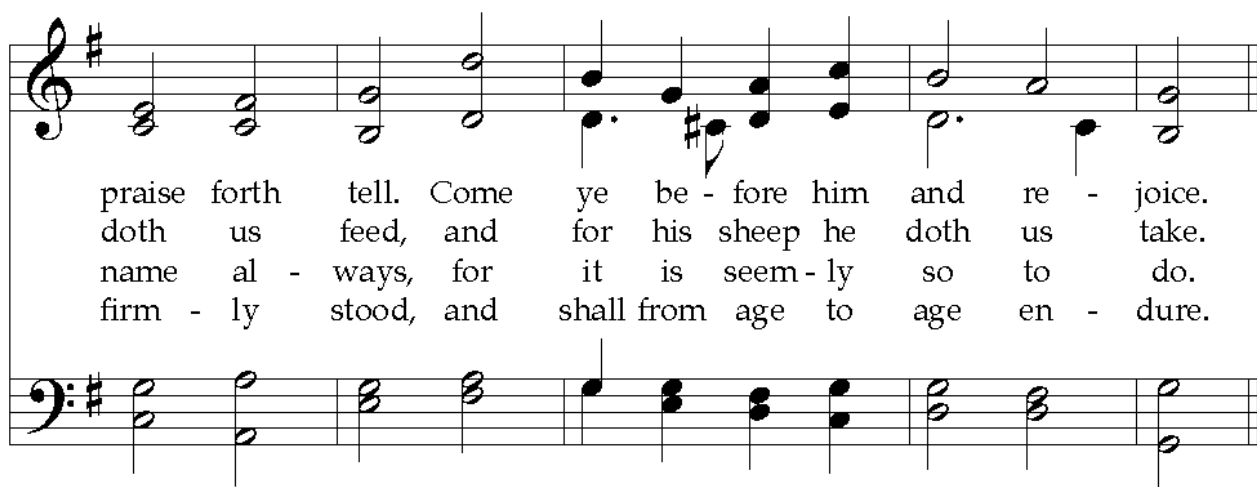
praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Worship Notes



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

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.

Flowers are given by ***David and Judy Smith*** to the glory of God and in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary this week.

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

We welcome to the pulpit ***Sam Miglarese***. Sam is a former associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Durham.

Portions of today's worship resources come from *A Declaration of Faith* and the *Feasting on the Word*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

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/>



New to FPC? Join Us for Presbyterian 101 Starts Today: Curious about the robes, stoles, or what “session” means? Join Pastors Mindy, Esther, and Susan for a conversation on Presbyterian theology, polity, worship, and how to get connected. This is a 3-week class that runs **August 16, 23, and 30 at 9:45 a.m.** in Room 205. Come as you are, questions and all!

Youth Summer Trips Stock Brunch: You are invited to a light lunch on **Sunday, August 23, in Fellowship Hall after worship** to hear stories and see pictures from this summer’s youth trips to Asheville, Nicholas County (WV), and Montreat. You need not have bought stock to join us—we’d love to see you. RSVP to j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org.

The Somethings’ End of Summer Cookout: Join The Somethings for an end of summer cookout on **Sunday, August 23, from 4:00–7:00 p.m.** at **Margaret & Roberto’s** house (see Discord for address). Please RSVP on the Google sheet in Discord and sign up to bring a side dish or essential like plates, drinks, or condiments.

Mary Berry’s Ordination: You are joyfully invited to **Mary Berry’s** ordination at FPC on **Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 PM**, as she is ordained a Teaching Elder in her role as Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Campbell University Divinity School, with the support of FPC and New Hope Presbytery. Please RSVP for the reception following the service: <https://evite.me/9ykpz5yPzy>.

Fellowship Night at the Durham Bulls: Enjoy a late summer evening at the ballpark before fall routines resume! The Fellowship Committee has reserved a block of 30 seats for the game against the Norfolk Tides on **Saturday, August 29 at 6:45 p.m.**, in Section 117 by 3rd base, at \$22 each. Purchase tickets here: <https://www.gofevo.com/s/other/Sarahcunninghams2?purl=c0f9f37894b8>.

Fall Book Club: How the Word Is Passed: Join FPC’s Racial Equity Task Force this fall for a book club tour by Zoom, from Monticello to the African American History Museum in DC, reading Clint Smith’s “How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America,” one of the New York Times’ top ten books of 2021. Six sessions run every other **Thursday, 7–8 p.m., September 10 through November 19**; please have your book ready before the first meeting. To get the Zoom link or sign up to lead a discussion, RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/wZ3U4YpmVKkMRQUZ6>.

Fellowship Activity Survey: As we prepare for our upcoming renovation, which will restrict use of the Fellowship Hall, the Fellowship Committee wants to know what fellowship activities interest you—for members of all ages. The survey takes just a couple of minutes; please respond by August 23. Take the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/fpc-fellowship-survey> or use the QR code.



~ Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

We remember in prayer:

Sara Radtke, following surgery.

Tony Brown

Sue Fricks

Lee House

Fred Moore

Paul Cornsweet

Joe Harvard

Ann Huff

Franzi Rokoske

Sam Crabtree

Elizabeth High

Elizabeth Manceras

Susan Cyr

Kerry Holbrook

Harriett Mitchell

Care Communities:

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Alfred Tisdale*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Carol Wills*

Brookdale Senior Living: *Debbie Mathews*

Chatham Ridge Assisted Living: *John Fricks*

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

John Carter, brother of Conrad Carter

Eddie Cheatham, mother-in-law of Donald Turner

Francisca Cristobal, relative of Al and Judy Arrowood

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Sara Degand, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Minnie Sue Douglas, mother of Mindy Douglas

Rosalynn Farrell, mother of Rachel Bethune

Linda Foster-Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Cheryl Fowler, friend of Cheri Reece

Jennifer Herve, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Herve

Larry Hethcox, father of Esther Hethcox

Carl Holladay, friend of Jane & Robert Brawley

Donna Holladay, friend of Jane & Robert Brawley

Katie Jackson, wife of Matthew Hirsch

Donna Johnson, mother of Ann Huff

Anthony Ketcham, brother-in-law of Wil James

Sandra Mikush, mother of Katie Fogleman

Ana Sofia Ochoa, family member of Becky Martin

Patrick O'Neill, father of Brianna Bennett

Janet and *James Ouzts*, sister and brother-in-law of Celia Dickerson

Rebecca Todd ("Toddie") Peters, mother of Sophie Peters

Bill Prochaska, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Joe Quirk, stepfather of Tim O'Brien

Annie Reaves, great-niece of Floalice and Robert Reaves

Vivian Turner, mother of Donald Turner

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

This Week at a Glance!

Sunday, August 16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation (Lectionary Class)

9:45 AM Children's Summer Faith Formation

11:00 AM Worship: Sam Miglarese, preaching

1:00 PM Youth: Fantasy Lake (Parking Lot)

Monday, August 17

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-In Ministry

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

4:30 PM Floor Yoga

6:30 PM Welcome & Belonging (Zoom)

Thursday, August 20

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-In Ministry

Tuesday, August 18

5:00 PM Finance & Investment Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

Friday, August 21

10:30 AM Chair Yoga

Wednesday, August 19

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

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation (Lectionary Class)

9:45 AM Presbyterian 101 Class (Fellowship Hall)

9:45 AM Children's Summer Faith Formation

11:00 AM Worship: Mindy Douglas, preaching,
Blessing of the Backpacks,
Ordination & Installation of Officers

12:15 PM Stock Sale Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

4:00 PM Somethings End-of-Summer BBQ (Offsite)

CHURCH STAFF

Janet Askew, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Director of Children's Ministry
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
Brandi Kirkland, Communications Associate
Matthew Moore, Minister of Music
Donald Turner, Facilities Associate
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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