

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Attende Domine Chorale</i>	Jeanne Demessieux Joseph Jongen
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mindy Douglas
PRELUDE	<i>Rorate Caeli</i>	Demessieux
CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105:1-4)		Mindy Douglas
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name; Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.		
All: Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.		
Leader: Glory in God's holy name; Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.		
All: Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God's face.		
HYMN No. 645 (verses 1,3) <i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>		<i>Mit Freuden Zart</i>
<i>(Music can be found on pages 11-12)</i>		
<i>Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!</i>		
<i>The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!</i>		
CONFESSION OF SIN		John Weicher
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession (in unison)		
God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things		

but on human things.
Doubting your loving care, we grab for
more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink
from living as your followers.
Doubting your loving plan, we become
stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

HYMN No. 645 (verses 2,4) *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
(*Music can be found on pages 11-12*)

Mit Freuden Zart

*What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Carlo Diy

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
in the self-giving love of Christ
you have revealed the path of salvation;
give us courage to deny our selfish desire
and bear the cross of discipleship,
that we may live as those who have no fear of death
and receive the joy of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

Carlo Diy

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21-28 Mindy Douglas
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Hallmark Jesus" Mindy Douglas

HYMN No. 757 (verses 1,3) *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* Kingsfold
(*Music can be found on pages 13-14*)

*Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.*

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING John Weicher

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN John Weicher

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS Susan Dunlap

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Susan Dunlap

(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.**

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

Mindy Douglas

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Affirmation of Faith (all, in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer

HYMN NO. 757 (verses 2,4)

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
(Music can be found on pages 13-14)*

Kingsfold

***God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.***

***May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.***

CLOSING PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

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

All: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God, each new day begins with such promise.**

**Help us to enter into each day
with joy and confidence
in your power and goodness.**

**Whatever challenge we may face,
help us to trust in your presence,**

remembering that you are stronger
than any difficulty or threat.
Surround us in the embrace and affection
of steadfast love and faithfulness,
of righteousness and peace.
Then lift us up and strengthen us to follow you.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

Tu es Petrus

Demessieux

Youth Ministry Meeting following worship . . .

All youth parents/stepparents and youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to a Zoom meeting to find out about our youth ministry this fall. From in-person small groups to midweek pop up events, we are doing some new things along with the familiar ones. Join us today, 12-1 p.m. The Zoom link is in this week's Youth Ministry e-mail, via Remind or by reaching out to [John Weicher](#).

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, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On August 23, 104 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

During worship today we welcome the following persons who were received into membership by the Session on August 24, 2020:

Roxana Boyd is excited and grateful to be joining the FPC community! This summer, FPC has been a bright spot for her as she began working with the middle school youth as an advisor and spending more time with the Scratch group. She moved to Durham from Washington, DC in 2019 for a new job at UNC-Chapel Hill and has enjoyed getting to know a different part of NC - she grew up in Wilmington, and graduated from Davidson College in 2013. Roxana is joining FPC by Letter of Transfer from a Presbyterian church in Wrightsville Beach, NC.

Virginia (Ginny) Horne is excited to officially join this wonderful community after visiting off and on since 2017 and logging on to FPC's virtual worship over the quarantine. Because both of her parents are Presbyterian ministers, she's attended the full gamut of Presbyterian churches and she's excited to finally find a church that can be her home. Ginny is a graduate student and lives with her boyfriend Parker and their dog Gerty in South Durham. Ginny and Parker are both looking forward to getting more connected at FPC. Ginny is joining FPC by Letter of Transfer from a Presbyterian church in Columbia, SC.

Today's organ music is provided by **Gordon Campbell** who is subbing for Kathy Parkins. Kathy has returned from vacation and is now under a doctor's care for bursitis.

Portions of **today's worship text** are taken from *Feasting on the Word* (Year A, volume 2) and *Book of Common Worship* (2018 edition). **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted from *Glory to God* (PCUSA hymnal) under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Jay Klinck, and John Weicher** for their “behind the scenes” technical assistance with our virtual worship live broadcasts each Sunday morning. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images she finds for our online worship.

~ Our Concerns ~

SYMPATHIES: We extend our love and concern to **Linda Barenchi and family** on the death of her husband and FPC member, **Chuck Barenchi**. Chuck died peacefully at home on August 27th from heart failure. Linda is isolating at home with the COVID-19 virus.

CONCERNS

Joe Harvard, recovering at home at The Forest at Duke after a toe amputation

Wil James, recovering from a recent surgery

Jane & Henderson Rourk, receiving care in the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

Mickey Velkey, recovering at home

Carol Wills

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Those displaced in California because of wild fires and along the Gulf Coast because of Hurricane Laura

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Rose Vista Village /Kinston Assisted Living, Kinston NC: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Jennie Bodkin, sister of Mindy Douglas

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Phil Goss, friend of the congregation

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

Robert Reaves, husband of Floalice Reaves, friend of the congregation



Support for Those who Mourn

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support to people who have lost a loved one. Currently we are meeting on Zoom each week.

Here is a preview of our coming speakers:

September 1 Betsy Barton, "Practicing Radical Acceptance as We Face Our Fear."

September 8 Evelyn Reed, "Resilience"

September 15 Dr. Justin Yopp, "Connecting with Others to Reimagine Life."

If you would like to attend any of these grief support sessions, please send a request by email to admin@growingthrugrief.org. Then we can send you the information. Everyone must register every week. We need to receive your inquiry by 8 a.m. on Monday for Tuesday's session. We meet each Tuesday from 4:15-6 p.m., with a presentation plus small group discussion.

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by coalition of area religious and civic organizations to provide support and comfort to those who mourn.



Virtual Sunday School
Join us via Zoom On Your Computer or Cell Phone

zoom
Youth and Adults classes.
Join us on ZOOM every Sunday

9:00-9:30 a.m. 2's, 3's, 4's
9:30-10:15 a.m. K-2
10:15-10:55 a.m. 3rd-5th grade
10:00-10:45 a.m. Middle School / High School
10:00-10:50 a.m.
Faith & Community / Journeys / Lectionary
8:00 p.m. Scratch Class

DON'T GET SPOOFED . . . Church staff WILL NOT email to ask you to use your money to buy gift cards and other things. Such requests via email should be ignored. Click [here](#) to learn more!



Media Techs needed!

FPC is seeking **two additional volunteers** to help with our live-broadcasting and videography as the pandemic continues to keep us from holding in-person worship gatherings. If you are comfortable with the more technical aspects of producing live broadcasts and are interested, please contact [Mindy Douglas](#).

FPC's Pandemic Cookbook is now available for download [here](#) and from the church's website. Thanks to everyone who shared recipes.

The Tuesday evening Zoom study ***White Fragility*** will end on September 15. Watch for details about a new study that will follow.

First Friends: Would you like to 'host' **First Friends at your house (or the church) on Saturday, September 19?** We would have a sign up for up to 10 people per gathering. The food is still being figured out, but if we social distance outside we should be good to go! So ... let [Deborah Momsen-Hudson](#) know if you are willing to host and please put the 19th on your calendar for a First Friends gathering, and look for an announcement to sign up soon!

High School and Middle School youth group programming will begin again on Sunday, September 13. Contact [John Weicher](#) for more information.



On August 24, 2020, the FPC Session accepted the invitation from the PCUSA for FPC to be identified as a Matthew 25 church. Learn more about what it means to be a Matthew 25 church at the PCUSA Missions website. As a Matthew 25 church, FPC pledges to focus its work and ministry in one or more of these areas:

- [Building congregational vitality](#)
- [Dismantling structural racism](#)
- [Eradicating systemic poverty](#) .

webinar

Holy Imagination + Race:
How The Church Can Be a Healing Force in America's Racial Divide

GOOD WHITE RACIST?
Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice
KERRY CONNELLY

Presented by Kerry Connelly, author of *Good White Racist*.

WEBINAR
September 15
2 p.m. ET / 11 a.m. PT

The Presbyterian **OUTLOOK**
Sponsored by Presbyterian Publishing

Copies of *Good White Racist* can be purchased online at the PC(USA) Store.

www.pcusastore.com

Contact the FPC office if you wish to join this Zoom presentation.

Racism, Religion, and Reconciliation: Tensions in America

Duke OLLI COURSE ID - 3165-001

Class Meets on Thursdays via Zoom

September 17 through November 19, 11am–12:30 pm

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 9:00 a.m.

www.learnmore.duke.edu/OLLI

Using a combination of lecture and guest presentations, we will address some of the hidden causes of racism and its psychological effects on our community life. In addition, we will highlight the value and importance of our humanity, which is common in all of us despite our race, religion, and ethnicity. You will have the opportunity to reflect on and discuss these concepts as they are presented in breakout rooms. The instructor, [Imam Abdul Hafeez Waheed](#), has been an active student of Imam W. Deen Mohammed for forty-two years. For twenty-nine years, the religious community in Durham has valued his leadership. Imam Waheed is an active instructor in OLLI. He is a frequent guest at religious institutions in the Triangle, presenting a series of lectures/discussions titled “Community and Public Education on Islam.”

Another option for helping Urban Ministries of Durham

Since we are well aware that not everyone is comfortable at this point volunteering in person at Urban Ministries of Durham, but you still care about helping our neighbors, we have some easy options for staying involved. If you can find some spare minutes and enjoy being in the kitchen, think about whipping together some of these goodies:

- Casseroles for breakfast, lunch or dinner (baked ziti, tuna, mac n cheese, etc)
- Sandwiches in individual Ziplock bags — no condiments, so they keep fresh longer. If you are able, please label bags according to ingredients, such as “turkey & cheese, or T & C.”
- Cookies or brownies in individual baggies, to go in the lunch bags. Everyone loves a touch of sweetness!

To make it more fun, you might encourage neighbors or friends to join your efforts (from their own kitchens, of course!), and then deliver at the same time. You may deliver your food to the main door of Urban Ministries, Monday - Friday, from 9:30 - 5:30. This has been an immensely challenging time for the UMD staff, so any extra help we can give them would be a huge blessing. Any amount of sandwiches, cookies, etc. that you take would be wonderful. Thank you all so much for your continued commitment to serving others! Let [Margaret Rubiera](#) know if you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help serve in the Café.



Sign up to volunteer at Iglesia Emanuel's Food Bank

[Iglesia Emanuel COVID-19 Food Bank Signup Genius](#)

Since the outbreak of COVID in March, volunteers from FPC and other churches have joined forces with Iglesia Emanuel to pack and distribute large boxes of fresh and staple food every week to families in need of assistance. Thank you to all who have responded with love! The needs continue, and we welcome your ongoing support. For questions, contact [Margaret Rubiera](#).

KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING!

Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) has launched a hygiene drive to keep our partner pantries fully stocked with the supplies Durhamites need. They are seeking the following items:

CDC-approved disinfectant wipes or sprays (Lysol, Scrubbing Bubbles, Clorox)

hand sanitizer

empty spray bottles

paper towels

toilet paper

feminine hygiene products

hand and body soap

If you can donate any of these, they can be dropped off at any of these partner congregations, from which the supplies will be delivered to area food pantries for distribution to our Durham neighbors!

- **First Presbyterian** - Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am-1:00pm. - 305 E. Main St
- **Cole Mill Road Church of Christ** - Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm. - 1617 Cole Mill Rd
- **Antioch Baptist** - Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm. - 1415 Holloway St
- **Pilgrim United Church of Christ** - Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm. - 3011 Academy Rd
- **Christus Victor Lutheran** - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00am–2:00pm - 1615 E. NC 54 Hwy

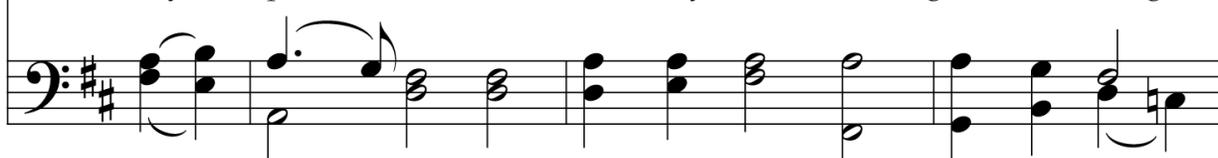
645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud



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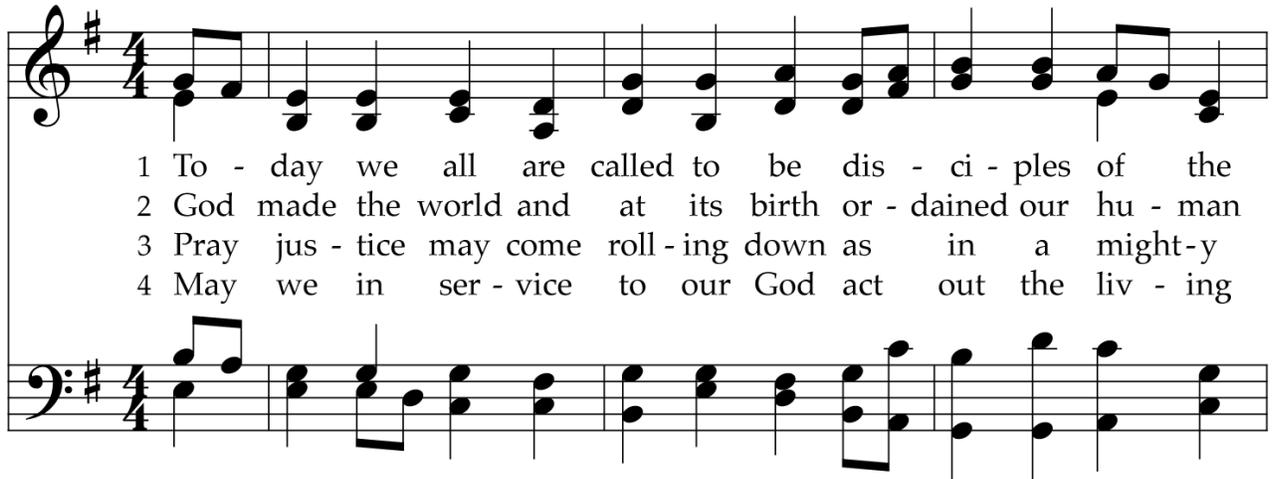


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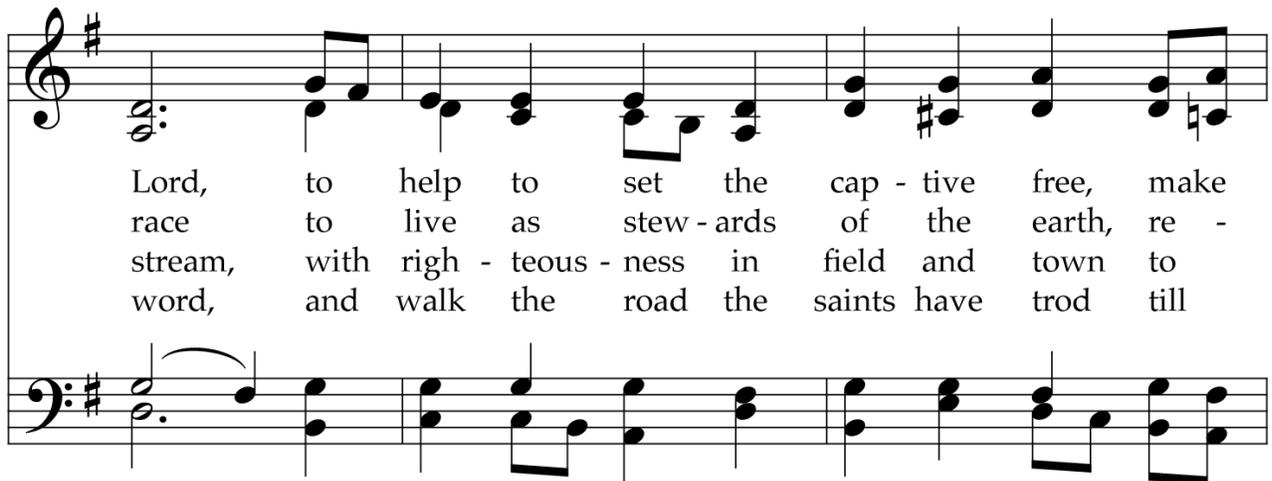


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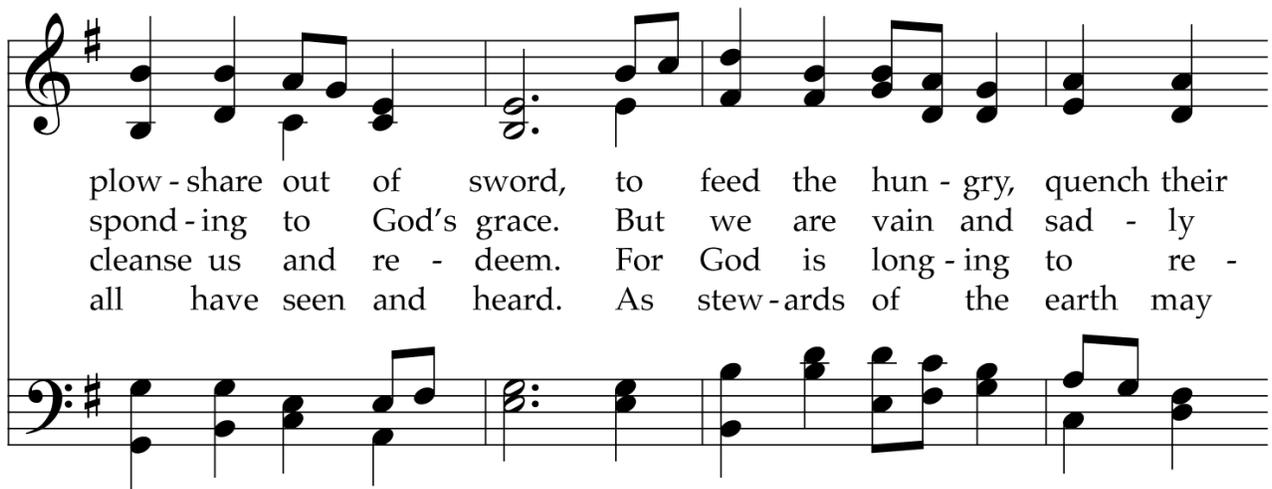
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