In preparation for celebrating communion where you are, please have your own bread and cup available at the beginning of worship so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today’s service.

GATHERING MUSIC
Rhosymedre
Kent Foss, trumpet; Gordon Campbell, organ
R. Vaughn Williams
arr. by Chuck Seipp

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND CONCERNS
Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (FPC Wind Quintet)
Beautiful Savior
arr. F. Melius Christiansen

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 50:1-6) John Weicher
Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence; before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around the Divine.
People: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, to judge the people:
Leader: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
People: The heavens declare God’s righteousness, for God alone is judge.

HYMN NO. 403 (verses 1-2) Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.
Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.

CONFESSION OF SIN
Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light,
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession
Declaration of Forgiveness

Response (Hymn No. 403, verse 3)

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: God of shining splendor,
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit
so that we may hear your Word
and live as faithful disciples
and covenant people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

HYMN No. 11 (verses 1-2)

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life endowed:

Refrain: May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,
Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine,
Way who leads us to I am: (Refrain)
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  (from A Brief Statement of Faith)  John Weicher

We trust in Jesus Christ,
  fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
  preaching good news to the poor
  and release to the captives,
  teaching by word and deed
  and blessing the children,
  healing the sick
  and binding up the brokenhearted,
  eating with outcasts,
  forgiving sinners,
  and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
  suffering the depths of human pain
  and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
  vindicating his sinless life,
  breaking the power of sin and evil,
  delivering us from death to life eternal.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING  Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN  Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

INVITATION TO THE TABLE  Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: God of Moses and Elijah,
  you come to us in a whirlwind of mystery,
  a swirling tempest, a devouring fire.
Yet you come to us –
  speaking faithfulness and mercy,
  shining light in our darkness,
  offering forgiveness for our sin.
Therefore we praise you,
  joining the hymn of the six-winged seraphs
  who cover their faces as they sing:
All (sung):  

Leader: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ,  
the light of the world –  
shining at the dawn of creation,  
shining in our hearts this day  
with a splendor that overshadows  
all the beauty of heaven and earth.  
In his face we have seen your glory;  
through his words we have heard your truth;  
by his living and dying and rising  
we have come to know  
the height and breadth and depth  
of your great love.  
Remembering your faithfulness and mercy  
as we share this bread and cup,  
we offer ourselves in your service  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Great is the mystery of faith:  

Leader: Now let us share in your Holy Spirit—  
poured out in this place, for these people,  
upon this bread and cup.
In your Spirit make us one people—
one in the promise of Moses,
one in the prophecy of Elijah,
one in the body of Christ
as we seek to proclaim the good news.
Let our lives shine with Christ’s light—
a blessing of joy to the living,
a beacon of hope to the dying,
a sign of your new creation.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Leader: All this we pray to you, O God,
through the gift of your Spirit
and in the grace of your Word,
to the glory of your holy name.

All (sung):

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
until you come again in glory. Amen.

Hymn No. 11 (verses 1, 3) Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud
Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed:
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.
Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire, Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire: May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Charge and Benediction

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 February 7, 113 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

Today’s worship flowers are given by Mary Ann Ruegg to the glory of God and in honor of the ministers of FPC, the staff, and the behind-the-scenes technical team who make our Sunday services possible.

Music Notes:

1. The Prelude is adapted for our quintet from a choral setting of the hymn Fairest Lord Jesus (No. 630) by F. Melius Christiansen, who was for many years the director of the St. Olaf College Choir. The images of Jesus in the video come from artists of Guatemala, China, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Japan, and the United States.

2. Thanks to Kent Foss and the First Presbyterian Wind Quintet (Christyn Klinck, Sheya Wehrman, Li-Chen Chin, Brent Curtis, and David Smith) for their musical contributions to today’s service. Gordon Campbell continues to serve as interim Minister of Music and organist while Kathy Parkins recovers from shoulder and bicep surgery.

Many thanks to John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck, for their behind-the-scenes technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are also grateful to Jennie Alwood for the powerful images accompanying our online services.

Portions of today’s worship texts are taken from Book of Common Worship (2018) and Call to Worship (2020-2021). Hymn texts and music are reprinted from Glory to God under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

The FPC Investment Subcommittee is seeking 1 or 2 new members. The Subcommittee meets 4 times annually via Zoom (January, April, July, October) to review the church portfolio’s performance for the previous quarter. It works with the portfolio manager at Bank of America and reports to the Finance and Investment Committee. A background in finance is not necessary. If interested in serving, please contact Ed Pritchett (Chair).

HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY, FPC!

Well, not quite yet, but soon! December 31, 2021 to be exact! This is a BIG DEAL and we want to celebrate appropriately! We are looking for a FEW GOOD PEOPLE to help us celebrate this milestone in our lives. If you are a good event planner, if you love history, and if you are looking forward to gathering in person together, we invite you to join our CELEBRATION TEAM. Be a part of something that happens only once every 150 years! We need you! Contact Mindy Douglas to join the team.
~ Our Prayer Concerns ~

Condolences:
The love and concern of the congregation are extended to Chris Brown and family on the sudden death recently of Chris’ friend, Ed Richards.

Concerns:
- Ann Prospero, diagnosed with COVID-19 and in quarantine at The Laurels of Chatham County
- Margaret Nelson, sister of Charlotte Nelson, hospitalized in Asheville
- Alfred Tisdale
- Maddie Tisdale, recovering from a recent sledding accident

Recovering at their homes
Tom Bloom, recovering from spine surgery
Catherine Dumas, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Dub Gulley
Kerry Holbrook
Robin Morey
Kathy Parkins, recovering from shoulder and bicep surgery
Margaret Sims, undergoing treatment for cancer
Carol Wills

Care Communities:
Brookdale Durham: Julian Boswell
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bob Rankin
Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: Arthur Clark
Durham Regent: John Kerr
Durham Ridge Assisted Living: Phillip Herndon
Emerald Pond: Paul Cornsweet
Hillcrest Convalescent: Walter Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss
The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant

Family and Friends of the Congregation:
Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden
Linda Capers, a friend of Li-Chen Chin
Flora Estrella, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera
Phil Goss, a friend of the congregation
Roberta Kessler, mother of Kristen Brigman
Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson
Ade and Sowande, sons of Tolokun Omokunde, pastor of Timothy Darling PC in Oxford
Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman
Nellie, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp, diagnosed with metastatic brain cancer
LENT begins
Ash Wednesday, February 17
(Join us for a virtual Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m.)

Plants, animals, people -- we all need a little tending to help us grow. What happens if we approach our faith with the tender care and watchfulness of a gardener nurturing a seed?

More than simply being a long time to give up things like soda or chocolate, Lent can be a time to nurture our faith by taking on life-giving practices like time with family, reading, prayer, and caring for others.

As we prepare for Lent, on Sunday, February 14 from 2:30-3:30 p.m., you're invited to drive thru the church parking lot and receive an ash cross marked on paper; devotional resources and instructions for all ages, as well as your own small seed to tend.

Please bring donations of boxed cereal for the food ministry at Iglesia Emanuel for our “donation station.” Join us as we prepare for a season of cultivating and letting go. For more information contact Mitzi Lesher-Thomas or Lenore Champion.

This book study, led by Mindy Douglas, will conclude this Tuesday, February 16.

Join us beginning at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89516889156?pwd=dXZ1YXlTZlozUXVmRTh6WndabDBwUT09
Meeting ID: 895 1688 9156
Passcode: 270847
Sunday, February 21

The FPC Session has called an annual meeting of the congregation to hear a report from the Finance Committee, to vote on changes to terms of call for the pastors, and to elect church officers and persons to serve at-large on the Nominating Committee. The meeting will take place as a Zoom meeting following worship (approx. 12 noon). Access to the meeting will require registration and the link will be shared in advance of the meeting. Members without internet access may call their votes in using a specially provided telephone number.

The Planned Giving Committee of FPC presents a Legacy Society Forum

**“Building Your Christian Legacy”**

**Tuesday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Forum Speaker: Joseph Moore** (click [Bio](#))

All are welcome!

Planned gifts, no matter the size, have the power to change lives for generations to come. You can become a Legacy Society member by providing for the future mission and ministry at First Presbyterian Church in your estate plans or through a life-income gift. ([View video](#)) Whatever your financial circumstances or your charitable goals, you can make a gift that benefits you and your loved ones as well as the church's mission of following Jesus through the love of God and love and care for our neighbor. Please join us on February 23 at 11:00 a.m. for this Zoom event. Register in advance: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tduCtrzssH93AoVc91uG78MdpikCbuTL](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tduCtrzssH93AoVc91uG78MdpikCbuTL). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email on how to join the meeting.

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**New book study begins February 23!**

Brené Brown's

**Braving the Wilderness**

We will read this seven-chapter book one chapter at a time as we make our way through Lent. Class will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Here is a link to a summary of the book: [https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/234254/braving-the-wilderness-by-brene-brown-phd-lmsw/](https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/234254/braving-the-wilderness-by-brene-brown-phd-lmsw/)

If you would like your own personal copy of this book, contact [Mindy Douglas](#) to be part of a group order being placed locally with The Regulator Bookshop.
Wallace McPherson Alston III, known to all as Macky, was a small boy when his father, Wallace Alston, served First Presbyterian Church as pastor from 1969 through 1974. Macky graduated from Columbia College in 1987 and has become well-known as a documentary filmmaker. *Family Name, Love Free or Die,* and *Questioning Faith: Confessions of a Seminarian* are available on Apple TV. There are links to these and other films on Macky’s website.

In his presentation on **February 28 at 9:30 a.m.**, which will be virtual via Zoom, Macky will guide us in a conversation about repairing historic harm in regard to slavery and the Native American genocide and their legacies that live in our political, social, and individual systems today. A documentary filmmaker who has also worked for decades equipping prophetic leaders to speak effectively through the media, Macky is currently co-directing *ACTS OF REPARATION*, a personal quest to learn from groups across the country committed to acting in ways that establish equity and justice in this nation in the light of what many call its “original sins.”

In our shared conversation, Macky will tell stories of his own quest and the models for repair he has observed. He will then invite us as individuals and as a community to imagine our region and country healed and how we might act toward that end. As a part of the Lectureship, we have invited Macky to return for a follow-up engagement when it is safe to travel and gather.
Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet each Tuesday from 4-6, for now on zoom. Those who attend need to have both audio and video available. Each meeting begins with a short presentation about a part of the grief journey, and then we break into small groups for sharing and conversation. Here are our remaining speakers for February:

**February 16:** Amy Onstad, “Anger: Ally or Enemy?”  
**February 23:** Mike McCleod, “What Is the Condition of Our Hearts: How Do We Heal?”

Growing thru Grief meets each Tuesday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. To register for one of these zoom meetings, please contact admin@growingthugrief.org by 8:00 am on the Monday before the meeting.

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**Sharing God's Love Through Helping Those In Need!**

**Support the Day School using Amazon Wish List**

Through heroic efforts by the faculty and staff, the school has not experienced any cases of COVID-19, has maintained its 5-Star status, and has kept all faculty and staff on board. At her presentation to the Service and Mission Committee in January, Executive Director Michele Miller-Cox noted that the school is doing well and providing a vital service to the community, but it has a need for supplies that are beyond its current capacity to purchase. Rather than asking for donations of supplies, the Day School has set up an Amazon site that lists the supplies needed. Those wishing to contribute can go to the site, purchase items of your choosing, and the supplies will be sent directly to the school. Thank you for your support. The link for the Amazon site is [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QNXF2NAUV1TB?ref_=wl_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QNXF2NAUV1TB?ref_=wl_share).

**Iglesia Emanuel still needs our support . . .**

1. **Bag rice or beans from home.** For instructions and to sign up, contact Margaret Rubiera. Put on music, sing, and have fun while you fill those bags!

2. To help in person at Iglesia Emanuel, grab your trusty mask, and come join others in a safe environment to help organize donated food, fill bags and boxes in preparation for the Wednesday food pantry. For more information, and to sign up, click here: [Iglesia Emanuel COVID-19 Food Bank Signup Genius](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QNXF2NAUV1TB?ref_=wl_share).

3. **Your financial support** is always welcome, and will help us purchase more food. Online: [emanueldurham.org](http://emanueldurham.org), or mail your check to Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel, 2504 N Roxboro, Durham NC 27704. Thank you so much! - Margaret and Miguel Rubiera
The church buildings remain closed to the public but the Day School is operating on a small scale. Church pastors and administrators are working mostly from their homes. They are reachable by phone and via texting. Their church voicemail and email are being monitored, so feel free to reach out to them (leave/send a message) if you have a need or concern.

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office: info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: https://firstpres-durham.org.

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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.

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