

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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



*In preparation for celebrating communion where you are, **please have your 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

*Come, Holy Ghost*

German chorale, arr. Powell

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

### PRELUDE

*Canzona for trumpet and trombone*

Giacinto Bondioli

Trumpet, Kent Foss; trombone, Michael Kris; harpsichord, Kathy Parkins

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Litany for Pentecost)

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.  
From your breath all creation drew life.  
Without you, life turns to dust.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor,  
by your inspiration the prophets spoke and acted in faith.  
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;  
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God;  
you make us the living temple of your presence;  
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of life,  
you guide and make holy the church you created;  
you give gifts –  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety,  
the spirit of the fear of the Lord,  
that the whole creation may be transformed.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

(Silence)

Leader: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift:  
Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.  
Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.  
Loosen our tongues to show your praise,  
for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace  
and acclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION  
OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS**

Mindy Douglas, Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**Candidates for the Office of Ruling Elder**

Tom Bacon	Fred Moore †
Stephen Berry †	Beth Stringfield †
Tony Chavez †	Julie Whiddon †
Leah Graves	Emily Wilkins †

**Candidates for the Office of Deacon**

Jennie Belle †	Jancy Johnston †
Theodora Brown †	Julio Manceras †
Jean Cary	Grace Mbugua
George Gentithes †	Bob Pleasants
Mark Higgins †	

† *Candidate for Ordination*

Statement on Ordination and Installation and Calling of the Candidates

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

**HYMN NO. 307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*CWM Rhondda*

***God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.***

***Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.***

***Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.***

***Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.***

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Almighty God,**

**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating bold tongues, open ears,  
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,  
speak the good news of your love,  
or live as people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,  
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,  
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** (Hymn No. 288)

*Living God*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES LESSON**

Acts 2:1-21

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Transforming Fire"*

Mindy Douglas

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

Susan Dunlap

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,**

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit**

**who inspired the prophets and apostles**

**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,**

**engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

**claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

**and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

#### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

#### INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Susan Dunlap

Hunger for Change / Pentecost Offerings

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

John Weicher

The Great Thanksgiving

Susan Dunlap

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: God of surprises, your spirit brooded over the waters at creation and lived among your chosen people in wilderness, exile, and Promised Land. Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception and came upon him like a dove at his baptism. When Christ died on the cross your power raised him from the tomb on the third day, and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace on those who had deserted him. On the day of Pentecost, you sent your Spirit upon the fearful disciples, filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy, and making them your church. And so, we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

All (sung):

*Sanctus*

Hymn No. 572



Leader: God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness. Come among us now through the power of your Spirit, that we may be transformed into your image. Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



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

Leader: God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts that your church may be built up in the likeness of your Son. Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life, and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water. Speak your word to all who are alone and in fear or despair, and let each one of your children hear your voice in their own language. Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, honoring Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Susan Dunlap, John Weicher

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **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*

***Go to the world! Go into all the earth.***

***Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

***Go to the world! Go into every place.***

***Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.***

***Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

*Song of Hope*

Peter Meecham

Trumpet, Kent Foss; organ, Kathy Parkins

**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 May 16, 78 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

The **flowers** for worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Jane Z. Buckley** by **Dennis Buckley, Barbara Buckley, Betsy McKeegan, and Bill Buckley**.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were taken from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal (reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926) and *Book of Common Worship* (1993, 2018 editions).

**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 images accompanying our online services.

**The Hunger for Change Offering and the PCUSA Pentecost Offering are being received today.**

The funds received from our **Hunger for Change Offering** go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

The **Pentecost Offering** helps our youth begin life with a strong start - a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood. The local church and community keep **40%** of the offering to develop and support programs for young people; **25%** goes to Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), **25%** supports ministries with youth; **10%** is devoted to children-at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens. You can give online now to this special offering via the church website (click [DONATE](#)) or by text-giving (code: PENTECOST). You can also mail your offering to the church, memo: Pentecost.

## ~ Our Concerns ~

**CONDOLENCES** to *Elizabeth High* and family on the sudden passing of her sister, *Wyolene Hadskey Rainer* in Monroe, Louisiana on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Elizabeth in your prayers as she travels to be with her family in Louisiana.

### At their homes

*Kerry Holbrook*

*Ruth Roberson*

*Margaret Sims*

### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*

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

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Emerald Pond: *Paul Cornsweet*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: *Walter Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

*Laurie Anderson*, niece of Mary Jo Keenan

*Carolyn Bonner*, wife of Deborah Momsen-Hudson's coworker Al Bonner

*Flora Estrella*, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

*Grace*, Chris James' great-niece

*Phil Goss*, a friend of the congregation

*Lori Griffin*, great niece of Jeanne Hervey

*Ashok Kumar*, co-worker of Torrell Armstrong

*Peggy Mordecai*, mother of Beth Eisenson

*Ed Overton and wife Abby*, friends of Doug Butler

*Shannon Putman*, daughter of Mary Putman

*Carlton Rounds' mother*, who is fighting cancer. Carlton is a friend of Li-Chen Chin.

*Deb Walsh*, friend of Celia Dickerson

*Sharyl*, Kerry Holbrook's friend



## Calling all 2021 Graduates!

FPC will recognize graduates again this year with a "shout out" on **Sunday, June 6**. If you or someone in your family or household will be graduating from graduate school, college, or high school this spring, help us share the good news. Please submit graduate information (name, school, degree earned) to [Valerie](#); or leave the details via telephone at the church (919-682-5511). **The deadline for graduate information is May 31.**

Footloose and fancy free?  
Not checking someone's homework or doing their laundry?

**Join us at Durham Central Park**  
**Thursday, May 27 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**



**BRING:**

- Dinner from home or order ahead from [Durham Food Hall](#)
  - Camp chair or blanket
  - A response to: *I've always wanted to ask... (but didn't think I could ask that in church)*
  - We'll stretch out on the lawn directly across from the food hall for conversation and fellowship (following our latest pandemic gatherings guidelines).
- Questions about this event, contact [Mitzi Lesher-Thomas](#).

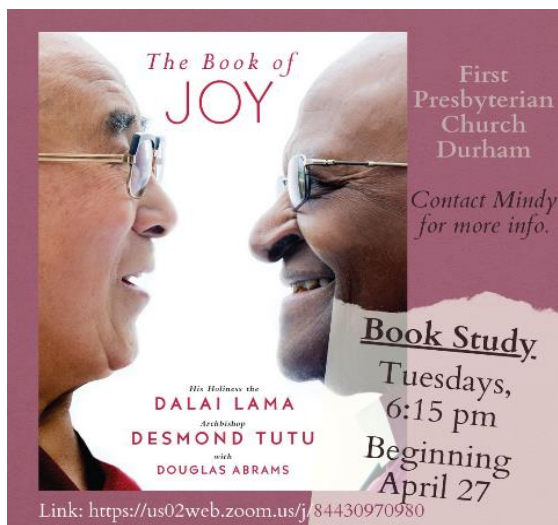


**No Sunday School next Sunday, May 30.**

Join us on **Memorial Day Sunday, May 30 for an intergenerational (Sunday School) event**, as we show love our neighbors and reconnect with each other. We will be assembling items for hygiene kits that our friends at Urban Ministries will distribute. (See this Amazon wish list for the specifics: [Amazon.com](#)) After we're done, there will be **YARD GAMES** and a **BRING-YOUR-OWN PICNIC** on the back lawn. **If you're in town, join us at FPC from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** If not, or if you're not ready to meet up in-person, you can drop off your items at the church on Monday, May 24 and Friday, May 28. You are also welcomed to assemble kits at home and drop them off.

  
**SUMMER**  
**SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

- Our **children's summer Sunday classes** start **June 6**, as we move to one Zoom class for all the children.
  - The summer **Faith & Community** class for adults will have six weeks led by the Anti-Racism Task Force (**June 6 - July 11**), followed by five weeks of discussion of *The Black Church*, the documentary by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (**July 18 - August 15**). The Faith & Community class will Zoom from **10:00-10:45 a.m.** on Sundays, June 6 and 13. Beginning Sunday, June 20 and following, class will Zoom from **9:45 – 10:30 a.m.**
  - The **Lectionary, Journeys and Scratch adult classes** will meet this summer via Zoom as well. Start times to be announced.
  - The **Women's Spiritual Formation Class** will not meet over the summer. They will join with the Faith & Community class via Zoom.
  - **Vacation Church School** will be held **June 21-25**, from **6:00-7:15 p.m.** Details: outdoors on the FPC playground for the children, a time for parents to hang out, and \*maybe\* a food truck for grabbing dinner (plans are in the works).
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Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430970980>

### Spring Book Study

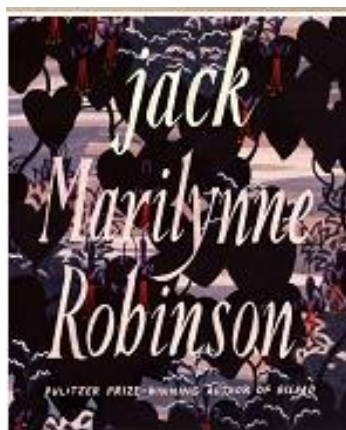
#### *The Book of Joy*

by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

**Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.**

Mindy Douglas leads the study.

Click [here](#) to join the discussion via Zoom.



### Spring Fellowship / Book Discussion

Love Marilynne Robinson? Join *Bert Clere* at Ponysaurus Brewing Co. at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, June 6** for a discussion of her latest book, *Jack*. Participation is limited to 10 people. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. We ask that attendees wear masks and practice social distancing.



**We have raised \$1,950.**

**Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.**

Pandemic life at FPC has taught us two very important fashion lessons. One is that quality masks can say a lot about a person. And the other is from style icon Kathy Parkins – socks complete any ensemble. Building on those lessons, the youth of the church are holding a socks and mask fundraiser *to benefit the food pantry of Iglesia Emanuel*, whose ministry has been vital to the Durham community during these last 14 months. **TODAY is the deadline to place your order. Click on the links below to order a mask and/or socks.** Because of the pandemic, we've chosen to have items delivered directly to you for a small shipping fee, instead of picking them up at the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [John Weicher](#).

Love in the Heart of Durham  
The Youth Ministry Committee

[Masks Link](#)

[Socks Link](#)



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 speakers for the remainder of May and early June:

May 25	To be announced	
June 1	David Franzen	How do I know if getting professional care is needed?

To register for one of these zoom meetings, please contact [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the meeting.

## **Volunteers needed at Urban Ministries**

For years, FPC has committed to provide monthly volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at Urban Ministries of Durham. Even through the pandemic, members of FPC have faithfully served as volunteers. If you are fully vaccinated and can serve again or for the first time, please know that you are needed. As always, only volunteer when you are comfortable doing so. If you are available to serve in the month of May, contact [Jen McGonigle](#) to sign up or call her at 202-421-5870. Click this link: <https://umdurham.org/get-involved/opportunities.html> to see other available opportunities to serve at Urban Ministries.

## **Multiplying the Blessings**

At the Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry, we see miracles every week. We prepare for 550 families. 590 families show up, and there is enough food for all. Come, be part of the miracle at 2504 N. Roxboro. Join other volunteers for a 2-hour shift, bag rice and beans from home, donate food, or give a financial donation. Together, we will continue to spread God's love throughout our community in this most tangible way. To sign up for a 2-hour shift, click [here](#). To bag rice and beans from home, or donate food, click [here](#). To make a financial donation, go to [www.emanueldurham.org](http://www.emanueldurham.org) and click on donate." More questions? Contact [Margaret Rubiera](#).

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Lenore Champion*, Children's Ministry Director  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant



*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*, Associate Pastor  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:  
[info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org) or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

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# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
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for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

# Spirit of the Living God

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Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn. The melody in the treble staff includes a melisma on the word 'me' in the final measure. The lyrics are: Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Musical notation for the fourth system of the hymn, which concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

## Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.