



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**JUNE 27, 2021**

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13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

*Prelude on "Richmond"*

*Healey Willan*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11a*)

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

**People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**People: And those who know your name put their trust in you,**

Leader: for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.**

CHORAL RESPONSE (No. 321, vv. 1,3,5) *The Church's One Foundation*

*Aurelia*

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.*

*She is his new creation by water and the word.*

*From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.*

*With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,*

*by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,*

*yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"*

*And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,*

*and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:*

*O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,*

*like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN

Susan Dunlap

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**At times, we think ourselves to be giants, O God of Israel,  
towering over all that we perceive.**

**For we so often get to stand on all of the tall places,  
the cultural hills, the economic mesas, and the mountains of privilege,  
until we have forgotten that we are not better than our neighbors,  
and that you are still much greater than we are.**

**Forgive us for our hubris and our short memories.**

**Teach us to lift up our neighbors so there are no more giants, just your children,  
and to meet them where they are,  
instead of hurling spears and slinging stones.**

Silent Confession  
Declaration of Pardon

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Torrell Armstrong

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **By the power of the Holy Spirit, speak your Word to us, O God.  
Show us who you are and who you are calling us to be,  
for the sake of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PSALM LESSON**

Psalm 9:9-20

Torrell Armstrong

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

I Samuel 17:32-49

John Weicher

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"At the Movies"*

John Weicher

*(Silent reflection)*

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*  
(Hymn No. 316, vv. 1,3-5)

*Twenty-Fourth*

***Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.***

***Let strife among us be unknown;  
let all contentions cease.***

***Be God's the glory that we seek;  
be his our only peace.***

***Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.***

***Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Maker is the same.***

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

**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.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Mindy Douglas

**INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

The **Hunger for Change Offering** is received today. Please use labeled basket for this offering.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Now is the acceptable time to offer our gifts to you, Holy God.**

**Now is the time to pray that they may be used to remove any obstacles  
which keep others from knowing your grace,  
experiencing your healing,  
or being filled with your hope.**

**Now is the time to give thanks for your blessings,  
praying they will be used to bless others.**

**In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

Mindy Douglas

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Those who know your name put their trust in you,

**People: For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

(from Psalm 9:10)

Leader: Let us pray.

*(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)*

**All: 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.**

**CHORAL SENDING (Hymn No. 547) *Go, My Children, with My Blessing***

*Ar Hyd Y Nos*

***"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.***

***Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.***

***In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.***

***Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."***

***"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.***

***Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.***

***Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.***

***Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."***

***"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.***

***Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.***

***Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.***

***Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."***

**\*BENEDICTION**

John Weicher

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Tut mir auf die schöne pforte*

Max Drischner

## Retirement Celebration Today

Congratulations to **Nancy McClure**, First Presbyterian Day School staff member, who has retired after 28 years of service to the school. **A retirement celebration will be held from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the FPC courtyard.** All are invited to come and celebrate with Nancy.

*(Open the beautiful gate for me)*



**Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.**

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 identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On June 20, 147 persons attended in-person worship and 40 households tuned in to watch the live-streamed broadcast.

**Special thanks to Gordon Campbell** for serving as organist while **Kathy Parkins** is away this week attending the Worship & Music Conference in Montreat NC.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given by a member of the church to the glory of God and in honor of the pastors and staff of the church.

**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 and music** were reprinted from *Lectionary Liturgies, Feasting on the Word, and Glory to God PCUSA Hymnal*.

The **bulletin cover** image comes from a website which used the image with today's 1 Samuel passage: <https://marshmk.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/5783093892791950854.png>.

**Childcare** for infants through first grade is available during worship on the second floor of the Christian education building.

**Worship activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

**Large print worship bulletins** along with **children's worship / activity bulletins** are available from the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer.

**Hearing Assistance Receivers** are available for use during worship from the audio console located at the rear of the sanctuary. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

**Restrooms** are located off the narthex (to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary), on the second floor of the Christian education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house.

**These Days** devotional books for July – September 2021 have arrived. Regular and large print copies are available at no cost and while supplies last. Pick up a copy from the table in the church foyer or request a copy be sent to you by US mail.

**Donors needed for worship flowers:** We have a number of Sundays this summer for which we need someone to donate flowers for worship. Click [here](#) to see open Sundays and to sign up to be a donor.

~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

**Birth Announcement:** *Ezra Carl Damweber* was born June 21, 2021 to *Rachel Randell and Zach Damweber* of Durham, NC. *Scott Randell and Barbara Buckley* are the proud grandparents, and *Dennis Buckley* is the great-grandfather.

Added this week: **Brent Blanton**, friend of Bob Pleasants and Kim Abels

**Kerry Holbrook**      **Fred Moore**      **Ruth Roberson**      **Margaret Sims**

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

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

**Margaret Cleveland**, friend of Katharine Whitmore

**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

**Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

**Joy Orval**, friend of Kerry Holbrook

**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.

**Sharyl**, Kerry Holbrook's friend

**Deb Walsh**, friend of Celia Dickerson

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — LOVE IN THE HEART OF DURHAM**

*It's been a minute,  
so let's get (re)introduced...*

**BULLETIN BOARD ART INSTALLATION**

When you return to worship in the building (whenever that is)...

- BRING a photo of you & yours from during the pandemic,
- LABEL it with your name(s), and
- TACK it up on the long bulletin board in the foyer.

**BETH**

**EMILY, CARLO & ...**

**MITZI**

**It's been a minute.**

**Let's (re)introduce ourselves.**

As you return to worship in the church building, whenever that is, please bring a photo of you and yours doing something fun (or at least something) from during the pandemic. It can be anything, but make sure your face(s) is/are visible. Then, label it and tack it up on the long bulletin board in the foyer – supplies will be available. *For our children*, there will be a border on around the bulletin board that they can draw on as they return.

## Tour Historic Stagville

The Faith & Community Class will tour Historic Stagville again on **Saturday, July 17 from 8:00-10:00 a.m.** NOTE: This tour replaces the July 10 tour which has been cancelled. FPC's own **Vera Cecelski** will lead this tour. The tour is limited to 20 persons. Please sign up [here](#) The tour is limited to 20 persons. in advance if you want to take this July 17<sup>th</sup> tour. Stagville is a state historic site located in Durham that includes the remnants of the one of the largest plantations in North Carolina. The Bennehan-Cameron family owned approximately 30,000 acres of land and held about 900 people as slaves on this property. The site consists of original slave quarters (1851), a massive barn (1860), and a Bennehan family house (1787-1799). Stagville is dedicated to teaching about the lives and work of enslaved people on the plantation.

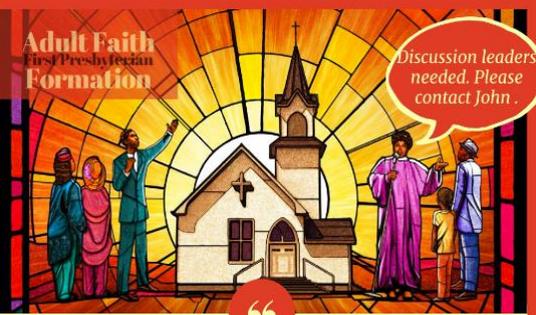


Fresh out of college, single, married, graduate student, young professional or piecing it together one day at a time – we're all becoming (or striving to become) ... more connected, faithful, joyful. If you're interested in sharing the journey and shaping a new small group, join us at one, or all, of the following gatherings:

Thursday, July 1 [Fullsteam Brewing Co.](#) – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 11 [Neomonde](#) 12:45 p.m. (after worship)

Sunday, July 25 [Ninth Street Bakery](#) 12:45 p.m. (after worship).



Continuing our summer of seeking racial education & understanding, we'll watch Henry Louis Gates Jr.'s documentary, *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*. Each week, we'll watch together over Zoom & then discuss.

**The Black Church**  
Sundays, July 18-August 15, 9:45-10:30 am  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84295440184>

*Love in the Heart of Durham*

## Discussion Leaders Needed

Later this summer, we're continuing to learn and understand the stories of race in our country. Following *The Best of Enemies*, the Faith & Community class will be watching Henry Louis Gates Jr.'s documentary, *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*. Each week, **July 18-August 15**, we'll watch 30 minutes together over Zoom and then discuss, so there's no homework required. This class needs discussion leaders. ***It's easy to do – please contact [John Weicher](#) if you are interested.***

## Day School News

On **Sunday, July 11, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**, the refurbished train on the FP Day School playground will be dedicated to *Sheila Breitweiser*. Close friends of Sheila (Pat and Tom Rocks of Wilmington) made a generous donation in honor of Sheila to help refurbish the train. Please join the Day School in this dedication.

**The Day School is also hiring.** If you know of someone who is passionate and has experience working with children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years old, please have them send a cover letter and resume to [admin@fpdayschool.org](mailto:admin@fpdayschool.org).

<b>The Week at a Glance!</b>			
<b>Later Today</b>	<b>Monday, June 28</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 29</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 30</b>
<p><b>1:00 – 2:30 PM</b> Retirement Celebration for Nancy McClure (FPC Courtyard)</p>	<p><b>2:00 PM</b> All Church Staff</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Diaconate (via Zoom)</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Session (via Zoom)</p>	<p><i>Newsletter today</i></p>	<p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<b>Thursday, July 1</b>	<b>Friday, July 2</b>	<b>Saturday, July 3</b>	<b>Sunday, July 4</b>
<p><b>6:00 PM</b> New Small Group “Becoming” at Fullsteam Brewing Company</p>			<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>9:45 -10:30 AM</b> Adult Faith Formation</p> <p><b>10:00-10:30 AM</b> Children’s Faith Formation</p> <p><b>11:00 AM Worship</b> (in-person and live-streamed)</p>

**The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5  
in observance of the July 4th Independence Day holiday.**

### SUMMER SABBATH PRACTICES rescheduled!

We have new dates for our ALL-Church event, Summer Sabbath Practices which will be held at church each evening from Monday, August 16 through Friday August 20! Come for 1, 2, 3, 4, or ALL evenings!! Each evening we will explore a different FAITH PRACTICE: Hospitality, Prayer, Service, Storytelling, and Retreat. There will be something for EVERYONE plus FREE DINNER is included--EAT PICNIC STYLE OUTSIDE OR GRAB DINNER TO TAKE HOME! Also, we still need volunteers to help out.

Click [here](#) to sign up your family.

CHURCH STAFF

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

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# The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.



# Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.  
3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
4 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,  
5 Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.  
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.



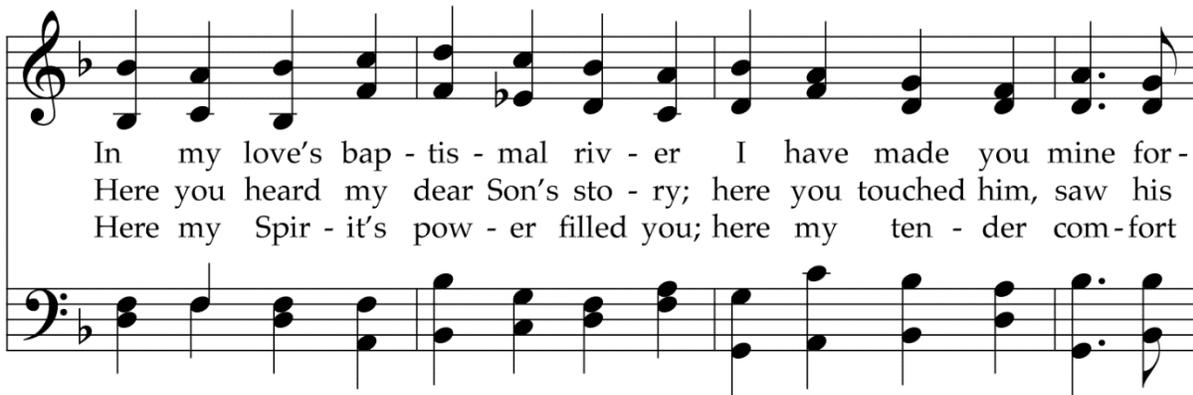
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



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