

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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

July 18, 2021

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission/Stewardship

Mindy Douglas

Courtney Watkins, American Red Cross

Art Baker & Lesley Curtis, FPC COVID

Team

Sharon Hirsch, Vision Team

### PRELUDE

*Ayre*

John Barr

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 12:2-6

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,

People: **for the Lord God is my stronghold and my song and has become my Savior.**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And in that day, you will say:

People: **Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.**

**Make known among the nations what the Lord has done;**

**proclaim that the name of the Lord is exalted.**

Leader: Sing praises, for the Lord has done great things; let this be known in all the earth.

People: **Shout, and sing for joy, O people of God, for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

All: **Sing praises, for the Lord has done great things. Let this be known in all the earth.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

*Lauda Anima*

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Praise God for the grace and favor  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!*

*Angels, teach us adoration;  
you behold God face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!*

\*All who are able, please stand.

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of favor, we have not been true to you.**

**You have chosen the poor in the world,  
but we have dishonored them.**

**You plead the cause of the afflicted,  
but we crush them.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have favored the rich and despised the poor.**

**We have dismissed the needy with empty words.**

**Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.**

**Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Vernon Neece

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality, in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Proverb 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Vernon Neece

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

James 2:1-10,14-17

Vernon Neece

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 7:24-37

Vernon Neece

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Where Worlds Collide"*

Vanessa Hawkins

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

*(from The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968)*

## **A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Mindy Douglas

## **CHORAL INVITATION**

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

*South African text and melody*

*Come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God,  
for Jesus will never say no.*

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

Mindy Douglas  
(Psalm 85:7)

**Leader:** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

**People:** and grant us your salvation.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

*(prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)*

**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.

## **DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Mindy Douglas

Invitation to Offering

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Mindy Douglas

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, provider for the poor. Amen.

## CHORAL SENDING

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Healey Willan

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high be near; daystar, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief.  
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

## \*BENEDICTION

Vanessa Hawkins

## \*POSTLUDE

*Prelude in a*

J.S. Bach



**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 July 11, 113 joined us for in-person worship and 28 households tuned in to the live-streamed broadcast.

We welcome to the pulpit today the **Rev. Dr. Vanessa Hawkins**, the transitional Executive Presbytery/Stated Clerk of New Hope Presbytery. Vanessa is a native of Durham and a long-time friend of FPC.

The **flowers** are given by **Grace Mbugua** to the glory of God and to celebrate the birthday and memory of her father **Francis Kamau Mbugua**. Francis' son Eliud shares the same birthday.

**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.

Portions of **today's texts** and music were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word*, *Call to Worship* and the hymnal, *Glory to God*.

**Childcare:** a staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the Christian education building for use during worship.

**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.

## **Are you ready to join FPC?**

We will welcome and introduce new members on Sunday, July 25 during our 11:00 a.m. worship. Please let Mindy Douglas (pastor) or Mitzi Lesher-Thomas (associate pastor) know if you are ready to join. Session approval is needed prior to you being received into membership at First Presbyterian.

## **~ Our Concerns ~**

**Condolences:** The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the family of *Mary Berry and family* on the death of her grandmother on July 15.

**Memorial Service:** A memorial service will be held for *John Kerr* on Wednesday, July 21 at 11:00a.m. in the Sanctuary of FPC. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## **Added this week:**

***Shelly & Rick Kakouris***, Shelly is cousin to Deborah Momsen-Hudson. Rick is having complications from open heart surgery.

***Linda Barenchi      Kerry Holbrook      Ruth Roberson      Margaret Sims***

***Victims and their families in the Surfside Condo building collapse in Florida.***

## **Care Communities:**

Brookdale Durham: ***Julian Boswell***

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

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: ***Phillip Herndon***

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: ***Jim Wolfe, Walter Chambliss***, father of Will Chambliss.

## **Family and Friends of the Congregation:**

***Brent Blanton***, friend of Bob Pleasants and Kim Abels

***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

***Phil Goss***, a friend of the congregation

***Grace***, Chris James' great-niece

***Lori Griffin***, great niece of Jeanne Hervey

***Dorothy Collin Horne***, mother of Ginny Horne

***Brian Keyt***, cousin of Laura Kelley

***Peggy Mordecai***, mother of Beth Eisenson

***Burt Mulford***, friend of Floalice Reaves

***Joy Orval and Sharyl***, friends of Kerry Holbrook

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

***Jennifer Paetzold-Garcia***, cousin of Sharon Hirsch

***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

***Please remember to update the pastoral staff on the progress of your loved ones.***

## **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 need volunteers to sign up to help at this event.

## **Growing thru Grief - July Preview**

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet each Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m., 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 July:

**July 20** Margaret Albert, "The Influence of the Pandemic"

**July 27** Margaret Albert, "Loneliness and Being Alone"

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.



## **Let's (re)introduce ourselves via the Bulletin Board.**

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.



## **Your Input is Needed**

For 150 years, First Presbyterian has been a vibrant and faithful witness to God's love in downtown Durham. As we look to the future, our Vision Committee has been actively exploring how our church building can better support our mission. By expanding and renovating our facilities, we see wonderful opportunities to be even more welcoming and inviting. The proposed building project will result in better entryways, a larger and more hospitable fellowship space, a functional kitchen and much better restrooms. In short, we want our

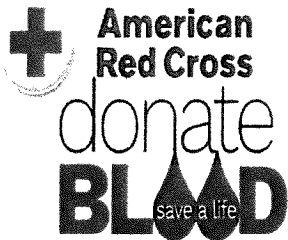
building to say that we honor and welcome everyone who comes to our doors. To fund the building project, a capital campaign is being considered for Fall 2021.

**Last week we emailed or mailed an informational brochure sharing more details.** This brochure is intended to provide information, and continue engaging you, our partners in ministry, in this planning process. Please take time to read this brochure. Attend one of the three informational meetings to be held on July 29 at 6:30pm, August 1 at noon, or August 2 at 6:30pm (*see our website for more details*).

**Please return the survey found at the end of the brochure.** You can drop off the survey at the church office, mail it to the church, or quickly respond to the survey online by going to our church website at [www.firstpres-durham.org](http://www.firstpres-durham.org). If you prefer a paper survey, copies are available in the foyer. Drop-off boxes are also available. **Please respond by August 8.**

Thank you for your input and prayers as we continue preparing for our future.

## **FPC Sponsors Community Blood Drive**



There is a critical blood shortage right now because of the lingering pandemic. FPC will host a Community Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on **Thursday, July 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall**. Today following worship, you will be able to sign up at the table in the church foyer. **FPC has a goal to fill 30 appointment slots during this drive.** Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative, and A negative.

According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely transfused to anyone and is often used to treat trauma patients. To sign up online, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: **firstpres**. Each donor who participates in FPC's blood drive will be eligible to receive a \$10 Amazon gift card from the Red Cross. Contact FPC's coordinator, **Julie Whiddon**, if you wish to help with the drive or have questions about donating blood.

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



# Come, Bring Your Burdens to God 851

*Woza nomthwalo wakho*

*Leader*

(no.) Come, bring your bur - dens; O

*All*

Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your  
 Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -

come, bring your bur - dens; O come, bring your bur - dens.

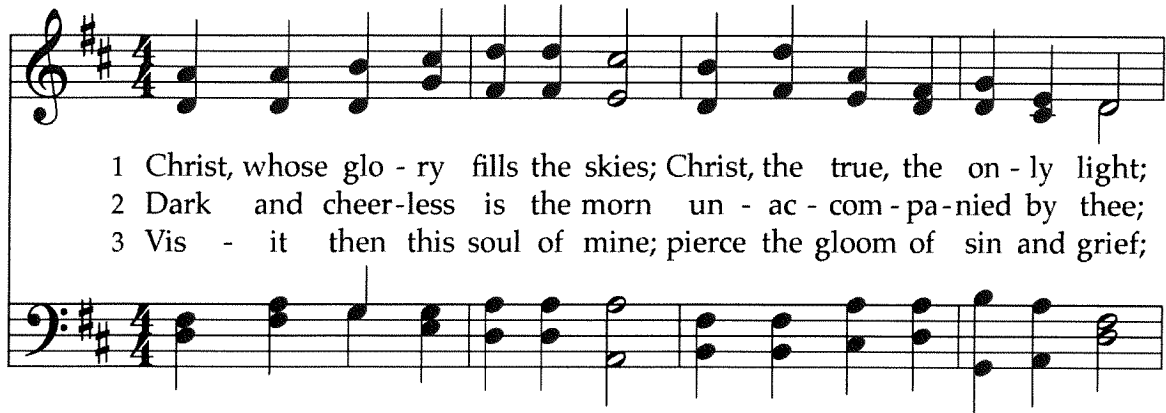
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for  
 thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho U -

*(except last time)*

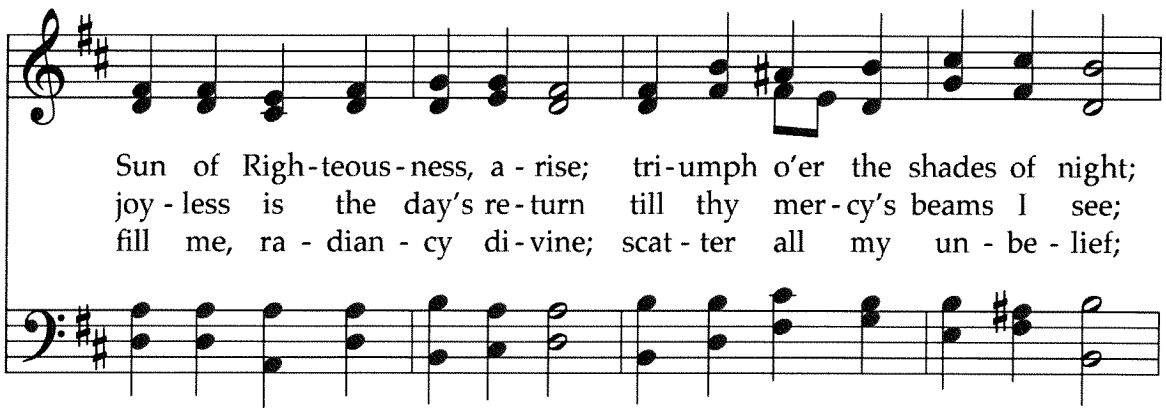
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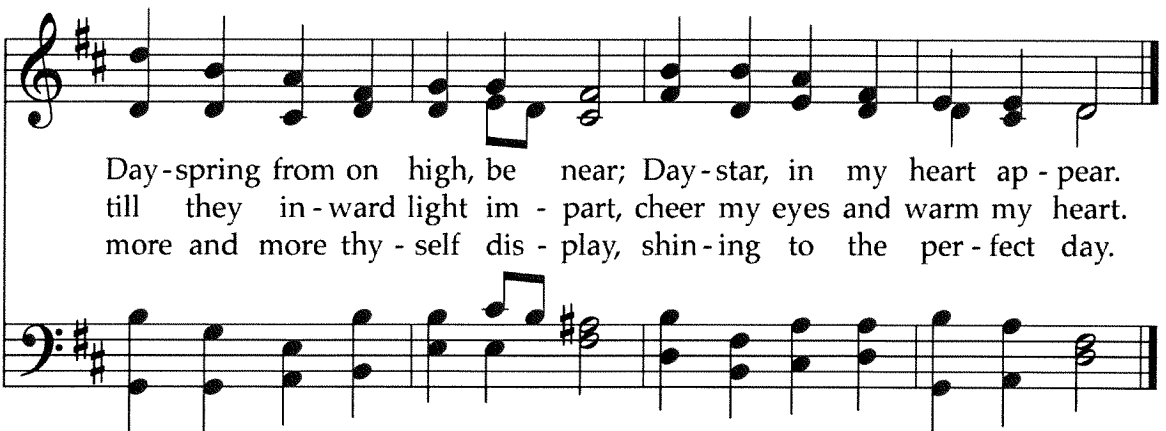
# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
 joy - less is the day's re-turn till thy mer-cy's beams I see;  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in-ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin-ing to the per - fect day.

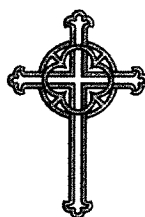
## The Week at a Glance!

<b>Later Today</b>	<b>Monday, July 19</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> Worship Planning  <b>2:00 PM</b> Program Staff	<b>Tuesday, July 20</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 21</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> Memorial Service for John Kerr  <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday, July 22</b>	<b>Friday, July 23</b>	<b>Saturday, July 24</b>	<b>Sunday, July 25</b>  <b>9:45 -10:30 AM</b> Adult Faith Formation  <b>10:00-10:30 AM</b> Children's Faith Formation  <b>11:00 AM Worship</b> New members welcomed during worship

New Hope Presbytery Meeting  
Tuesday, July 27 via Zoom  
Attendees are asked to pre-register.  
<https://nhpresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting-registration>

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

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