

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Noel Rawsthorne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 145: 10-12)

John Weicher

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

People: And we, your faithful, bless you.

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

All: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

SONG RESPONSE

I Will Sing a Song of Love

Maddie Brigman, soloist
Iona Community, John Bell

*I will sing a song of love to the one who first loved me,
I'll sing it as a child of who is named and known and free.*

*For the love of God is good, it is broad and deep and long,
And above all else that matters, God is worthy of my song.*

*And I will not sing alone but with earth and sky and sea,
For creation raised its voice well in advance of me. I will sing....*

*And I'll sing with every soul, every language, every race,
Which proclaims this world is good for God has blessed this place. I will sing...*

*As I bring to God my joy, so I'll bring to God my pain,
For there is no hurt which God requires me to retain. I will sing...*

*While my life on earth still runs, may by song to God be giv'n
Till through grace I join the harmony of all in heav'n. I will sing...*

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.

**All: In your abundant love and mercy,
forgive us, O God.**

Leader: For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.

**All: In your abundant love and mercy,
forgive us, O God.**

*All who are able, please stand.

Leader: Against you, you alone, have we sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.

**All: In your abundant love and mercy,
forgive us, O God.**

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God!
Place a new and right spirit within us!
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Holy God, may this your Word
give us the power to comprehend,
with all the saints,
the length and width, the height and depth
of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-21

Jane Wettach

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

Mindy Douglas

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Rooted and Grounded"

Mindy Douglas

MUSIC RESPONSE*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High**Deo Gracias*

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

*For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*

*All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

Invitation to Offering

(The Hunger for Change offering will be received today.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Because you have compassion on us, Steadfast Love, you do not hold anything back, but fill us with your good gifts. May we share from our abundance, as well as from our need, so our offerings might be an enduring witness to your hope, your peace, and your healing for all. Amen.

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

Mindy Douglas, Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Affirmation of Faith (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

Leader: Siblings in Christ, let us welcome Lanny Pratt and Ashley Swavely as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, who makes us one.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

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

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: **The LORD is near to all who call on him,**

People: to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: Let us pray.

(prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

(Psalm 145:18)

CHORAL SENDING

Love Has Come

Bring a torch

*Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shone forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

*Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Jesus.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Deo Gracias

John Dunstable



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 18, 113 joined us for in-person worship and 28 households tuned in to the live-streamed broadcast.

FPC welcomes the following new members:

Lanny Pratt is a native of North Carolina and began attending FPC with his parents when he was three years old. He joined FPC in July 1996 and was later ordained a deacon (Class of 1999) and ruling elder (Class of 2006). After moving to Albert Lea, MN, he joined a local Lutheran Church there. Lanny has returned to the area (Efland NC) and sings with FPC's Chancel Choir. His interests are helping others and walking his dog. He has four adult children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He joined FPC by Letter of Transfer on June 28.

Ashley Swavely is an exercise physiologist at Duke Hospital. Originally from South Carolina, Ashley came to Durham from the Wilmington NC area in June of 2020. Her interests include triathlons, ballet, knitting, reading, and rabbits. She joined FPC by Reaffirmation of Faith on June 28.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Amy Wilson's father, and Julia, James, and Anna's grandfather, James Perry Allen.**

Many thanks to **John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck**, for their 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.

~ Our Concerns ~

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to **Kate and Bill Busa** on the birth of another grandchild. **Madeline Margaret Busa** was born July 20th in Alaska.

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to:

- **Sara Radtke and family** on the death of her mother, Susan V. Hushion, on July 18;
- **Cris Rivera and family** on the death of their cousin, Eric Reyes, who died this week;
- **Deborah Momsen-Hudson and family** on the death of her cousin's husband. Shelly Kakouris lost her husband Rick this week following complications from open heart surgery.

Memorial service for *Carolyn Wolfe* will be held on Wednesday, July 28th at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Added this week:

Katy Loebrich request prayer for her mother Kathy Stahl and stepdad Larry Purtzenski.

Charlotte Nelson and family as they gather to remember the life of Charlotte's sister Margaret on Monday.

Kerry Holbrook *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*

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

Ed Overton and wife Abby, friends of Doug Butler

Jennifer Paetzold-Garcia, cousin of Sharon Hirsch

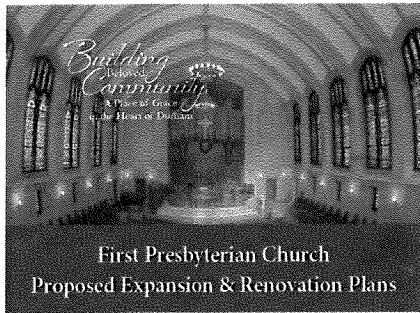
Carlton Rounds' mother, who is fighting cancer. Carlton is a friend of Li-Chen Chin.

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.



Your Input is Needed

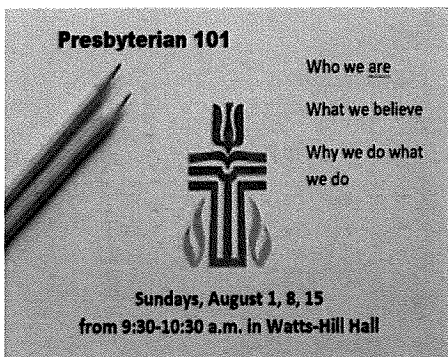
For 150 years, First Presbyterian has been a vibrant and faithful witness to God's love in downtown Durham. As we look to the future, our Vision Committee has been actively exploring how our church building can better support our mission. The proposed building project will result in better entryways, a larger and more hospitable fellowship space, a functional kitchen and much better restrooms. To fund the building project, a capital campaign is being considered for Fall 2021.

An informational brochure was shared in early weeks, 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. If you prefer a paper survey, copies are available in the foyer. Drop-off boxes are also available. **Please respond by August 8.**

Please plan to attend one of the three informational meetings to be held as follows: July 29 at 6:30pm (via Zoom), August 1 at noon, or August 2 at 6:30pm (see our website for more details). Thank you for your input and prayers as we continue preparing for our future.

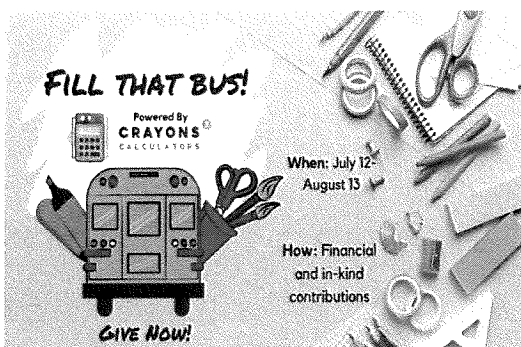
Presbyterian 101:

Who We Are, What We Believe, and Why We Do What We Do



Aug. 1, 8, 15 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

New-ish to FPC or the PCUSA? Or a long time Presbyterian but still wonder why we do what we do in worship or our common life. Join Sam Miglarese, Phyllis Supple, Susan Dunlap, David Smith, Christyn Klinck and Beth Stringfield as they lead conversations around who we are as Presbyterians (what makes us different from other denominations or iterations of Presbyterians); why we worship the way we do and what we believe; and what makes FPC a unique community of faith. Questions or interested in a possible hybrid option contact: Mitzi Leshner-Thomas at m.lesher-thomas@firstpres-durham.org

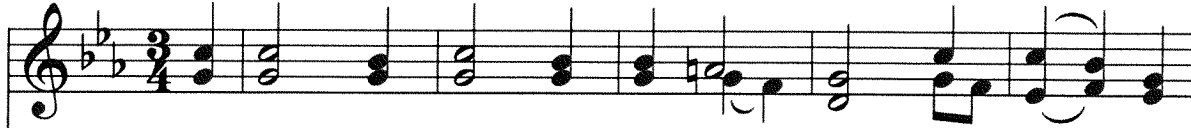


Fill that Bus! is a community-wide campaign to help stock the shelves at Crayons2Calculators (C2C) with classroom essentials to directly equip **Durham Public School teachers** with the supplies they need to help reduce barriers to success for every student. **First Presbyterian Church of Durham is a sponsoring partner organization again this year.** FPC's Mal King is coordinating this community project.


When: Now through August 13, 2021

- Give Now - **Financial contributions** help C2C meet the changing needs of teachers throughout the year.
- Shop for C2C - Add their wish list items to your cart while shopping at **Walmart** or **Amazon**.
- Additionally, we welcome you to drop off supplies in person at FPC or at the C2C warehouse located at 808 Bacon St, Durham, NC 27703.


O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



① O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 ④ For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 ⑤ All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



- thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 - went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 - deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



- God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 - Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 - we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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

bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for
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Je - sus will nev - er say no.
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Love Has Come

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① Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 ② Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 ③ Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

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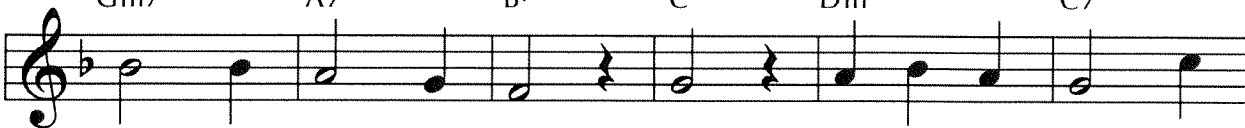
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Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
~~whis - pers. Love!~~ Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
~~Christ - mas. Love!~~ Love! Praise to you, God on high!
 Je - sus

The Week at a Glance!

Sunday, July 25	Monday, July 26 1:00 PM Worship Planning 2:00 PM FPC Staff Meeting	Tuesday, July 27 9:00 AM -4:00 PM New Hope Presbytery Meeting via Zoom 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Daytimers' Luncheon at Bennett Point Grill	Wednesday, July 28 11:00 AM Memorial service for Carolyn Wolfe (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, July 29 1:00 -6:00 PM FPC Sponsoring Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall (see Julie Whiddon) 6:30 – 7:30PM Informational Meeting Proposed Expansion (Feasibility Study) Zoom	Friday, July 30	Saturday, July 31	Sunday, August 1 9:45 -10:30 AM Adult Faith Formation 10:00-10:30 AM Children's Faith Formation 11:00 AM Worship

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