

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time NATIONAL CHILDREN'S SABBATH

October 17, 2021

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

spiritual, arr. Dennis Janzer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Weicher & Mindy Douglas

Leader: Who are you and why are you here?

People: We gather this morning as God's people to worship God,
in confidence that God hears our hurts and hopes
before they are even on our lips, and calls us, as God's partners,
to help with a passion for justice and hearts full of love.

Leader: Where does it hurt?

People: We gather this morning with listening hearts to hear the voices of our children.

Leader: What do you hope?

People: We gather this morning with listening hearts
to hear the hopes of children and to nurture the hope within each of us.

Leader: How can we help?

People: We gather this morning with listening hearts
to hear how we can help in partnership with those who are hurting,
as ones who are hoping.

All: Come, let us worship God on this Children's Sabbath day.

OPENING HYMN

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

Refrain: *All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)*

*Those who are able, please stand.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Loving God, we confess that often we fail to hear the voices
of those who are young, impoverished, and hurting.**

**We ignore the voices of those who speak in other languages,
come from other communities, have different life experiences from our own.**

**We turn away from voices that call us to account,
or to commit, or to sit with their pain.**

**We privilege the voices of those in positions of power,
with status and wealth, or who tell us what we want to hear.**

**O God, when Jesus put a child amid the disciples squabbling about position,
he reminded us what is important.**

Forgive us for again missing the mark.

Remind us to hush and heed the voices of children and young people.

**Open us to what they have to teach us,
for ways they might lead us to more faithfully be your people
who love and listen, heal and prevent harm,
and pursue your ways of peace and justice.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PASSING THE PEACE

Mindy Douglas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carlo Diy

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, by your Spirit quiet our minds, center our hearts, and open our ears
that we might hear the word you speak to us through the Word written and
proclaimed. Help us to listen so deeply and truly that we might be prepared to
go out and loudly live your Word in the world, raising a ruckus for justice,
speaking boldly for love, for the sake of your beloved children. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Carlo Diy

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas
(Pew Bible, NT page 47)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*"Who Are You and Why Are You Here?" "Where Does It Hurt?"
"What Do You Hope?" "How Can We Help?"*

Lenore Champion
Mindy Douglas
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas
John Weicher

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Lenore Champion

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?

People: That I belong to God, who loves me.

Leader: What makes you a child of God?

People: Grace – God’s free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Invitation to Offering

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

MUSICAL CALL TO PRAYER *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to God who loves us as a parent,
offering arms of comfort and sending us out with encouragement, responding,

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

Leader: For the holy Church of God, that we open our hearts and arms to live out your
inclusive love that tends wounds, heals divisions, and nurtures wholeness in mind,
body, and spirit, in families, communities, and nations, we pray,

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

Leader: For our world, in which pandemic and poverty, war and want, famine and climate
change threaten children’s ability to survive and thrive, that we join in collective
care and action, we pray,

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

Leader: For all our siblings in need, especially children suffering from loss and loneliness,
disruption and despair, poverty and pandemic, incarceration and injustice, that
we may listen to their pain and partner with them in pursuit of healing, we pray,

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

Leader: For our community and nation, which have borne the trauma of pandemic and
racial reckoning, suffered the loss of jobs and homes, celebrations and security,
education, and connection, that we have the courage and commitment to work
together to emerge stronger and better, we pray,

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

Leader: God of love, who shelters us like a mother hen and welcomes us like a father,
hear the prayers of your Church and grant us today what we ask of you in faith.
We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

(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.

CLOSING ANTHEM

Loving Hands

Cary Ratcliff

Loving hands, we all need loving hands, for the sea and the sands cannot hold all the rain, all the tears and the pain. Where is God's loving hand?

Loving hands left a sign in the sand; strong his call: Jesus' hands reach to all, Reaching out, teaching all, looking up to see God's loving hand, to be God's loving hand.

Giving hands, will there be giving hands? Healing hands, when we're hungry or cold, people sick, people old can all hold onto God's loving hand. Come be God's loving hand.

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

J. Wayne Kerr



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 October 3, 97 joined us for in-person worship and 54 households tuned in to the live-streamed broadcast.

We thank our musicians today for contributing their gifts. The singers are **Doug Butler, Brent Curtis, Dawn Shelton**, and **Cathy Snell**. The violinist is **Taylor Eppinger**.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the First Presbyterian staff by **Beth Stringfield** and **Cris Rivera**.

Many thanks to **John Fricks, Jody Maxwell**, and **Keith Rokoske** for their technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings.

Portions of **today's texts** were reprinted from the Children's Defense Fund – Christian worship materials for 2021, *Book of Common Worship* (2018), and *Feasting on the Word*.

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.

~ Joys and Concerns ~

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

- **Eric & Kelly Stowe Boggs, Thomas, Catherine and Barbara** on the death of Kelly's father, **Carl Stowe**;
- **Jeanette & Brian Castle** on the death of Jeanette's father, **James Thomas Webb**;
- **Jo Ann & Fred Moore** on the death of Jo Ann's aunt, **Emma Wilson**;
- **Valerie McMillian** on the death of her aunt, **Everlyn Bass**.

Memorial Services will be held in the FPC sanctuary as follows:

- for **Henderson & Jane Rourk** and **Christopher Michael Whitworth** on Sunday, October 24 following worship;
- for **Margaret Sims** on Saturday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Added this week: **Lori Griffin's** baby, **Teagan Rose**, was diagnosed with severe hip dysplasia. Lori is the niece of **Jeanne Hervey**.

Paul Cornsweet

Kerry Holbrook

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:

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

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

Flora Estrella, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

Lynn Everett, mother of Luke and Rob Everett

Will French, son of Berry & Katie French

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Chris Irwin, cousin of Linda Barenchi

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Ed Overton and wife Abby, friends of Doug Butler

Carlton Rounds' mother, Carlton is a friend of Li-Chen Chin

Ty, Laurel, Joe, & Cheli Seddon, family of Martha Seddon, former FPC Parish Administrator

Heath Tuttle, son of Chris & Carrie Tuttle

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

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

FALL FELLOWSHIP WORKDAY

Saturday, October 23

FPC Workday with Rebuilding Together of the Triangle

(Two Shifts: 8:00-12 Noon and 12 noon- 4:00 p.m.)

The work consists of replacing and painting siding for a homeowner in Durham.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and fully vaccinated.

For additional details and to sign-up, use this link:

<https://www.betterunite.com/rttriangle-fpcdurhamworkday102321>

Questions? Contact **Tyler Momsen-Hudson** at 919-697-1898

or send an email to: tylermmh@embarqmail.com.

FUN FAMILY POP-UPS

Sunday, October 24 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Family Pumpkin Carving in the FPC courtyard

Pumpkins and carving tools will be available, or you can bring your own tools.

Let us know you will participate by signing up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d49a9ac29a75-fall>

Sunday, November 21 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Turkey “trot” (walk) around downtown

Sunday, November 21 from Noon-1:15 p.m.

Advent Event

GROWING THRU GRIEF

Jane Williams will conclude the six-week series on the Introduction to Grief on October 19.

Growing thru Grief meets year-round, except for major holidays. Here is our schedule for the rest of the month and into November:

Oct. 25	The Path Ahead, by William Holloman (Duke HomeCare & Hospice) and Bill Dahl
Nov. 2	Using Humor to Adapt to Loss, by Margaret Albert of Duke HomeCare & Hospice
Nov. 9	Grief and Joy as Traveling Companions, by Terry Allebaugh
Nov. 16	Surviving the Holidays, joint session with Duke HomeCare & Hospice
Nov. 23	Hope, by Gates Vrooman

Our meetings begin with a presentation about a part of the grief process and then we break into small groups for conversation and sharing. With the pandemic, we are meeting on Zoom, though we hope to return to in-person meetings. To register, contact admin@growingthrugrief.org by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the meeting.

Growing thru Grief is sponsored by a coalition of religious and civic organizations; there is no charge to attend.



Sunday, October 31

Our 150th Church Anniversary Celebration

continues with Guest Preacher Jan Edmiston



On Sunday, October 31, we will welcome The Rev. Jan Edmiston to the pulpit. Jan was born, raised, and educated in Chapel Hill, NC, where she grew up in the University Presbyterian Church and earned her undergraduate degree from UNC. Jan attended Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton-Centre, Massachusetts and was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Jan was elected Co-Moderator at the 222nd General Assembly of the PC(USA). She is currently serving as the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Charlotte.

Custom Paraments for 150th Anniversary Celebration

As part of First Presbyterian Church's 150th anniversary celebration, we have commissioned **Beth Taylor** to create four new paraments and a new white communion tablecloth. Her idea is to include small items in these pieces that are important to you and your family. **If you would like to contribute an item, please bring it to the church no later than Sunday, October 31, and leave it in the box labeled for these items.** Please note that the items cannot be returned and may not appear as you donated them, as they may need to be altered for inclusion. We are excited about these new paraments for our sanctuary and will dedicate them on February 13, 2022.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B \flat A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B \flat F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today 2:00-4:00 PM Walking Tour of Downtown Durham with Laura Hanson & Vera Cecelski (Meet at Museum of Downtown History) 4:00-5:30 PM All Youth (Forest Hills Park)	Monday October 18 1:00 PM Worship Planning 2:00 PM All Staff	Tuesday October 19 6:15 PM <i>Love Is the Way</i> Book Study	Wednesday October 20 11:00 AM <i>Love Is the Way</i> Book Study
Thursday October 21 7:00-8:30 PM Youth Pop-Up Mini Golf (meet at Frankie's)	Friday October 22 <hr/> Saturday October 23 Shift 1: 8:00 AM-12 noon Shift 2: 12 noon-4:00 PM FPC Workday with Rebuilding Together of the Triangle	Sunday October 24 9:30-10:30 AM Adult Faith Formation 10:00-10:30 AM Children and Youth Faith Formation 11:00 AM Worship 12 Noon-1:15 PM All Youth Pizza & Pumpkins (FPC courtyard) 3:00-4:30 PM Family Pop-Up: Pumpkin Carving (FPC courtyard)	

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