

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 24, 2021

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Douglas & Marsha Butler

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther,
arr. Calvin Hampton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: Look to the Lord, who is faithful,
People: who gathers and guards the people.
Leader: Look to the Lord, who is merciful,
People: who redeems and restores our lives.
All: Come, let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will.
When the poor cry out for help, we often pass them by.
When the weak reveal their strength, we want to silence their voices.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Save a place, even for us, at that great banquet of redemption
when all will be made well; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

PASSING THE PEACE

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Laura McNab

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
**All: Gracious God, you sent Jesus to meet us
in our poverty, isolation, and fear.
Have mercy on us when we call on you.
Restore our faith and renew our vision
so that we may follow your holy way;
through Christ, our healer and our hope. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Laura McNab

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bible, OT page 734)

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

Laura McNab

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bible, OT page 572)

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10: 46-52

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bible, NT page 47)

SERMON

“When Jesus Asks”

Mindy Douglas

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Be Our Lives Blessed

Jacynth Hamill

*Be our lives blessed, by God our Maker blessed.
By God the Son blessed, by God the Spirit blessed,
By God the Trinity blessed.*

*What shall we fear?
With God our Maker near?
With God the Son near?
With God the Spirit near?
With God the Trinity near?*

*Nothing shall we fear!
With God our Maker near!
With God the Son near!
With God the Spirit near!
With God the Trinity near!*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

John Weicher

Leader: What is the chief end of humankind?

People: **The chief end to humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**

Leader: What is God?

People: **God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in God's being, wisdom, power holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

John Weicher

Invitation to Offering

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.

CLOSING ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress

Ein' Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.*

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

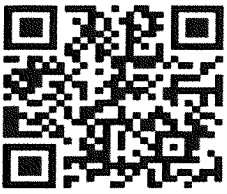
***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

Was Mein Gott Will,
arr. Paul Manz



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 17, **80** joined us for in-person worship and **37** households tuned in to the live-streamed broadcast.

Music Note: In addition to stirring up controversy in the established church, Martin Luther was a prolific hymn writer and the author and composer of “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” This “Battle Hymn of the Reformation” is popular among Protestants. Written between 1527 and 1529, it is a metrical setting of Psalm 46 (God is our refuge and strength) and has appeared continuously in hymnals since 1531.

The **liturgical color for Reformation** is red. Red signifies both the Holy Spirit, which reforms and continues to reform us, and is also the color for martyrs, remembering those who lost their lives in pursuit of reforming the church.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of **Craig McNab**, husband of **Laura McNab**.

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 Christian worship materials: *Call to Worship 2014-2015, Year B*.

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 ~

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

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

Added this week:

Michael Garcia, grandson of Carol McKnight

Linda Foster-Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Joy Wintermute and family, long-time friend of Kerry Holbrook

Caroline O'Toole, aunt of *Lesley Curtis*

Rita and *Rodney Griffin*, aunt and uncle of *Tyler Momsen-Hudson*.

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

Teagan Rose, great-niece of Jeanne Hervey

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.

FUN FAMILY POP-UPS

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

Family Pumpkin Carving in the FPC courtyard

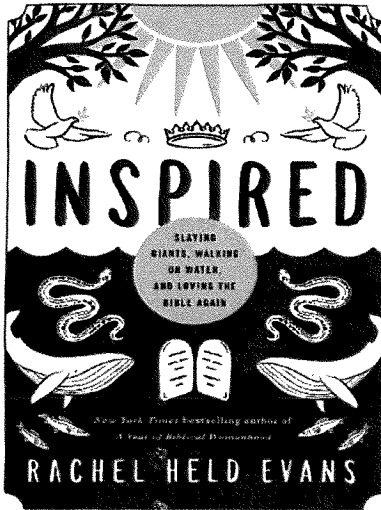
Pumpkins and carving tools will be available, or you can bring your own tools.

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



The Book Study group led by Mindy Douglas

will begin a discussion on

the book

“Inspired”

by Rachel Held Evans

November 9th and 10th

GROWING THRU GRIEF

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

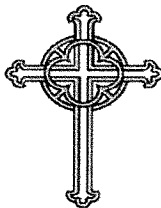
As part of First Presbyterian Church's 150th anniversary celebration, we have commissioned *Beth Taylor* to create four new paraments and a new white communion tablecloth. Her idea is to include small items in these pieces that are important to you and your family. **If you would like to contribute an 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.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:00 -1:15 PM All Youth Lunch (Playground)</p> <p>3:00-4:30 PM Family Pumpkin Carving</p>	<p>Monday October 25</p> <p>1:00 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:00 PM Program Staff</p> <p>5:00 PM Vision Team (Zoom)</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate (Zoom)</p> <p>7:00 PM Session (Zoom)</p>	<p>Tuesday October 26</p> <p>6:15 PM <i>Love Is the Way</i> Book Study</p>	<p>Wednesday October 27</p> <p>11:00 AM <i>Love Is the Way</i> Book Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Becoming (at Hi-Wire Restaurant)</p>
<p>Thursday October 28</p>	<p>Friday October 29</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>Saturday, October 30</p>	<p>Sunday October 31</p> <p>9:30-10:30 AM Adult Faith Formation</p> <p>10:00-10:30 AM Children and Youth Faith Formation</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship All Saints Sunday</p>	

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



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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