

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Reign of Christ Sunday

DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 21, 2021

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Laurie Williamson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the One who is, and who was, and who is to come.

People: **And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: To the One who loves us and has freed us to serve;

All: **To the Alpha and Omega, who is and was and is to come;
To that one be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.**

SOLO

He Is King of Kings

Spiritual, arr. Jones

(The text to the response can be found in the hymnal, No. 273)

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not governed your people
or your creation with compassionate care.**

**We have set ourselves apart from the needs of those whom we serve,
and have not worked for justice and righteousness,
or for the well-being and common good of all.**

**We have not led your people with patience or with the fear of the Lord,
which is the beginning of all wisdom.**

**Forgive and restore us to right rule in the way of Jesus,
which is like the light of a cloudless morning after rain.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

CHORAL RESPONSE

Divinum Mysterium

Plainsong, 5th century

O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angels hosts, his praise sing.

Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.

Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.*

Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

*Those who are able, please stand.

***THE PEACE**

Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Laura McDow

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his realm of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ, who reigns forever. Amen.**

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 93

(Pew Bible, OT Page 549)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

(Pew Bible, NT Page 113)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“What Kind of King?”

Mindy Douglas

SOLO

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion

G.F. Handel

Rejoice greatly,

O daughter of Zion! O daughter of Zion, rejoice greatly, shout,

Behold, thy king cometh unto thee.

He is the righteous Savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Rejoice greatly...

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom.**

**Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.**

**No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in
the world. We are in the world, but not of the world.**

**Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom.**

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;**

to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;

to walk by faith, not by sight; to hope for what we have not seen. Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Invitation to the Offering

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

St. George's Windsor

(The text to the hymn can be found in the hymnal, No. 367.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

All: Lamb of God, we celebrate your sovereignty over all creation, and we recall that your exaltation as Lord was revealed in your willing sacrifice on the cross. Rule over our hearts, our minds, and our lives. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessing, honor, and glory are yours, O God, eternal source of all creation. You are mightier than the thunder of waters, mightier than the waves of the sea. You are majesty on high. Yet when the time was right you sent your Son, a vulnerable infant of low estate, to testify to the truth of power made known in your embracing love. Jesus came to raise up the poor and cast down the mighty. He taught us, like no other, that your kingdom is one of forgiveness, where human needs are daily met and we are set free for love.

People: To you be glory and dominion forever.

Leader: And so we praise you as we say:

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and love, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Remembering all that he has done for us, his life, death, and resurrection, we offer you our praise and thanks. Send your Holy Spirit upon our celebration, and us, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life-giving Spirit.

People: Unite us in Christ and one to another from every tribe, people, language, and nation to reveal your justice in the world, and crown us with your holy wisdom that we may we never lose sight of your reign of peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mindy Douglas/Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

***THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(All the bread is gluten free. The elements were prepared in a gluten-free area.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Here I Am, Lord

David Howard Petite

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING MUSIC

You Can Tell the World

Spiritual, arr. Margaret Bonds

*You can tell the world about this, you can tell the nation about that,
Tell'em what Jesus has done, tell'em that the Comforter has come,
And he brought joy, joy, joy, to my soul.
He took my feet out the mercy clay, yes, he did.
He placed them on the Rock to stay, yes he did.
My Lord done done jes what he said, yes, he did,
he healed the sick and raised the dead, he, he did.
You can tell the world about this...*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

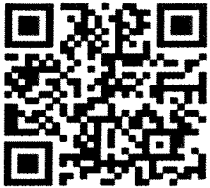
Johann Ludwig Adam



TODAY Following Worship

- Advent devotional materials can be picked up.
- Advent crafts for children of all ages.
- Purchase Advent Wreaths with candles.
- Purchase gifts from local mission partners.
- Purchase lunch from Bull City Eatery food truck.

The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated: From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that, by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way. Of course, you may always choose to pray in the words closest to your heart, be those words debts or trespasses.



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 November 14, **105** joined us for in-person worship and **29** households tuned in to the live-streamed broadcast.

We thank ***Ginger Jones-Robinson*** and ***Kent Foss*** for bringing their musical gifts to our worship service today. ***Ginger Jones-Robinson*** has appeared in solo recitals throughout the Carolinas and with the leading orchestras of the region, and our trumpet player, ***Kent Foss***, has performed widely as soloist, chamber musician and orchestral trumpeter, including frequent performances with the North Carolina Symphony, North Carolina Opera and the Carolina Ballet.

The ***flowers*** today are given to the glory of God by ***George Danser*** and ***Jean Cary*** and in loving memory of their fathers, ***Jack Danser*** and ***Art Cary***.

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 worship text*** were reprinted from ***Feasting on the Word, Book of Common Worship*** (2018) and ***Glory to God*** (hymnal).

Childcare: A fully vaccinated, 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.

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.

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

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.

Masks are required: The congregation will continue to be masked as an act of generous hospitality to children who cannot yet be vaccinated and transplant recipients and others on medication that reduce the efficacy of vaccines.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee is asking you to use the enclosed form to submit names for the Class of 2025 ruling elders and deacons and five at-large members to the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee. The deadline to submit nominations is **November 30**.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week: *Vivian Mast*, friend of Josh Walters

Richard Smith, the husband of a co-worker of Laura Casteel.

Mike and Emily Wilson, Mariah and Asher, who have Covid.

Jean Vollrath, friend of Jean Cary

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

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: *Roger Kalthoff*, husband of Jane Williams.

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

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

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

Jim Brown, father of Chris Brown

John Carter, brother of Conrad Carter

Flora Estrella, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

Lynn Everett, mother of Luke and Rob Everett

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Linda Foster Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Chris Irwin, cousin of Linda Barenchi

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

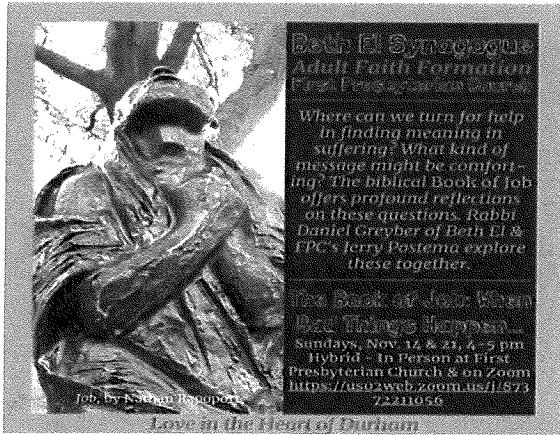
Ty, Laurel, Joe, & Cheli Seddon, family of Martha Seddon, former FPC Parish Administrator

Heath Tuttle, son of Chris & Carrie Tuttle

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

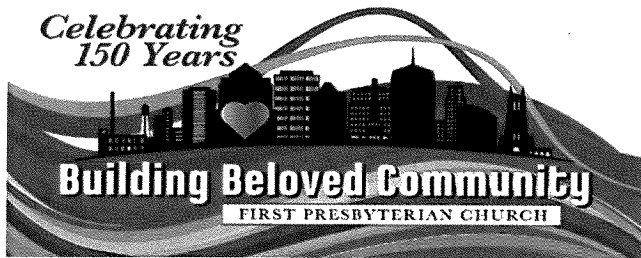
Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece



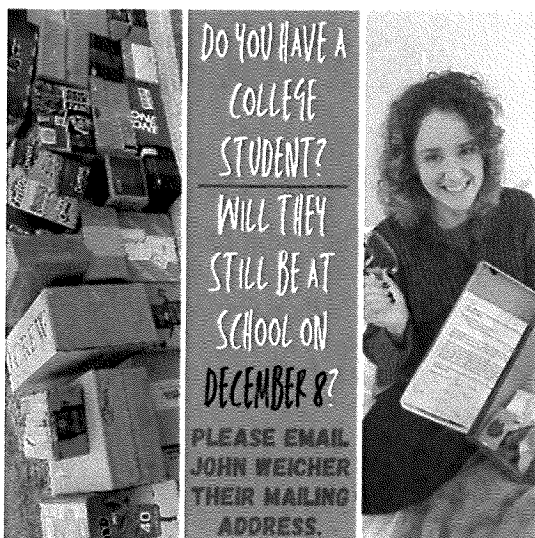
An Interfaith Conversation on Book of Job and Suffering
 Conversations from last week will continue **THIS AFTERNOON** from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at FPC in the **Robert Daye Meeting Room** (East Parlor) as well as being accessible on Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87372211056>. Attendees are encouraged to read the biblical book of *Job* (two

especially good contemporary translations: by Robert Alter and by Stephen Mitchell) and Kushner's book. (Note this is different from Kushner's other book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*.)



New Bulletin Board Display (with guide) Christian Symbols in the Windows of First Presbyterian Church

For more than one hundred years, First Presbyterian Church has held worship services in the third house of worship to occupy the corner of Roxboro and Main. The sanctuary, dedicated in 1916, was designed and appointed with the intent of drawing the eye, mind, and heart beyond oneself and into the presence of the Holy. Christian symbols in the windows represent the teachings of our faith and the life and ministry of Jesus. **There are laminated guides to the windows on the table in the foyer and in the narthex.** May the display (and guide) deepen your understanding of these timeless symbols and so deepen your worship experience.



It's care package season.

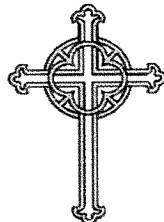
Even if your collegian will be home by Dec. 8th, please send their mailing address to John Weicher (j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org).

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12 Noon-1:15 PM Advent Festival and Alternative Gifts Market</p> <p>12:45 PM Women's Spiritual Formation Class (Susan Dunlap's home)</p> <p>4:00-5:00 PM Interfaith Conversation on Book of Job (at FPC & via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday November 22</p> <p>1:00 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM Program Staff Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday November 23</p> <p>6:15-7:15 PM Book Study: <i>Inspired</i> (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesday November 24</p> <p>11:00 AM-Noon Book Study: <i>Inspired</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday November 25</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> <p>Church Office CLOSED</p>	<p>Friday November 26</p> <p>Church Office CLOSED</p>	<p>Saturday November 27</p>	<p>Sunday November 28</p> <p>9:30-10:30 AM Faith Formation Classes for Adults</p> <p>10:00-10:30 AM Faith Formation Classes for Children and Youth</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>4:00-5:30 PM All Youth at the Farm Church (meet at Watts & Green Streets)</p> <p>First Friends Amber Hike (TBA)</p>

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