

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Speak to us this day, O Lord;

People: we are gathered to hear your Word.

Leader: Empower us with your Holy Spirit

People: to speak good news to the world.

All: Let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 314 v. 1,2,5 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* *Christ Be Our Light*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light.

We follow paths of self-indulgence,

instead of focusing on our need of you.

We passively accept the suffering of the world,

expecting others to stand up

and work for the change we would like to see.

Lord, in your strength,
renew us and compel us by your invitation
that we may work
to pursue your justice and mercy for all people,
sharing your light in ways great and small.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us, God,
may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you.
Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM LESSON

Psalms 19

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Year of the Lord's Favor"

Sam Miglarese

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Corinthians 12:14-20, 26-27

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

For the body is not one part, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has arranged the parts, each one of them in the body, just as God desired. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But now there are many parts, but one body. And if one part of the body suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if a part is honored, all the parts rejoice with it. Now we are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

Invitation to Give

(The Hunger for Change Offering is received today.)

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

**God of love and of new life,
bless these gifts that we have given
that they may further your reign in this world. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mitzi Leshar-Thomas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mitzi Leshar-Thomas

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.**

HYMN NO. 772

Live into Hope

Truro

*Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

BENEDICTION

Sam Miglarese

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G

J.S. Bach

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, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On January 16, 87 households watched the online service.

We welcome to the pulpit today the **Rev. Sam Miglarese**. Sam honorably retired from ministry in December 2019 after nearly 14 years of service as Associate Pastor of FPC. Sam is the Deputy Chief Administrator to the Vice President for the Durham and Community Affairs office at Duke University. Sam is married to **Sheila Miglarese** who is an active member of FPC.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Maxie Honeycutt** by her family on the occasion of her 97th birthday on January 28, 2022.

Many thanks to **John Fricks**, **Jody Maxwell**, **JL Klinck** and **Keith Rokoske** for their technical assistance with our broadcasts of worship each week.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were reprinted from *Call to Worship* (2015-2016; 2021-2022), *Book of Common Worship* (2018), *Feasting on the Word* (Year C – Volume 1) and *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal).

~ Our Concerns ~

Home: **Paul Cornsweet** **Harold Dunlap** **Kerry Holbrook** **Mitzi Lesher-Thomas**

Care Communities:

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

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Julian Boswell**, **Jim Wolfe**

Walter Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Gerald Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

Jim Brown, father of Chris Brown

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings **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

Gera Fleming, mother of Christyn Klinck

Chris Irwin, cousin of Linda Barenchi

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams

Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Shawn Purcell, friend of Jane Brown

Richard Smith, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

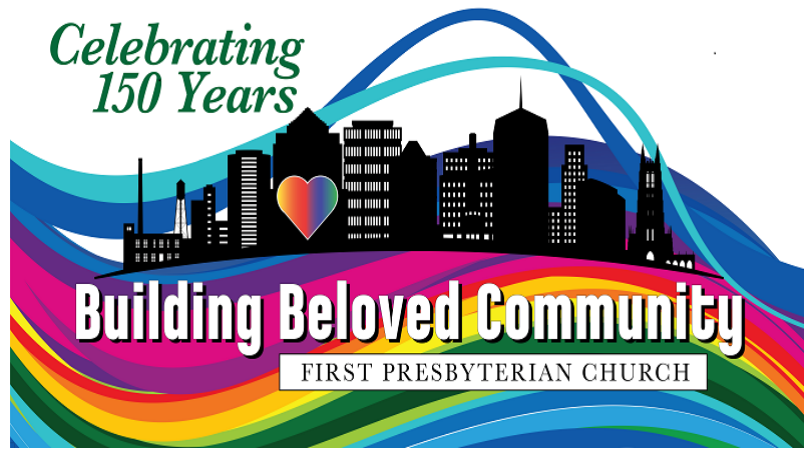
Heath Tuttle, son of Chris & Carrie Tuttle

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Toni Vandekemp, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp **Jean Vollrath**, friend of Jean Cary

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

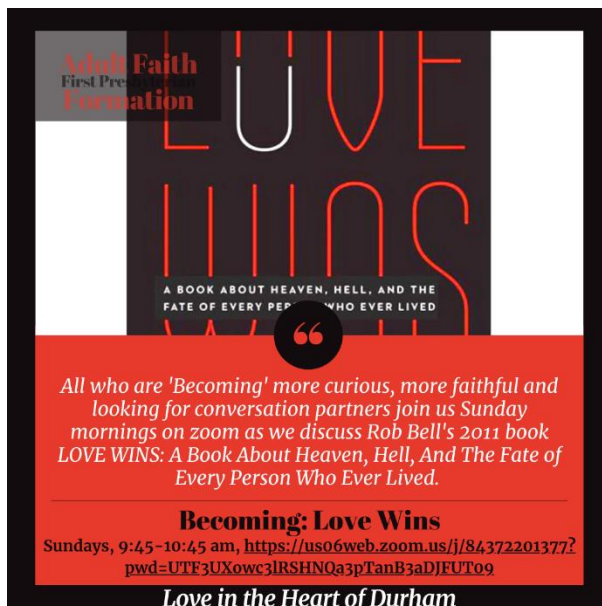


Former associate pastor **Lori Pistor** returns to the pulpit on Sunday, January 30 at 11:00 a.m. as our 150th Church Anniversary celebration continues. The service will be broadcast from the sanctuary via FPC's YouTube channel.



Critical! Critical!
Blood Supply is at a ten-year low.
 Duke Hospital has only a one-day of blood supply.
 Doctors are having to make hard decisions concerning use of blood.

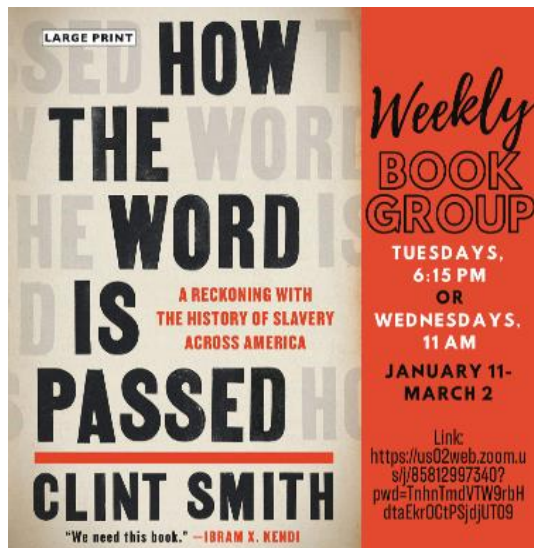
FPC Hosting Community Blood Drive
Thursday, February 3, 2022
1:00-6:00 p.m. at FPC in Watts-Hill Hall
 Sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org using code: *firstpres*
 FPC contact/organizer: **Julie Whiddon**
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All who are 'Becoming' more curious, more faithful and looking for conversation partners join us Sunday mornings on zoom as we discuss Rob Bell's 2011 book LOVE WINS: A Book About Heaven, Hell, And The Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.



WINTER BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays at 6:15 PM

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Join the study via Zoon

How the Word Is Passed by Clint Smith

For more information, contact [Mindy](#).

The [ZOOM LINK](#) will be the same each week.

PREACHING THE LUMINOUS WORD

Biblical Sermons and Homiletical Essays

Ellen F. Davis

“ This season, *Meaning in the Middle* tackles the sermons of Ellen Davis, scholar and master of locating our lives in the drama of salvation. MnM meets online every week to share the ups & downs of their lives and how to find God and meaning in the middle of life. ”

Meaning in the Middle (MnM)

Sundays, 8-9 pm, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87574376074>

Love in the Heart of Durham

MnM meets online every week to share the ups and downs of their lives and how to find God and meaning in the middle of life.

Sundays, 8:00– 9:00 p.m.

[ZOOM LINK](#)



THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

- 40% - Local Hunger Programs

- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

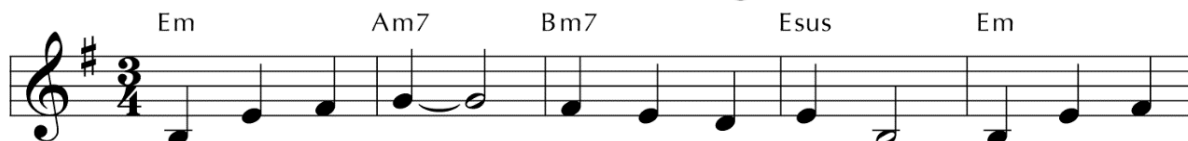
The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

Thank you for your offering today!

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

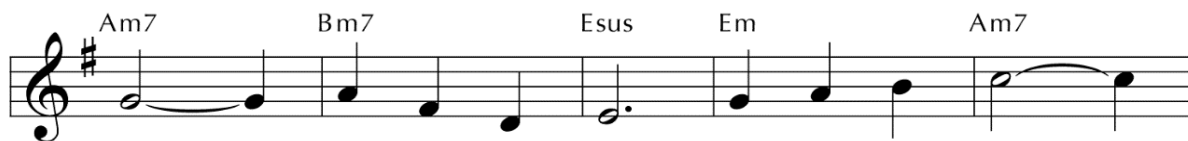
Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em




1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7




truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D



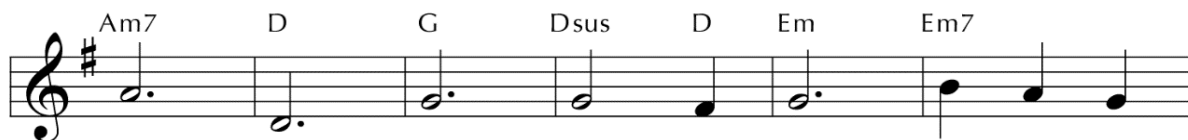
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G



church gath - ered to - day.

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

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 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today . . .</p> <p>4:00 PM-5:30 PM Youth Groups</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship <i>Zoom ID: 87574376074</i></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>Monday, January 24</p> <p>1:00 PM (via Zoom) Worship Planning</p> <p>2:00 PM (via Zoom) Program Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Deacons Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Session Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 25</p> <p>Newsletter today</p> <p>6:15 PM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How the Word Is Passed</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, January 26</p> <p>11:00 AM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How the Word Is Passed</i></p> <p>No Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, January 27</p>	<p>Friday, January 28</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday, January 29</p>	<p>Sunday, January 30 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45-10:45 AM (via Zoom) Faith Formation for Adults, Middle Schoolers, and Confirmands</p> <p>10:00-10:30 AM (via Zoom) Faith Formation for younger children (Playground option available for K-3rd grade, weather permitting)</p> <p>11:00 AM (online) Worship Service Lori Pistor, preaching</p> <p>4:00 PM-5:30 PM Youth Groups (combined)</p>	

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
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 Vernon Cooper, Sexton
 Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
 Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
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