



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM NORTH CAROLINA 27701

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

"O Waly Waly" for Trumpet and Piano

Charles Kelley, trumpet

Scottish tune

arr. Gregory Hamilton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leone Mbugua

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: God calls all of us to worship, no matter how we see ourselves.

People: Let us listen today for different voices and perspectives.

Leader: Worship calls us to respond to God's Word.

People: Let us become the voices and hands of God.

All: Let us worship together.

*HYMN NO. 720

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Charles Kelley

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God, forgive us for when we have fallen short in listening,
for when we have gotten distracted,
and for when we have lost focus on what really matters.**

We are not always good listeners.

Forgive us for not speaking kindly when we need help.

**Forgive us when we mix up what we want to have happen
with what we need to have happen.**

**We find excuses not to do things that should be done,
and we sometimes lose track of the big picture.**

Forgive us, God, and give us a fresh start to try again this week.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Thilo Fullenkamp

Leader: Siblings in Christ, it's as thorough as from A to Z...
As Jesus died for our sins, we are forgiven.

People: Despite our mistakes, God has persistent love for us.

Leader: Freedom to take a load off our shoulders.

People: Over our sins, forgiveness prevails, it will.

Leader: U will b frgvn.

People: we eXit the world of sin.

Leader: Zero people are not forgiven.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Webb Cummings

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 1:15-22

Webb Cummings

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, OT page 241)

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

Gretchen Sims

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT page 72)

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Laura McDow

*HYMN No. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lorenzo Mbugua

We believe in God.

God wills that we should love everyone.

Everyone should care for one another and show forgiveness to others.

We believe that Jesus gave voice to the voiceless.

The voiceless need advocates until they can obtain their own voice.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us power.

With that power, we can care for others.

We believe that our sins are forgiven.

Forgiveness is guaranteed.

That guarantee means that God loves us, no matter what.

We believe that God helps us to be present with others.

Others can help us to know more about what is important.

We believe that God created us to live in community.

Community is a group of people, connected and working together.

Together, we can trust that God is with us in hard times.

Hard times can cause us to doubt, but God is still with us.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mary Ellis Merritt

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Lily Brigman

Offertory Music

The Lone, Wild Bird

Southern Folk Tune

Webb Cummings, solo

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Lily Brigman

O God, you gave to us, now we give to you.

You've led us, and you've called us to love.

We will follow you through online school, at-home work, and other isolations.

We will follow you through daily news rollercoasters.

We will follow you when a pandemic looms.

We will follow you when siblings bicker and dogs annoy.
We dedicate our whole selves to your larger kingdom.
Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Izzy Allison-Pleasants

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(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.**

*HYMN NO. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Ar Hyd Y Nos

*BENEDICTION

Laura McDow

(Please be seated and remain seated throughout the duration of the postlude.)

POSTLUDE

You're the Inspiration
Ruby Barron, piano

Chicago

Ushers: **Ruby Barron, Isa Cummings, Noah Dillon**



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 February 13, 76 households tuned in at 11:00 a.m. for the live-streamed broadcast of worship.

Worship liturgy: The youth have created the entirety of this service, from picking the Bible passages, to writing the sermon and liturgy, to preparing the music and ushering. Special thanks to youth advisors **Roxana Boyd, Lenore Champion, Brent Curtis**, and **Ginny Horne**, minister of music **Kathy Parkins**, and usher **Bert Clere** for shepherding them through this process.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Bill and Jane Brown in gratitude for 22 years of marriage.

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

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the Christian education building 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 ~

Added: *The family of Richard Hill*, friends of Kathy Parkins

Paul Cornsweet

Harold Dunlap

Carlisle Harvard

Kerry Holbrook

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Katy Loebrich

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** (Will Chambliss' dad)

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Gerald Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Jim Brown, father of Chris Brown

John Carter, brother of Conrad Carter

Flora Estrella, a relative of Beth Stringfield & Cris Rivera

Lynn Everett, mother of Luke and Rob Everett

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

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

Heath Tuttle, son of Chris & Carrie Tuttle

Toni Vandekemp, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

Chris Irwin, cousin of Linda Barenchi

Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters

Shawn Purcell, friend of Jane Brown

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Jean Vollrath, friend of Jean Cary

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson



The 10th annual Florence Forth road race is happening on **Saturday, March 5, 2022**. The race 5K/10K start and finish will be on Washington Street at the Bull City Running store. Please reach out if you have interest in volunteering or participating. The McDow Family is so grateful for the many years of support from First Pres! Learn more and sign up at <https://florenceforth.org/>

Adult Faith
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FOR THOSE STILL LONGING
FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION

Dear White Christians
by HARVEY

In preparation for McPherson Lecturer Macky Alston on March 27, we're reading the second edition of this text inviting Christians into conversations around and strategies for fighting racial oppression. *Dear White Christians* is challenging call to the church.

Faith & Community: Dear White Christians
Sundays, Feb. 20–March 20, 9:45–10:45 am

Love in the Heart of Durham

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Faith & Community Class

The Faith & Community Class is reading *Dear White Christians (Second Edition)*. This five-Sundays series challenges the church to repentance and invites us to develop strategies for fighting racial oppression.

With discussions led by FPC's Racial Equity Committee, **we meet in-person in Watts-Hill Hall, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Sundays, through March 20.** There is no Zoom option for this class.

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LOVE WINS
A BOOK ABOUT HEAVEN, HELL, AND THE FATE OF EVERY PERSON WHO EVER LIVED

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*.

Love Wins
Sundays, 9:45–10:45 am, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84372201377?pwd=UTF3UXowc3lRSHNOa3pTanB3aDJEUtO9>

Love in the Heart of Durham

ADULT FAITH FORMATION LOVE WINS book discussion

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

All who are becoming more curious, more faithful, and looking for conversation partners, join us Sunday mornings 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](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84372201377?pwd=UTF3UXowc3lRSHNOa3pTanB3aDJEUtO9)

For more info, contact [Mitzi Lesher-Thomas](#).

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Lectionary Bible Study
Sundays, 9:35–10:45 am

Love in the Heart of Durham

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Lectionary Class Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

This class meets in-person in the Robert Daye Meeting Room (formerly known as East Parlor). Discussion begins at 9:45 a.m., preceded by sharing of news and concerns at 9:35, and we end at 10:45.

You can also join the class via this [ZOOM LINK](#). For phone access (audio only), call 253-215-8782. If you need a copy of the handout of scripture readings, contact [David Smith](#).



Adult Faith Formation
First Presbyterian Formation

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Journeys will meet in-person & on Zoom to begin a study of art and Christianity. They will explore other resources for the art study, including the Sister Wendy YouTube series, Henri Nouwen's "Prodigal Son," and some local experts. You won't want to miss this fun series.

Journeys - Art & Christianity
Starting Sunday, Feb. 20, 9:45-10:45 am,

Love in the Heart of Durham

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Journeys Class


Art & Christianity

Join us in-person in the Wilson Parlor or from wherever you are, via Zoom.

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

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Contact [Andy Henry](#) for more info on this class.



PREACHING THE LUMINOUS WORD
Biblical Sermons and Homiletical Essays
Ellen F. Davis

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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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Meaning in the Middle (MnM)

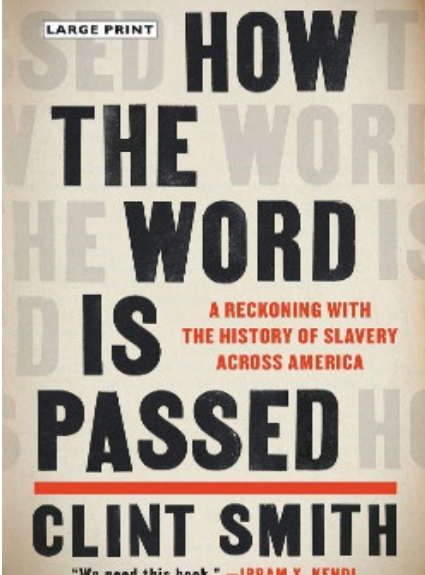
The MnM fellowship group meets online every week to share the ups and downs of their lives and how to find God and meaning in the middle of life.

We are currently discussing “Preaching the Luminous Word” by Ellen F. Davis. If you want to sign up to lead an upcoming week, the Google doc is [here](#).

Sundays, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

For more information, contact [Mary Berry](#).



HOW THE WORD IS PASSED
A RECKONING WITH THE HISTORY OF SLAVERY ACROSS AMERICA
CLINT SMITH

We need this book. —IBRAM X. KENDI

Weekly BOOK GROUP
TUESDAYS, 6:15 PM
OR
WEDNESDAYS, 11 AM
JANUARY 11- MARCH 2

Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85812997340?pwd=TnhnTmdVTW9rbHdtaEkrOGtPSjdjUT09>

WINTER BOOK STUDY

How the Word Is Passed

by Clint Smith

Tuesdays at 6:15 PM

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Join the study via Zoom.

The Zoom link is the same each week.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

View the [SCHEDULE HERE](#).

For more info, contact [Mindy Douglas](#).

I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
GOD, THIS IS ENOUGH.
GOD IS ENOUGH.
I AM ENOUGH.
WHAT IS ENOUGH?

ENOUGH: FPC'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Mondays, Wednesdays & Friday in Lent.
Curated by FPC members & friends.
*To contribute a song, visual art or words,
be in touch with John Weicher.*

Lent always includes an invitation to turn *from* all that is old and broken and *toward* new life in Christ. As we turn from a scarcity mindset toward an ever-growing awareness of God's abundant grace, mercy, and love we hope you'll share your reflections on the theme of **Enough**.

Specifically, submit:

- **a song** (YouTube link or original video recording),
- **a reflection through visual art** (again your own or something in the public domain), OR
- **a poem or writing** (whether original to you or the reflections of another - please limit these to 250-300 words max).

We'll share these reflections with the community via email and social media as our common devotion. To sign up, contact [John Weicher](#) and he'll work with you on content and a date.



Growing thru Grief offers small group support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

February 22 Grief Waves, by Donna Kaye

Meetings (via Zoom) begin at 4:00 p.m. with a presentation about a part of the grief process and then we break into small groups for conversation and sharing. There is no charge to attend. To register, contact admin@growingthrugrief.org by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the meeting.



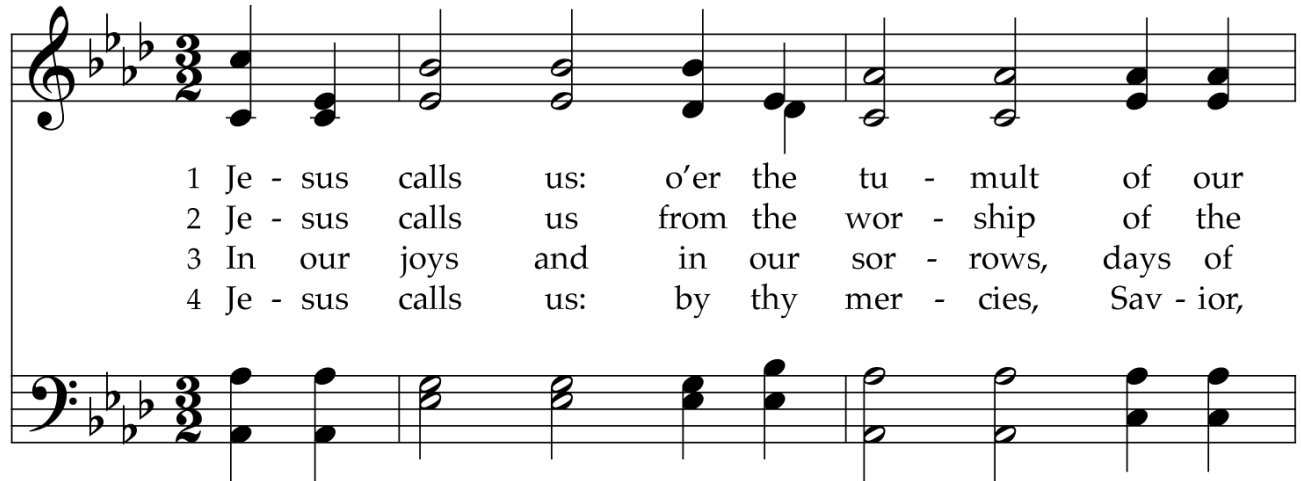
SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 18, 2022

March and Rally in Washington, DC

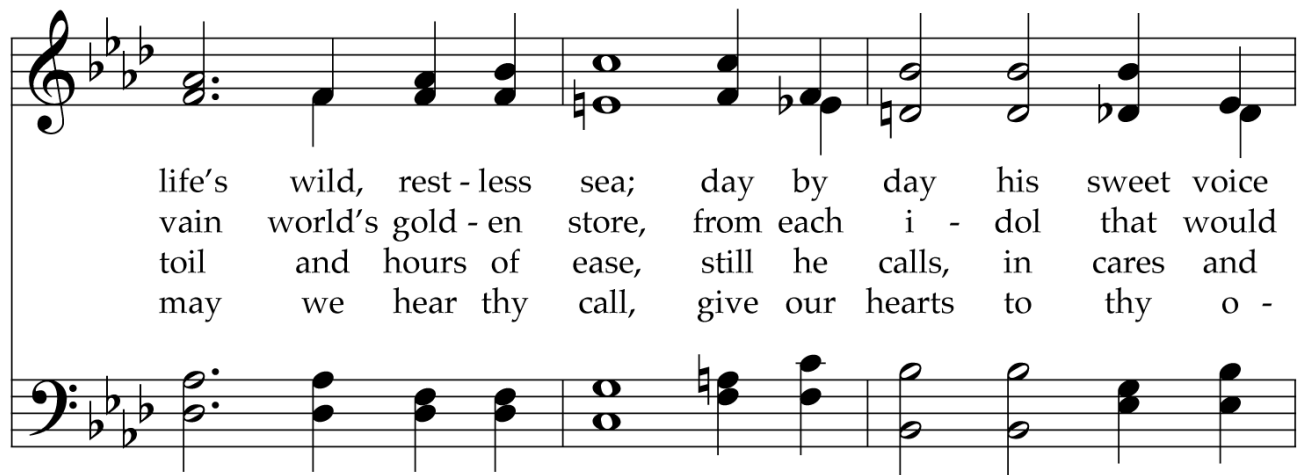
Donations are needed to help cover the cost
for those going by chartered bus from Durham. More details forthcoming.

Jesus Calls Us

720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

543

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

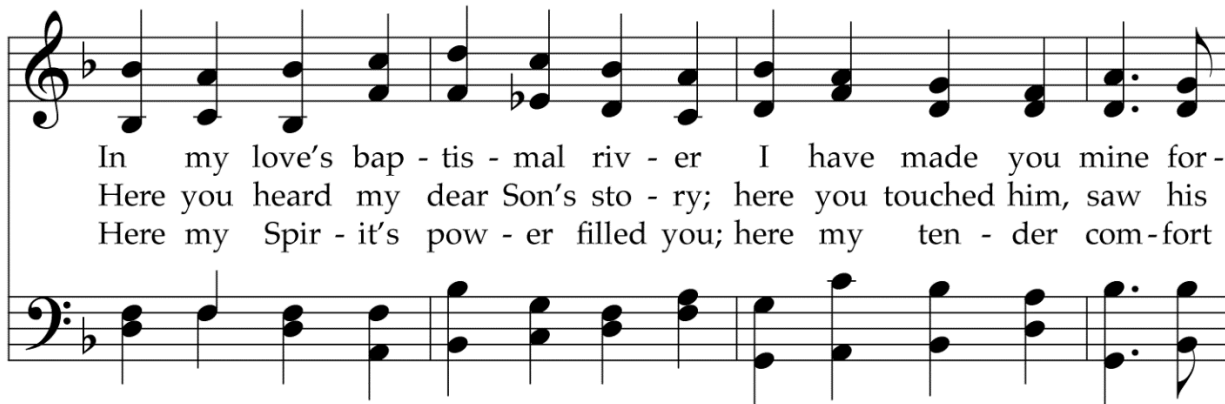
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.




In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

This Week at a Glance!

Later Today . . . 8:00 PM MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074	Monday, February 21 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	Tuesday, February 22 <i>Newsletter today</i> 12:00 PM (in-person) Worship Planning 1:00 PM (in-person) Program Staff Meeting 6:15 PM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How the Word Is Passed</i> Zoom Link	Wednesday, February 23 11:00 AM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How the Word Is Passed</i> Zoom Link
Thursday, February 24	Friday, February 25 <hr/> Saturday, February 26 9:00 AM – 12 NOON (via Zoom) New Hope Presbytery Stated Meeting	Sunday, February 27  Transfiguration of the Lord 9:45-10:45 AM (In-person and via Zoom) Faith Formation for Adults, Middle Schoolers, and Confirmands 9:45-10:30 AM (in-person) Faith Formation for younger children (All classes will meet outside, weather permitting) 11:00 AM Worship (In-person and live online) 4:00 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074	

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