

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Bread of Peace

Carlton Young

INTROIT

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Geonyong Lee

*Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

*Come now, O God of love, make us one body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27:1)**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Beloved of God, let us join our hearts in worship this day.

***HYMN NO. 841**

God Is My Strong Salvation

Passion Chorale

*God is my strong salvation;
what foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation
my light, my help, is near.
Though hosts encamp around me,
firm to the fight I stand;
what terror can confound me,
with God at my right hand?*

*Place on the Lord reliance;
my soul, with courage wait;
God's truth be thine affiance,
when faint and desolate.
God's might thy heart shall strengthen,
God's love thy joy increase;
mercy thy days shall lengthen;
the Lord will give thee peace.*

*Those who are able, please stand.

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God,

you have made us citizens of heaven,

but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.

We have let our desire for security

restrain our commitment to serve the poor.

We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation

to love our enemies.

We have let our love of things dull our generosity

to the needy.

We have let our craving for public status

prevent our honesty about hidden sins.

Yet, you know the desires of our heart

and nothing is hidden from you.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ,

that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison

Lord, Have Mercy

F.G. Douglas

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Kyrie eleison' and 'Christe eleison'. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Chri - ste e - le - e - son. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: Ky - ri - e, Chri - ste Ky - ri - e e - le - e - son. A 'rit.' (ritardando) marking is placed above the second staff.

Declaration of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mace Armstrong

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord, open your Word by your Holy Spirit,
so that we, like Abraham,
may believe your promises to us. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

Mace Armstrong
(Pew Bible, NT Page 77)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM*O Day of Peace*

C.H.H. Parry

*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, OT Page 12)

People: **Thanks be to God!****SERMON***"Count the Stars"*

Mindy Douglas

HYMN NO. 51*To Abraham and Sarah**Llanfyllin***DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

John Weicher

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**You have given all to us.****To you, Lord, we return it.****Everything is yours; do with it what you will.****Give us only your love and your grace,
that is enough. Amen.****A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas and Mindy Douglas

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*)*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: Hear our voice, O Lord, when we call;

All: Have mercy on us and answer us.

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

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. 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Merle's Tune

*(If you do not wish to remain for the Congregational Meeting,
you may exit the sanctuary at this time.)*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mindy Douglas

Reports from:

- Nominating Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Finance Committee

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

Hessee, arr. Young



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 March 6, 128 joined us for in-person worship and 39 households watched the live-streamed broadcast.

Please welcome the following new members to FPC:

Daniel and Amy Mapel live in Morrisville, NC.

Carolyn Ragans lives in Raleigh, NC.

Madge McKeithen lives in Durham, NC.

We welcome the choir back today after a long hiatus. COVID transmission numbers are now in a place where we can safely be back to add our musical offering to the worship service. If you are interested in becoming part of the choir, please speak to Kathy Parkins or email her at k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org.

Throughout Lent, members of our confirmation class are serving as liturgists. This week, we welcome ***Mace Armstrong*** to the lectern. This new feature of the confirmation experience gives our confirmands a chance to be a leader in this way and gives our congregation the chance to see who they are.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given by **Peter and Barbara Fish**, to the glory of God and with love and gratitude to **Valerie McMillian** for more than two decades of faithful service to First Presbyterian Church.

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.

The **Pulpit Paraments**: In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. Her liturgical projects emphasize the “threads that bind” and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of Anne ‘St. Clair’ Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The **Lenten Banner** was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of **Bess Bryant** and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

Portions of *today’s worship texts* were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word* (Year C, Volume 1) and *Book of Common Worship* (2018). The *Kyrie eleison* melody was written by *F.G. Douglas* (December 2019).

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

Restrooms are in the narthex (to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary), on the second floor of the education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children’s playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship.

Large print worship bulletins are available from the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer.

Worship activity bags are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission



PDA’s response to the situation in Ukraine will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. Besides praying, please give. Gifts can be [made online](#), by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Condolence: We extend our deepest sympathy and love to *Wil and Jenni James and family* on the death of Jenni's mother, *Arlene Beaumont*, who passed away on March 9th.

Added this week: *Jo Sivewright*, grandmother of *Courtney Trutna Paley*

<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Harold Dunlap</i>	<i>Carlisle Harvard</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>
<i>Jancy Johnstone</i>	<i>George Kafula</i>	<i>Mitzi Lesher-Thomas</i>	<i>Katy Loebrich</i>

Care Communities:

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

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt,*

Jim Wolfe, Walter Chambliss (Will Chambliss' dad)

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Gerald Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Norma Cordoni, mother of Sheila Breitweiser

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

John Carter, brother of Conrad Carter

Lynn Everett, mother of Luke and Rob Everett

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Richard Hill & family, friends of Kathy Parkins

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams

David Jackson and his son, *Cameron Jackson*, friends of Linda and Conrad Carter

Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters

Rosalind Mbugua, sister of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Shawn Purcell, friend of Jane Brown

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

Heath, son of Chris & Carrie Tuttle

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Jean Vollrath, friend of Jean Cary

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard



FPC's 150th Anniversary Celebration
continues with

"A Service of Psalms"

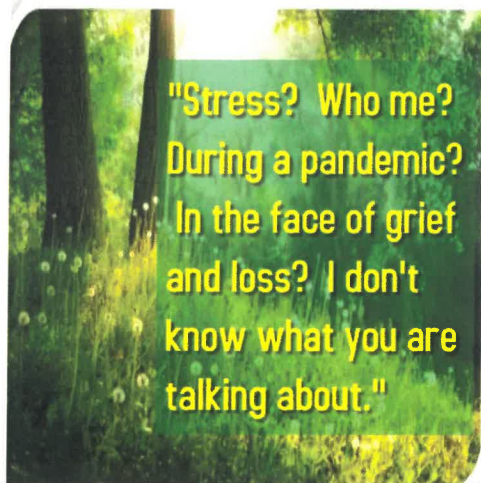
Sunday, March 20, 2022

11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Dr. Nora Tubbs Tisdale

Ordained PC(USA) minister and retired seminary professor (Yale Divinity School, Clement Muehl Professor of Homiletics emeritus). Graduate of Queens College, Charlotte; UNC-Chapel Hill (B.A.); Union Theological Seminary (D. Min.); and Princeton Theological Seminary (Ph.D.).



INTRODUCTION TO MANAGING YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM DURING A TIME OF STRESS

Facilitator: Jane Austin
(Coach, Spiritual Director, and SEP)

March 20, 2022

3:00-4:30 PM

This workshop will be held outdoors, weather permitting or indoors in Watt-Hill Hall. Masks will be required, and social distancing encouraged when inside the building.

After attending the workshop, you are encouraged to sign up [here](#) for a 30-minute, one-on-one session with Jane. You can also call the church office (919-682-5511) to sign up.

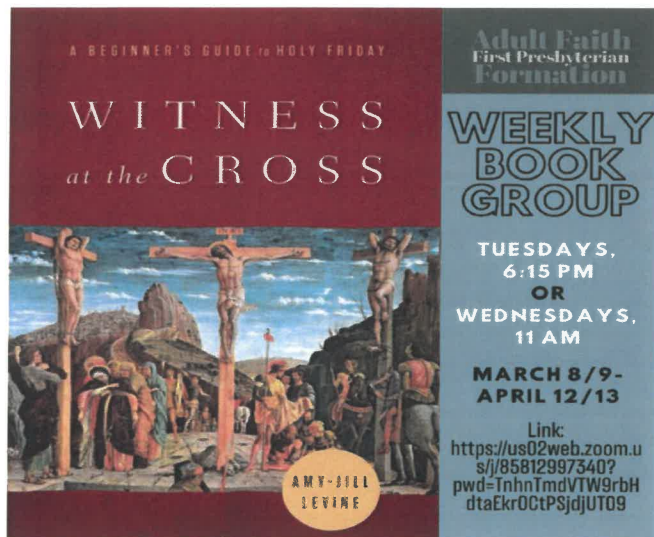


Last winter **McPherson Lecturer Macky Alston** visited First Presbyterian's Faith and Community Class, promising to return for a full lectureship when it was safer to gather. He shared a preview of his current documentary film project, *Acts of Reparations*, a collaboration with Selina Lewis Davidson, in which they explore different ways communities are engaging in conversations and activism to heal the effects of slavery and racism.

On **Sunday, March 27**, he returns to FPC to continue this conversation. We hope you will join us when he leads the Faith and Community class, **9:45-10:45**, in an exploration of what it means as individuals to live into our values. At **11:00** he will lead worship service, asking what it means for the church to live into its values. In the afternoon from **4:00-6:00**, Macky will be

joined by **Vanessa Hawkins** (New Hope Presbytery Transitional Stated Clerk) and **Alonzo Johnson** (Coordinator of the Self-Development of People for the Presbyterian Church USA), who will engage us and the congregation of Covenant Presbyterian in considering what it means to work towards a racially repaired world. All are welcome.

There will be a breakfast with area clergy and seminarians on **Monday, March 28, 9:00-10:30 a.m.** at FPC in Watts-Hill Hall. Those attending this breakfast must make a reservation [here](#).



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Witness at the Cross

by Amy-Jill Levine

Tuesdays at 6:15 PM

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Join the study via Zoom.

The link is the same each week.

[ZOOM LINK](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85812997340?pwd=InhnTmdVTW9rbHdtaEkrOCTPSjdjUT09)

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

Click [here](#) for the discussion schedule.

On **Saturday, April 2nd**, First Presbyterian Church will be touring **Historic Stagville** in two different groups - **one at 10 AM and the second at 2 AM**.

This tour will be led by *Vera Cecelski*, Historic Stagville's site manager. Vera grew up at FPC and is the daughter of *Laura Hanson* and *David Cecelski*.

The tour lasts **75 minutes** and involves **walking on uneven ground** as well as a short drive from one location to another (about a mile away). Each tour is **limited to 30 people**. Sign up now and bring your friends and family! [Sign up Link](#)



Third Thursday Fellowship

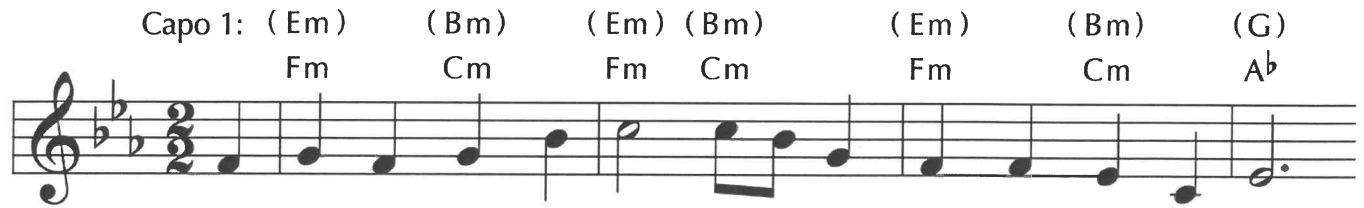
6:30-7:30 PM

at Hi-Wire Brewing
800 Taylor St, Durham

All are welcome.
No RSVP required.

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(Psalm 27)



1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?
2 Place on the Lord re - li - ance; my soul, with cour-age wait;



In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near.
God's truth be thine af - fi - ance, when faint and des - o - late.



Though hosts en-camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand;
God's might thy heart shall strength-en; God's love thy joy in - crease;

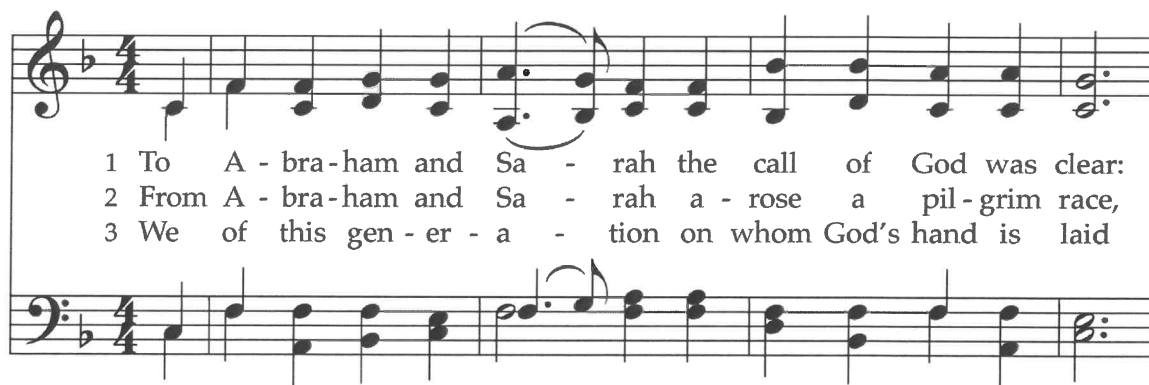


what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?
mer - cy thy days shall length - en; the Lord will give thee peace.

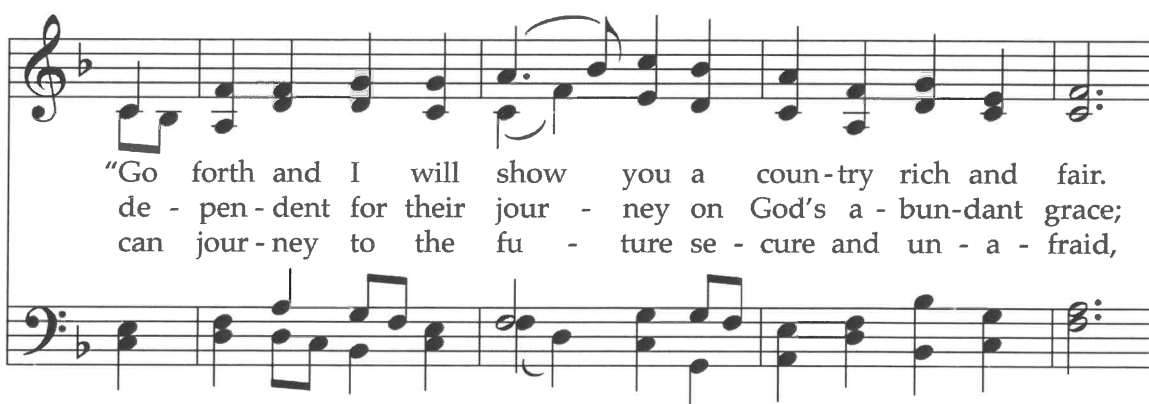
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To Abraham and Sarah

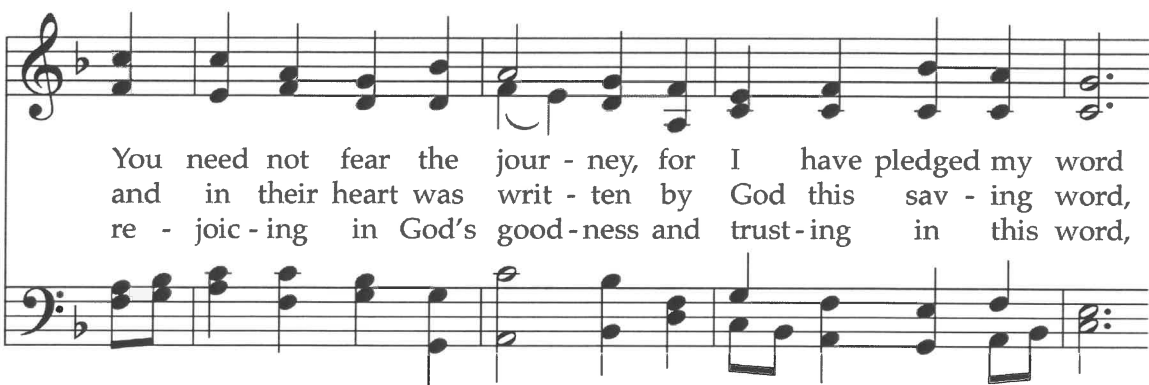
I Will Be Your God



1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid



"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

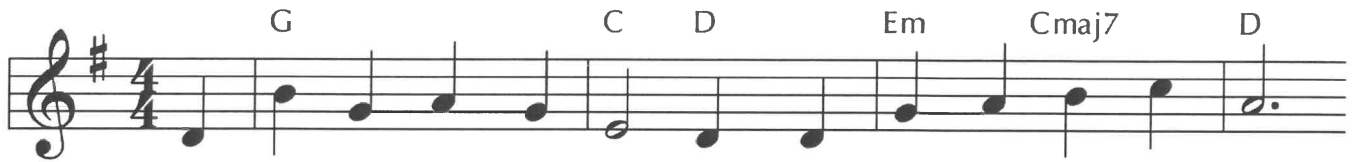


You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

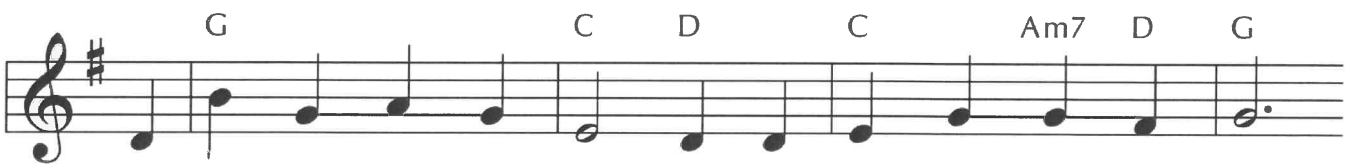


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We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



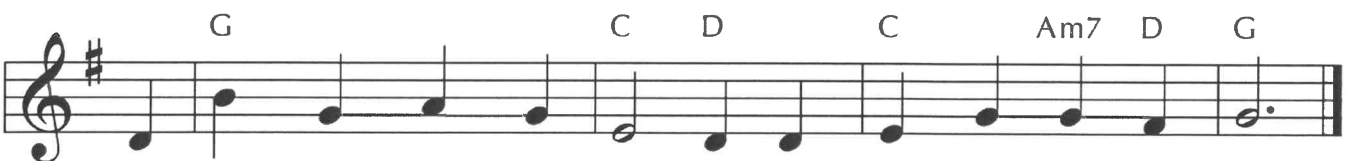
1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
 2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?
 3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,
 4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,



in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,
 We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.
 when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"
 to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.




when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;
 Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home:
 still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:
 The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.
 we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.
 sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.
 to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

This Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today . . .</p> <p>4:00-5:30 PM Youth Groups at Farm Church (Meet at corner of Watts and Green Streets)</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074</p>	<p>Monday, March 14</p> <p>1:00 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:00 PM FPC Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM CE Committee Property Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission</p> <p>7:00 PM WATA Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 15</p> <p>5:00 PM Finance Committee</p> <p>6:15 PM Lenten Book Study: <i>Witness to the Cross</i> Zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Personnel Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM Youth Ministry</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 16</p> <p>11:00 AM Lenten Book Study: <i>Witness to the Cross</i> Zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, March 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>6:30-7:30 PM Third Thursday Fellowship (At Hi-Wire Brewing 800 Taylor St, Durham)</p> <hr/> <p>Friday, March 18</p>	<p>Saturday, March 19</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Grounds Workday at FPC</p>	<p>Sunday, March 20 3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:45-10:45 AM (In-person and via Zoom) Faith Formation for Adults and Youth</p> <p>9:45-10:30 AM (in-person and via Zoom) Faith Formation for children (Classes will meet outside on playground)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Preacher: Nora Tubbs Tisdale (In-person and live online)</p> <p>3:00-4:30 PM Workshop: Managing Your Nervous System During a Time of Stress (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>4:00-5:30 PM Youth Groups (Youth Room)</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074</p>	

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