

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

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

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

*For those of you worshipping with us online, please have your bread and cup available at the beginning of worship so that we might partake of the elements at the same time.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Malcolm Archer

INTROIT *O Living Bread from Heaven* Wedlock, The Sacred Harp

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Mindy Douglas

Leader: The God of our ancestors heard our cries  
and saw our oppression when we were slaves in Egypt.

People: **God brought us out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,  
with signs and wonders God brought us through the wilderness.**

Leader: The Lord, our shelter, our refuge, our dwelling place, says,

All: **“When my people call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble;  
I will show them my salvation.”**

\*HYMN NO. 166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* St. Flavian

\*CONFESSION OF SIN Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**If the temptations were as obvious as the ones Jesus faced,  
then perhaps we would be better at recognizing them,  
but we live in an age of subtlety and nuance.**

**We fill our days with many good things, but none of them are as good as you.**

**We recognize the sins of the past, without taking the time to sort out  
our continuing participation in them in the present.**

**We pray your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,  
forgetting that we are on earth, and that our job is to do your will.**

**Forgive us for all the ways we substitute thoughts and prayers  
for repentance and the commitment towards faith.**

**Give us eyes to see our ignorance and failings,  
and the will to live into your gracious invitation  
for a new start today.**

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

Silent Confession  
Declaration of Pardon

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Thilo Fullenkamp

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,  
guide us, by your Word, through these forty days,  
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may be reformed, restore, and renewed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PSALM LESSON**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Thilo Fullenkamp  
(Pew Bible, OT Page 548)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us, O Lord*

Richard Farrant

*Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,  
And cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure;  
For we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness.  
For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins. -Psalm 27:10*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 4:1-13

John Weicher  
(Pew Bible, NT Page 61)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"It's a Bargain"*

John Weicher

**HYMN NO. 734**

*Hope of the World*

Donne Secours

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)*

*A Declaration of Faith*

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation God has already begun  
and will surely finish.**

**We do not know when the final day will come.**

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs  
that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives.  
But we see Jesus as Lord.**

**As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end.**

**He will judge all people and nations.**

**Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation.**

**There will be no more tears or pain.**

**All things will be made new.**

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

**From a laptop and a daycare center,  
from retirement and teaching,  
from construction work and nursing,  
from all the places where we derive a living,  
we offer you our gifts, God of grace,  
so they might become part of all the fruits  
of hope and of healing,  
of peace and patience,  
which you give to others throughout the world.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

**Leader:** Praise and thanksgiving belong to you, God of every blessing,  
for you shaped all creation to grow into your abundant and eternal harvest.  
You call a holy people to share life with you,  
and when they were captive in Egypt,  
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
you brought them out of oppression,  
through the temptations of the wilderness  
into a land flowing with milk and honey.

In time, your Son came among us,  
facing wilderness and temptation and hunger  
to bring us out of bondage to sin  
and to taste and see that you, the Lord, are good.

And so we thank you with angels and archangels  
and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn:

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
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:** God of mercy, you gave your people manna day by day during their time of testing;  
and because no one can live by bread alone,  
you gave Jesus to be our bread from heaven.

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon your church to live as a sign  
of the way you transform this manna into mercy for all.  
With your Spirit, bless this bread and this cup,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Faithful God, whose Son did not escape suffering and death  
but accepted and finally overcame them,  
bring your disciples by the way of his cross to the joy of Easter.  
Strengthen your church to resist evil of every kind and turn from sin.  
With your mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
uphold those enduring trials and any who know their very life is at stake.  
Be with your children who are heavy laden,  
and all who labor beneath the misuse of power by another.  
Amid temptations to be successful,  
shape your children first to be faithful to your kingdom,  
until the day when in your resurrected glory there is one life,  
one sharing, one holy communion among all saints  
with you to whom all glory belongs forever  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*(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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mindy Douglas and Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(All the bread is gluten free. The elements were prepared in a gluten-free area.  
You will be directed to come forward to receive the bread, then the cup.  
Please return to your seat after receiving the elements.)*

## PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## \*HYMN NO. 756

*O God of Every Nation*

*Llangloffan*

## \*BENEDICTION

John Weicher

## \*POSTLUDE

*Be Strong in the Lord*

*Laudate Domino,*  
arr. Richard Proulx

**The Racial Equity Task Force will meet TODAY at 12:15 in Watts-Hill Hall.**  
**Those interested in this work, please join us. Contact [Kathy Krahenbuhl](#) to learn more.**



***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 27, 111 joined us for in-person worship and 56 households watched the live-streamed broadcast.

***Thanks to Kathy Conner, Jerry Postema, David Smith, Cathy Snell, and Leigh Wynkoop*** for sharing their musical gifts with us today.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of ***Bill Lorimer*** on the occasion of his birthday by his wife ***Marcia Lorimer***, and his sons ***Stephen and David Lorimer***.

***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), and *Eucharistic Prayers*.

***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.

***Masks are still required:*** The congregation will continue to be masked when inside 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.

***Childcare:*** A staffed nursery and children’s playroom are available on the second floor of the education building 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. ***Worship activity bags*** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

### **Choir Rehearsals Begin Again this Wednesday!**

After a long hiatus, choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. If you can match a pitch and are able to commit to regular rehearsals, you are welcome to join the choir. Please contact [Kathy Parkins](#) for more information.

### **Annual Meeting of the Church**

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

The FPC Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Church for Sunday, March 13 at the end of worship. At this meeting the congregation will hear reports from the Nominating Committee and the Finance Committee. Officers for the Class of 2025 will be elected.

The 2022 Operating Budget will be presented, and pastors' terms of call will be approved.

### **New Members Sundays**

On **March 13<sup>th</sup>** and **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, as part of our service of worship, we'll be welcoming new members into the life and ministry of FPC. If you've been thinking about membership but wanted the comfort of 'making it official' at the same time as others we invite you to contact pastor Mindy Douglas or associate pastor Mitzi Leshner-Thomas to learn more about membership at FPC.

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### **~ Our Joys and Concerns ~**

**Congratulations** to *Rebecca Harvard Barnes* who has been named the new interim Director of Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA), replacing out-going director, *Spencer Bradford*.

**Added this week:** *Nicky Clegg*, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

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

*Maxie Honeycutt*, recovering from hip surgery at Hillcrest Convalescent Center

*Paul Cornsweet*

*Harold Dunlap*

*Carlisle Harvard*

*Kerry Holbrook*

*Jancy Johnstone*

*Mitzi Leshner-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:**

*Efren Alvrado* and *Hayes Hunter*, friends of Webb Cummings

*Gerald Arrowood*, brother of Al Arrowood

*Norma Cordoni*, mother of Sheila Breitweiser

*John Carter*, brother of Conrad Carter

*Grace*, Chris James' great-niece

*Roger Kalthoff*, husband of Jane Williams

*Rosalind Mbugua*, sister of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

*Shawn Purcell*, friend of Jane Brown

*Heath*, son of Chris & Carrie Tuttle

*Jean Vollrath*, friend of Jean Cary

*Deb Walsh*, friend of Celia Dickerson

*Greer & Jenn Brown*, friends of Logan Tice

*Mimi Cummings*, mother of Drew Cummings

*Lynn Everett*, mother of Luke and Rob Everett

*Richard Hill & family*, friends of Kathy Parkins

*Vivian Mast*, friend of Josh Walters

*Aaron Pritchard*, friend of Kathy Parkins

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

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*John Wakefield*, cousin of Vernon Neece

*Janice Faye West*, mother of Randy Lang Howard



## WORKSHOPS

### INTRODUCTION TO MANAGING YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM DURING A TIME OF STRESS

Speaker: Jane Austin, Coach, Spiritual Director, and SEP  
(Click [here](#) to read Jane's bio.)

A weekday evening workshop has been added  
for those who cannot attend Sunday afternoon workshops.

**Thursday, March 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 20 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

These workshops will be held outdoor, weather permitting  
or indoors in Watt-Hill Hall.

Masks will be required, and social distancing encouraged.

After attending a 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.

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## GRIEF RETREAT: Finding Comfort & Hope

**March 18-20, 2022**

The Faith and Grief team is offering this weekend retreat at the Montreat Conference Center in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Scholarships are available from FPC for members wanting to attend. For more about the retreat and to register to attend, go to this webpage: <https://www.faithandgrief.org/montreatretreat/> If you have interest in carpooling to the retreat, contact [Valerie](#) in the church office (919-682-5511).

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## GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

March 1 begins both a new month and the Growing thru Grief spring "Introduction to Grief" series titled "When Hearts Break: Navigating the Landscape of Loss." Heidi Gessner will be leading this six-week series on Zoom:

**March 15:** Who am I Now? Identity and Roles

**March 22:** I'm Not Sure I Can Do This: Coping with the Pain of Loss

**March 29:** The Wisdom of My Torn Heart: Remembering through Writing

**April 5:** Where Do I Go from Here? Finding Meaning

Everyone who attends needs to register each week. Contact [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the meeting if you'd like to join us.

Heidi Gessner is an Ordained United Church of Christ Minister who served as the Palliative Care Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill for nearly 20 years. Heidi provided emotional and spiritual support to patients and their families, as well as the hospital staff. She's facilitated grief support groups for many years – both talking and writing groups.

First Presbyterian Church - Love in the Heart of Durham



2022  
McPherson  
Lecture: Acts  
of Reparation

Macky Alston  
Documentarian

Sunday, March 27... Faith Formation - 9:45 am  
Worship - 11 am  
Community Conversation - 4-6 pm  
Monday, March 28... Clergy Breakfast, 9 am

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 (National 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](#).



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



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



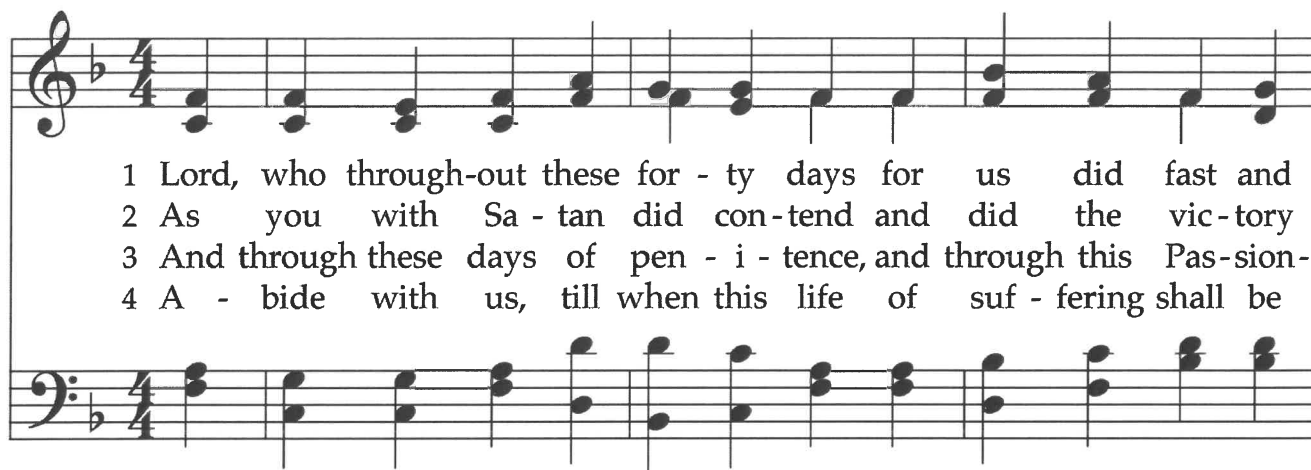
The current Russian invasion of Ukraine that started on February 24 follows eight years of conflict. Hundreds of thousands of people across Ukraine are enduring bombings and assault by Russian military forces and have lost power, been cut off from water and fuel, and there is a shortage of food and other basic supplies. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel. 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.**

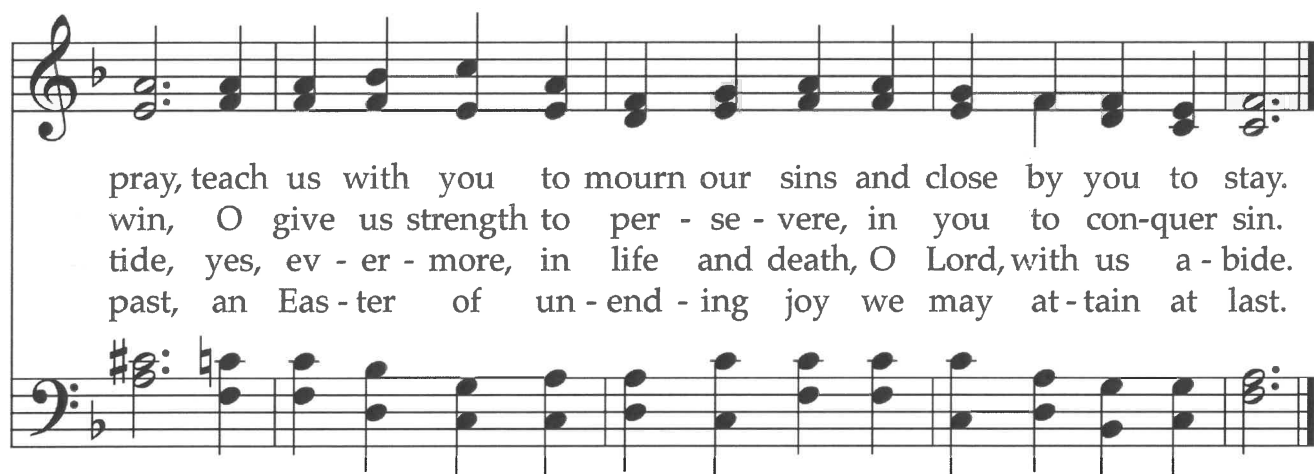


# Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory  
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-  
4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.  
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.  
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

# Hope of the World

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1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:  
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;  
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:  
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:  
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.  
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

# O God of Every Nation

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1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

## This Week at a Glance!

<b>Later Today . . .</b>  <b>4:00-5:30 PM</b> Youth Groups  <b>8:00 PM</b> MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074	<b>Monday, March 7</b>  <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship Planning  <b>1:00 PM</b> Program Staff Meeting	<b>Tuesday, March 8</b>  <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Book Study: <i>Witness to the Cross</i> <a href="#">Zoom Link</a>  <b>7:00 PM</b> The Things That Matter Book Group (Watts-Hill Hall)	<b>Wednesday, March 9</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> Lenten Book Study: <i>Witness to the Cross</i> <a href="#">Zoom Link</a>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday, March 10</b>  <b>7:00-8:30 PM</b> Workshop: Managing Your Nervous System During a Time of Stress (Watts-Hill Hall)	<b>Friday, March 11</b>  <hr/> <b>Saturday, March 12</b>	<b>Sunday, March 13</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>New Member Sunday</b> <b>Annual Meeting of the Church</b>  <b>9:45-10:45 AM</b> (In-person and via Zoom) Faith Formation for Adults and Youth  <b>9:45-10:30 AM</b> (in-person and via Zoom) Faith Formation for children (Classes will meet outside on playground)  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship (In-person and live online)  <b>4:00 5:30 PM</b> Youth Groups combined (at Watts and Green Streets)  <b>8:00 PM</b> MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074	

### 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  
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