

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DURHAM NC 27701

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3 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

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

**PRELUDE** 

Meditation on "Wondrous Love"

John Barr

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: God makes a way out of no way.

People: God sees our tears and turns them into joy.

Leader: God makes the impossible, possible,

People: and sees the desperate needs of all people.

Leader: Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.

\*Hymn No. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Why are you so extravagant, O Lord?

We work hard,

use our intelligence,

keep our ledgers balanced,

accomplish feats daily,

care for our families

and honor our inherited legacies.

Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?

Yet you throw open windows and doors,

revealing a vision we do not possess,

where accomplishments don't count,

where tears reap joy.

where peace is found in suffering,

where confidence is gained

by giving away what is ours to treasure.

Show us again what matters.

Forgive our misplaced values,

and draw us into your extravagance,

that we, too, might be generous with our love.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

#### Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison

Lord, Have Mercy

F.G. Douglas





Declaration of Pardon

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Giselle Cowden

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**People:** Leader:

Let us pray.

All:

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God.

Let your word, read and proclaimed,

pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives.

Then, anointed with your word,

send us out to share the good news we have received.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON** 

Isaiah 43:16-21

Giselle Cowden

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, OT Page 672)

People:

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-8

Mindy Douglas

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 106)

People:

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"Extravagant Love"

Mindy Douglas

HYMN

When Mary Poured a Rich Perfume

Sung to Kingsfold

When Mary poured a rich perfume on Jesus' weary feet,

Her caring filled that humble room; the fragrance there was sweet.

But full of anger, Judas said, "We could have used this more!

Why was her gift not sold instead, and given to the poor?"

(Hymn continues next page.)

The Lord replied, "Leave her alone! She bought it for this day. This caring love that she has shown is faithful to God's way. The poor will always be with you, but you will not have me." He blessed her and he thanked her, too, for giving lavishly.

O Christ, what can your people bring to show you thanks and love? You need no fragrant offering; for now you reign above. Since there will never cease to be the poor throughout the land, May we, your church, serve faithfully by offering them our hand.

#### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

### **NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME**

Mitzi Lesher-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

Sung Response

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

#### **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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Mindy Douglas

John Weicher

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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: God who makes us wonder, Maker of all that is:

we bless you for every good gift in the world –

the bright morning sun,

the starlight in the deep night sky,

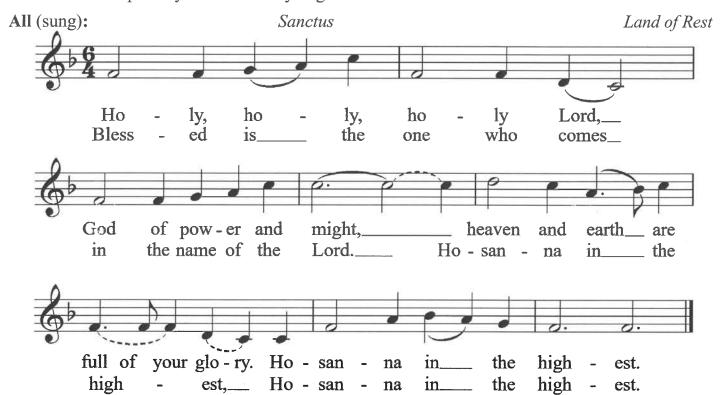
the seeds waking up as life emerges in spring.

We bless you for the food we eat and the water we drink,

gifts of this good old earth.

We join our voices with all these amazing things

to praise you for the life you give us.



Leader:

Jesus, you walk beside us day by day.

It is so good to know that you lived a life like ours,

walked in the sun, got tired, had sore feet.

It's even better to know you enjoyed your food

and sitting down with your good friends for a meal.

You laughed and you cried.

And you played with children in the town square.

We thank you that you lived on earth and died on earth

to show us how to find God

in the middle of everything that happens.

Leader:

Here and now you meet us and feed us at this table, just as all your other friends around the world meet you at theirs.

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, breathe on us now

and on these gifts of bread and juice. As we taste the bread, make us remember

that God will always give us everything we need to live.

As we sip from our cups,

make us remember that you are God's love within us to show us how to share everything we have

with neighbors in need

to make the world a wonderful place to live in.

As often as we eat bread and drink juice in Jesus' name help us remember that your love will never let us go.

(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 John Weicher

#### COMMUNION OF THE PLOPLE

(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.

Empty cups may be placed in the holders in the pews.)

Anthem (sung by the choir)

O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort

Johann Wolfgang Franck

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne'er in sorrow pine.

My heart and soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus, trust alone in Thee.

Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, true God, true Man, My Morning Star!

Come Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.

In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine.

My thoughts, desires, and all my longings, I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.

Come Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

## PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All:

Loving God, your love is as close to us as our own hands and feet.

People who need your love are as close to us

as the people beside us, behind us, and in front of us.

Send us now into your world to love each other, sure that you love us.

Show us where we are needed

and how we can make a difference

so that our world will be a good place for all your people.

We know this is what Jesus wanted.

Help us to live for Jesus wherever we go. Amen.

\*Hymn No. 215

What Wondrous Love is This

Wondrous Love

\*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

\*Postlude

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

Martha Sobaje



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 27, 132 joined

us for in-person worship and 32 households watched the live-streamed broadcast.

We welcome and introduce in worship today two new members who were received into membership by the Session on March 28th. Heidi Biermann joins FPC as an affiliate member. She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and a ThD student at Duke who came to Durham in 2020. Mary Ashley Rose joins FPC by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount. She moved to the Durham area in 2021 and is a school counselor at Trinity School of Durham and Chapel Hill.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Dewey Lawson* by *Bet Lawson*.

*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 *Call to Worship*, *Feasting on the Word* (Year C, Volume 1) and *Wild Goose Big Book of Liturgies, Iona Community*. *Music and hymn texts* were reprinted under OneLicense.net: A.713926.

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 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.

These Days devotional books for the spring quarter (April-June 2022) have arrived. Copies in regular print are available from the table in the church foyer while supplies last.

#### **Our Concerns**

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Dawn and John Shelton* on the death of Dawn's father (*Simon* and *Jane Carsey's* grandfather), *Robert (Bob) Warren*. Bob died Sunday, March 27 and his service was held Wednesday, March 30, in Nebraska.

- Wes Carson is recovering at The Forest at Duke health center.
- Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams, at Duke Hospital.
- Chris Wood, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

Paul Cornsweet Harold Dunlap Kerry Holbrook Maxie Honeycutt Jancy Johnstone George Kafula Charlotte Nelson Mitzi Lesher-Thomas Katy Loebrich Emily Wilson

### **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

Bob Barton, father of Cheryl Barton Henry and father-in-law of Andy Henry

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

John Carter, brother of Conrad Carter

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Richard Hill & family, friends of Kathy Parkins
Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters

Re

s *David Jackson*, friend of Linda & Conrad Carter *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

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

#### **GROWING THROUGH GRIEF**

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

Growing thru Grief spring "Introduction to Grief" series will conclude on April 5. Everyone attending must register each week. Contact <a href="mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org">admin@growingthrugrief.org</a> by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the meeting if you'd like to join us.

#### **New Members Sunday**

On **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, as part of our service of worship, we will 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 <u>Mindy Douglas</u> or associate pastor <u>Mitzi Lesher-Thomas</u> to learn more about membership at FPC.

## **HOLY WEEK - Stations of the Cross Art Display**

**Throughout Holy Week, April 11-April 15,** First Presbyterian will have designated times to come and pray at the church at the Stations of the Cross-art display as depicted by artist Mary Button. As you pray at these stations, you travel across the world twice over in images. Surrounding each station is a border which depicts the movement of Jesus toward the cross.

## ~ Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10 ~

9:15-10:15 a.m. - Adult Faith Formation classes (Note earlier start time.)

9:45 a.m. Egg hunt for younger children and hot cross buns for all!

10:15 a.m. Palm Parade around downtown Durham

11:00 a.m. Worship using Scriptures and songs about Christ's passion.

## ~ Maundy Thursday, April 14 ~

## 6:00 p.m. Joint Worship - Covenant Presbyterian Church sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church will worship with (at) Covenant Presbyterian Church (2620 Weaver Street, Durham). The service will include Holy Communion to commemorate Jesus' last supper. FPC's **John Weicher** is preaching.

## ~ Good Friday, April 15 ~

## 7:00 p.m. The Tenebrae in the FPC sanctuary

An ancient service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus, death and of hopelessness in the world without God.

## ~ Easter Sunday, April 17 ~

9:45 a.m. Outdoor Easter morning re-enactment

10:30 a.m. Fellowship time with light refreshments

11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

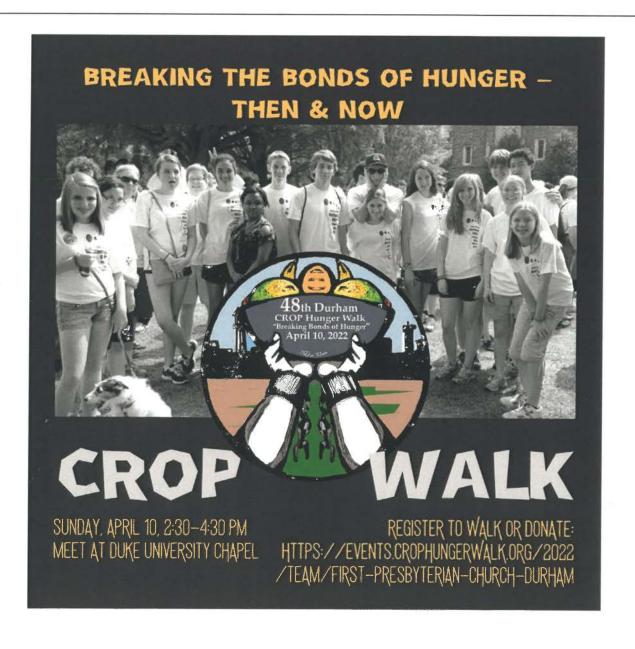
Flower the Cross: You are invited to bring fresh greenery and flowers from your garden to flower the cross at the church on Easter Sunday morning.

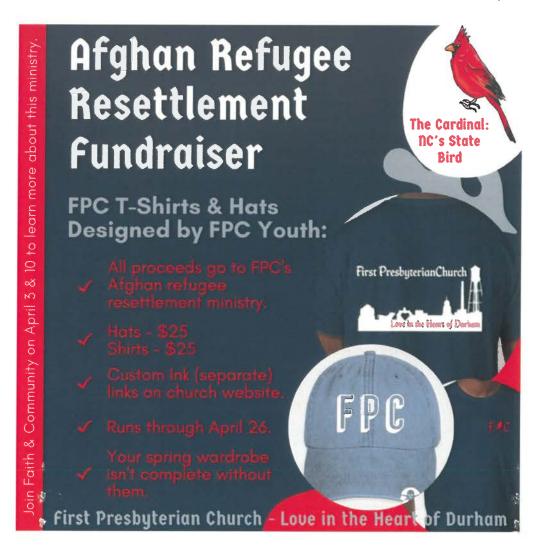
**PC(USA)** Special Offering: The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday to provide relief to the hungry, poor, and oppressed, and those affected by natural disasters and war. Online giving is now available via the church's website.

## Flower Donation Opportunities Available

**EASTER LILIES** will grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Remember/honor someone on Easter Sunday by donating toward the lilies' cost. **To participate, complete and return the donor card with your donation by Palm Sunday, April 10.** 

There are also open dates for worship flower donors during the next few months. To learn more and to sign up, click <a href="here">here</a>, or on the flowers link in the bi-weekly newsletter, or on the FLOWERS link on the homepage of the FPC web site.





If you loved your FPC socks or mask last year, wait until you see these t-shirts and hats. Designed by FPC youth, these hats and shirts are being sold by the Youth Ministry Committee, with funds from sales will go to help First Presbyterian Church sponsor refugee families resettling here in Durham. Shirts (*Love in the Heart of Durham FPC Shirts Custom Ink Fundraising*) and hats *Fabulous FPC Hats Custom Ink Fundraising*) are \$25 each. (Note that there are separate links for each.) Unlike last year, hats and shirts will be available for pick up at the church. The fundraiser closes on Tuesday, April 26, so order ASAP.



#### Save the Date!!

It is time for another **Day of Service** to bag tons of rice and beans for the **Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel**.

Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon 2504 N Roxboro Street (parking lot)

You will also be invited to bring some food donations for the pantry. More details and an opportunity to sign up coming soon. Questions? Contact Margaret Rubiera.

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



## When Mary Poured a Rich Perfume



## Verses 1 and 2 only

## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727



# What Wondrous Love Is This 215



|   | This Week   | at a Glance!  |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Later Today   | Monday, April 4   | Tuesday, April 5  | Wednesday, April 6   |
| 12:15-1:15 PM Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)  8:00 PM  MnM Fellowship  Zoom ID: 87574376074 | 10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle & Bible Study  12:00 PM Worship Planning 1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Building Committee (MHA Works office) 6:00 PM Capital Campaign Committee (via Zoom) | 6:15 PM Lenten Book Study: Witness at the Cross Zoom Link 7:30 PM Youth Ministry Committee Meeting  | 11:00 AM Lenten Book Study: Witness at the Cross Zoom Link 7:00 PM Chancel Choir |
| Thursday, April 7   | Friday, April 8  Saturday, April 9  | Sunday, April 10 Palm/Passion Sunday New Members received  9:15-10:15 AM (In-person and via Zoom) Faith Formation for Adults and Youth  9:45 AM Egg Hunt for younger children Confirmation Class  |  |
|   |   | 10:15–10:45 AM Palm Parade  11:00 AM Worship (In-person and live online)  2:30 PM  Durham's Annual CROP Walk (Walkers meet in front of Duke Chapel by 2:15)  4:00 PM  Youth (grades 5-7) at FPC Youth (grades 8-12) at Reality Ministries Talent Show (DAP)  8:00 PM MnM Fellowship |  |

#### **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
Omar Guess, Sunday Morning Sexton



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus Sybil King, Administrative Assistant Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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