

Celebrating 150 Years of Ministry

"Downtown by History and by Choice"

May 1, 2022

First Presbyterian Church Durham North Carolina Organized 1871

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

3rd Sunday of Easter

150th Anniversary Celebration

May 1, 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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Bob Pleasants

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune on "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

Kent Foss, trumpet

arr. Wayne Wold

INTROIT

This Is the Day

Anon (16th century)

This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118)

*OPENING PROCLAMATION AND PRAYER

Lanny Pratt

Leader:

God has blessed us with 150 years of mission and ministry as First Presbyterian Church.

We are a remembering people, and it is good that we remember that God has called us,

baptized us and brought us together as Christ's body in this place.

As remembering people, we look back at all the saving acts of God:

the Creation, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation,

the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Church.

We are a remembering people, but we are also a people of this day,

brought together by God to be a holy fellowship of believers:

the Body of Christ, doing justice, loving kindness,

working in the world, and living in the hope of God's kingdom yet to come.

Our eyes look back with thanksgiving.

Our eyes look forward in hope.

Therefore, with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future,

let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission which God gives us as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

People:

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the work you have done in this place.

We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness.

When we called on your name, you made your presence known to us.

When we prayed, you heard us.

When we preached your Word and administered your Sacraments, you were in our midst.

When we fed the hungry, we fed you.

When we cared for the sick, we cared for you.

When we loved our neighbors, we loved you.

You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins.

And you have sent your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses.

^{*} Those who are able, please stand.

Leader: Continue to empower us with your Spirit, O Lord,

that we might proclaim your Gospel to all people.

People: We dedicate our lives to your service.

Leader: Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say.

People: We dedicate our lives to your service.

Leader: Show us how we might give care and support to the needy,

love and mercy to the broken and forlorn.

People: We dedicate our lives to your service.

Leader: Show us new ways of loving one another and those around us.

People: We dedicate our lives to your service.

Leader: Break down those prejudices and barriers which divide us,

and make us all one in your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Leader: Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up the broken and afflicted among us.

By the promise of your presence, bring us your healing love.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Leader: Bring us at last to the joy of your eternal kingdom, where,

with the faithful of this church who have gone before us

and with all your saints, we may evermore praise your name.

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed Lord, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds,

fill our imaginations, control our wills, and make us wholly yours.

Use us as you will, to the glory of your holy name and the welfare of your people;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

*HYMN No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness in guiding and providing for this church through the years, during times of celebration and challenge.

We ask for your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not been faithful—

in the past or in the present, as individuals and as a congregation—to your Word and your ways.

Forgive us for our sins and shortcomings.

Forgive us for not loving you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength,

and for not loving our neighbors--and each other--as we ought.

Forgive us for missed opportunities to follow you with a greater commitment of trust and faithfulness to the priorities and purposes that you intend for us.

Give us a renewed desire for worshiping and serving you, our Great and Faithful God.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*THE PEACE John Weicher

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Heidi Biermann

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises.

When we are weak, grant us your strength; when we are confused, grant us your guidance; when we are distraught, grant us your comfort; when we are dead in sin, grant us new life.

Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:6-12

(Pew Bible, OT Page 688)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Heidi Biermann

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

SERMON

1 Corinthians 3:5-11, 21-23

(Pew Bible, NT Page 167)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

"Repairing the Breach: A Vision for the Next 150 Years"

Mindy Douglas

Mindy Douglas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

John Weicher

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.

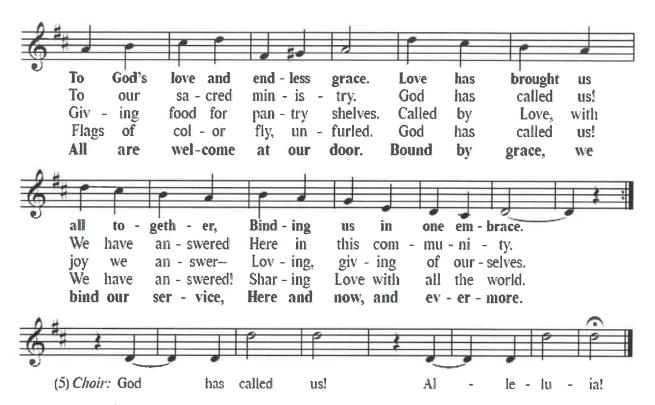
CELEBRATION HYMN ANTHEM

God Has Called Us!

Lauda Anima, arr. James Biery

Written for the 150th anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church, Durham, N.C. *The congregation is invited to join in singing the first and last stanzas.*





A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

DEDICATION OF PARAMENTS AND OFFERINGS

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: We dedicate these paraments, lovingly designed, stitched and given to the glory of God

by Ruth and Russell Roberson in memory of their mothers: Zenobia Teresa Cox Haislip

and Myrtle Taylor Roberson.

People: We receive these paraments to use with reverence and respect in our worship of God.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Loving and gracious God, you are the Great Creator and Artist,

all our gifts flow from you.

Grant us your blessing as we consecrate these paraments

and our lives to your glory.

May all the gifts offered this day serve as an enduring witness

before all your people.

In the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Weicher and Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Age after age you have revealed yourself to your people

and blessed them with gifts beyond number.

Leader:

We give you thanks for those who out of love for you established this congregation, and for those who have nurtured and sustained it to this day.

They planted and watered, but you gave the growth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

All:



Leader: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All:



Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Leader: Renew our communion with all those who in times past

have worshiped visibly in this holy place,

and now worship here invisibly.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,

and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All:

Hymn No. 574



THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All 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.)

Communion Hymn No. 301

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

(Choir and congregation)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

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

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

All: Strengthen for service, Lord,

the hands that holy things have taken,

and keep us faithful to Jesus' teachings and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread.

Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" for trumpet and organ

Lobe den Herren, arr. Wayne Wold

Lunch following worship: those of you who made a reservation for lunch are invited to eat with us in the courtyard (outdoors) or Watts-Hill Hall (indoors) for your meal.

A Reminder to Worshippers: As you exit your pew, please kindly recycle your bulletin, and pick up any inserts, personal trash, etc. and take these with you. Returning hymnals and Bibles to the pew racks is also very helpful. Thank you for leaving the sanctuary presentable for our guests who will attend the concert here later today.

The Women's Voices Chorus will present their spring concert at 4:00 p.m. Tickets and masks with proof of vaccination or negative COVID test result are required for admission. The will-call table for picking up tickets will be ready in the church foyer beginning at 3:15 p.m.



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code. First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. 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. So that we may better know each other, please sign the Ritual of

Friendship pad, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then <u>return it to the starting</u> <u>point</u>, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in celebration of First Presbyterian Church's 150th Anniversary. *Music Notes:*

We thank Kent Foss for his instrumental gifts to our service this morning.

The new Hymn-Anthem "God Has Called Us" was commissioned by First Presbyterian with funding from the Horst and Ruth Mary Meyer Endowment for Music and Gardens. It was composed by James Biery, Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Well-known as an organist, composer, and conductor, his anthems are represented by six publishers in the United States. The text of the anthem was penned by Marilyn Biery, poet, who has written many of the texts for her husband's anthems and is also celebrated as a composer and organist. James and Marilyn were "Composers in Residence" at First Presbyterian in October of 2018. We thank them for their contribution to the repertory of church music. -Kathy Parkins

The paraments and communion tablecloth being dedicated during worship today are a gift from Ruth and Russell Roberson given in memory of their mothers: Zenobia Teresa Cox Haislip and Myrtle Taylor Roberson, both of whom were quilters, and on the 150th Anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church of Durham, North Carolina December 31,1871 - December 31, 2021. They were designed and sewn by Beth Taylor in Boone, NC and Schenectady, NY and completed March 10, 2022. Beth is a fabric artist and modern quilter. She has created a unique communion cloth and paraments for First Presbyterian by including the personal items donated by members. They can be seen on the white paraments and communion cloth being used today for worship, the green paraments that are in the sanctuary, and the quilt that is displayed in Watts-Hill Hall. She has also sewn fabric labels with the information about the gift on the back of each item she created. Beth is a member of First Presbyterian-Durham and recently moved to Schenectady NY with her husband Robert Parker.

Our *Paschal Candle and stained Red Oak Stand* were given in memory of *Elder Ed Kwon* and originally dedicated on April 30, 2017. This candle stands as a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. The lit Candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over death to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross and an *alpha* and *omega*, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us now and always. The Candle is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide (Easter to Pentecost) and at other special services during the year.

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

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return it to an usher.

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.

Nursery care for infants through 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Worship activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Large print worship bulletins (includes music) are available from the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer.

From the pages of First Presbyterian's history . . .

Our Installed Pastors

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Mission Outreach

"Christian mission outreach [at First Presbyterian Church] developed in the 1880s at a time when [Durham] enjoyed the early fruits of economic enterprise. Generous stewardship facilitated mission." ... "Domestic missions were the central focus of the church's benevolences and its more important witness to God's presence in the world." (p.33) As First Church continues its mission, it has responded to the changing diversity in Durham and opened doors of hospitality, demonstrating cultural and ethnic inclusiveness.

Source: Downtown by History and Choice by Peter Fish

Partners in Mission and Ministry

Achievement Academy of Durham Meals on Wheels

Bread for the World NAACP

Bright Stars of Bethlehem NC Council of Churches

CASA NCCU Campus Ministry

Child Poverty Summit

New Hope Presbytery

Duke [Presbyterian] Campus Ministry Our Children's Place

Durham CAN

Partners for Youth Opportunity

Durham Children's Initiative

PC(USA) Mission Partnership

Durham Congregations in Action PC(USA) South Sudan

Durham Literacy Center PC(USA) Theological Education Fund
Durham Partnership for Children PC(USA) Undesignated Missionaries

El Futuro Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Emergency Energy Fund Presbytery/Synod/GA Unified Giving

End Poverty Durham Racial Equity Institute
Families First Reality Ministries

Families Moving Forward Rebuilding Together of the Triangle

First Presbyterian Day School Religious Coalition

FPC Walk-In Ministry

Growing Thru Grief

Senior PharmAssist

Step-Up Ministry

Habitat for Humanity Summer Week of Service

Housing for New Hope Threshold

Human Kindness Foundation

Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry

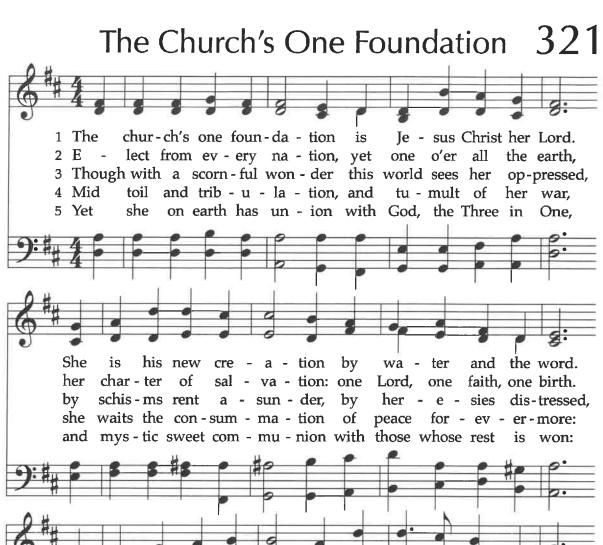
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Uneven Ground





From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride. ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



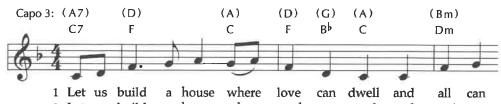
own blood he bought her, and With his for her life he died. one hope she press - es, with and ev - ery grace en - dued. And soon the night of weep - ing shall the morn of song. be the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest. them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.



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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe ly live, place where saints and chil - dren tell a strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek hall wine, and wheat; ban - quet on ho - ly ground wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, vi sions heard loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed and



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the wit - ness and as sym bol of God's grace; here as Ĭe is re - vealed time sus, in and space; we as bear the strang - er im age of God's face; let us laugh - ter, prayers of and faith songs of grace; let this



one we claim the faith of Je - sus: share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come: an end bring to fear and dan - ger: house pro-claim from floor raf - ter: to



The Week at a Glance!					
Later Today	Monday, May 2	Tuesday, May 3	Wednesday, May 4		
Following worship: Anniversary Lunch (in the courtyard and Watts-Hill Hall) 4:00 PM Women's Voices Chorus Spring Concert (in the sanctuary; mask and ticket required) 4:00-5:30 PM Youth Groups (College Care Packages Cookies Project) 8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship	10:30 – 12 Noon Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Study 1:00 PM Plan Worship 2:00 PM Program Staff 7:00 PM Christian Education Leadership Team	6:15 PM Book Study: Aging	11:00 AM Book Study: Aging 7:00 PM Chancel Choir		
Thursday, May 5 1:00-6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive (in Watts-Hill Hall) Friday, May 6	Saturday, May 7 4:00 PM First Friends Potluck at the Wiebe/Shimers	Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day 9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for Children, Youth and Adults 11:00 AM Worship 8:00 PM MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074			

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