

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP** Amy and Gray Wilson

**PRELUDE** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Malcolm Archer

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** John Weicher

Leader: Frayed and frazzled, our lives jangle  
with tension and anxiety.

**People: We gather to find that place of peace  
God offers to us.**

Leader: Awash in worries and doubts,  
drowning in a sea of fears,

**People: we gather beside still waters  
where Jesus offers us a cup of grace.**

Leader: Weakened by the burdens of life,  
wandering as if lost in a wilderness,

**All: we gather so the Spirit can restore our souls  
and show us the path to the kingdom.**

**\*HYMN NO. 327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN** Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Eternal God,**

**in the presence of our enemies,  
you choose neither contempt nor punishment,  
but set a table and make provision for us all.**

**Our ways are not your ways, O Creator,  
and they are an affront to the work of your hands.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us.**

**Send our risen Lord among us again  
to repair relationships and restore humanity.**

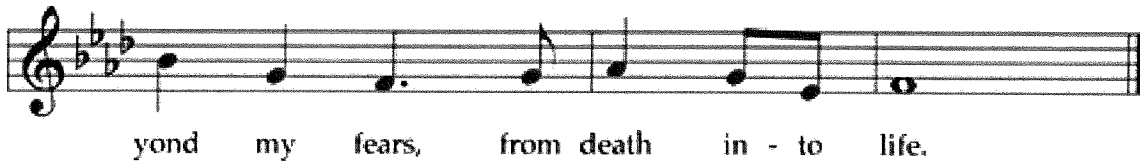
**Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus  
just as he does at his table.**

Silent Confession

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

Response (Hymn No. 473)

*Shepherd Me*



Assurance of Pardon

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Shepherd of Souls,  
you call us to an abundant feast  
at the table of your word;  
open our hearts to feed on your goodness,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING**

John 10:22-30

(Pew Bible, NT Page 104)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Michael Honeycutt

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*Paschal Lamb, Who Suffered for Us*

Carl Schalk

*Paschal Lamb who suffered for us, Sheepgate guarding all your sheep,  
Let us hear your voice which summons each of us, God's will to keep.  
Dead to sin through your great mercy, By your wounds we are made whole;  
You have gathered us from straying, O great Shepherd of our souls.*

*Guide and guard us through our sufferings, let us hear you call our name.  
Knowing you as our Messiah who, for us, bore cross and shame.  
In your victory make us sharers; lead us now from sin and strife  
That we all who share one Baptism safe may pass through death to life.*

**PSALM READING**

Psalm 23

(Pew Bible, OT Page 501)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*"Shepherding God"*

Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

HYMN NO.182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*Kingsfold*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR KAI DAVID CHAMPION

Mindy Douglas and John Weicher

**Introduction and Words of Scripture**

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Kai David Champion to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Questions to the Parent:**

Pastor: Kayla, do you desire that your child be baptized?  
Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?  
Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?  
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith  
and to teach that faith to your child?

Parent: **I do.**

**Questions to the gathered Children:**

Pastor: Do you promise to be a friend to Kai?  
If he gets lost will you help him find the way?  
If he falls down, will you help pick him up?  
Will you share with him the stories of Jesus?

Children: **Yes.**

**Question to the Congregation:**

Elder: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ,  
promise to guide and nurture Kai by word and deed,  
with love and prayer,  
encouraging him to know and follow Christ  
and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: **We do.**

**\*Profession 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.**

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism: in it we are buried with Christ in his death; from it we are raised to share in his resurrection; through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of rebirth. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Kai that he may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Baptism**

**Anointing**

**Welcome**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

John Weicher

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Holy God, Divine shepherd,  
you anoint us with the oil of gladness;  
your love overflows our hearts.**

**Accept our offering for the good of the world  
as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Mindy Douglas

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Mindy Douglas

**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

Take Time to Be Holy

Slane



1 Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord; A -  
 2 Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on; Spend  
 3 Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide; And  
 4 Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul, Each



bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word. Make  
 much time in se - cret, with Je - sus a - lone. By  
 run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide. In  
 thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol. Thus



friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak, For -  
 look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be; Thy  
 joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord, And,  
 led by his Spir - it to foun - tains of love, Thou



get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.  
 friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.  
 look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.  
 soon shall be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

\*POSTLUDE

Christ Lay in Death's Strong Hold (Christ Lag in Todesbanden)

J.S. Bach

*The Sacrament of Baptism* is being administered to *Kai David Champion* during worship today. Kai is the son of *Kayla Buck Champion* and grandson of *Susan Buck and Lenore Champion*. He is also nephew to *Megan Champion, Alex Buck,* and *Jackson Buck*.



**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 **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *flowers* are given today by *Caroline Davis Rourk*, to glory of God, and in memory of: *Margaret Smith Davis*, her grandmother; *Jane Davis Rourk*, her mother; *Malcolm Henderson Rourk, Jr.*, her father; *Malcom Henderson Rourk, III* her brother; *William Javan Davis* her uncle; and her beloved boyfriend, *Christopher Michael Whitworth*, USMC.

**Portions of today's liturgy** come from *Thom Shuman Lectionary Liturgies, Call to Worship Lectionary Aids* for 2021-2022 and *Book of Common Worship (2018)*.

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.



Scan for today's announcements

Paper copies of the announcements are available on the table in the foyer.

## Our Concerns

### Condolences:

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- **Susan Dunlap, Prasad Katsihatla, and Anna Kasibhatla** on the death of Susan's father (Anna's grandfather) and FPC member, **Harold Dunlap**. Harold died May 5, 2022 at The Forest at Duke Health Center.
- The family of **George Crane, Jr.**, FPC's oldest member who died on April 30 at Hillcrest Convalescent Center. A funeral service was held April 6 at Clements Funeral Chapel in Durham.

**Wes Carson** is a patient at The Forest at Duke Health Center.

**Roger Kalthoff**, husband of Jane Williams, at home under the care of hospice

**Paul Cornsweet**

**Kerry Holbrook**

**Jancy Johnstone**

**George Kafula**

**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, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe, Walter Chambliss** (Will Chambliss' dad)

### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

**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

**Tom Cotton**, friend of Michael Honeycutt

**Mimi Cummings**, mother of Drew Cummings

**Grace**, Chris James' great-niece

**Doc and Theresa Huntley**, parents of Lesley Curtis

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

**Vivian Mast**, friend of Josh Walters

**Rosalind Mbugua**, sister of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

**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

**Deb Walsh**, friend of Celia Dickerson

**Janice Faye West**, mother of Randy Lang Howard

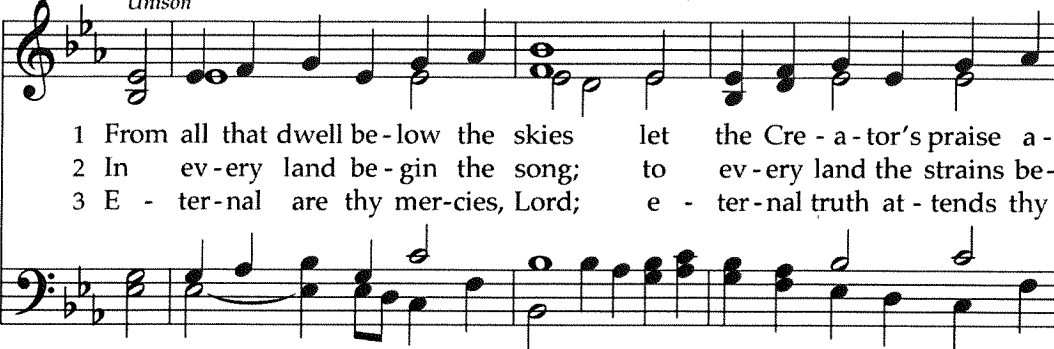
**Chris Wood**, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

*Please remember to update the pastoral staff on the health progress of your loved ones.*

# 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies


(Psalm 117)

*Unison*



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -  
3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

*Harmony* *Unison*



rise: Let the Re - deem - er's  
long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all  
word: Thy praise shall sound from




name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Harmony*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



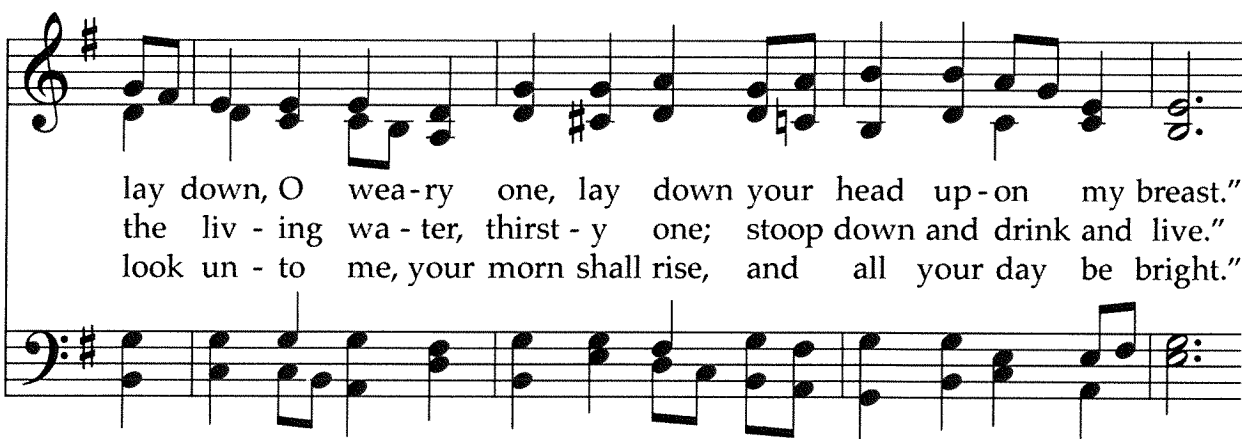
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



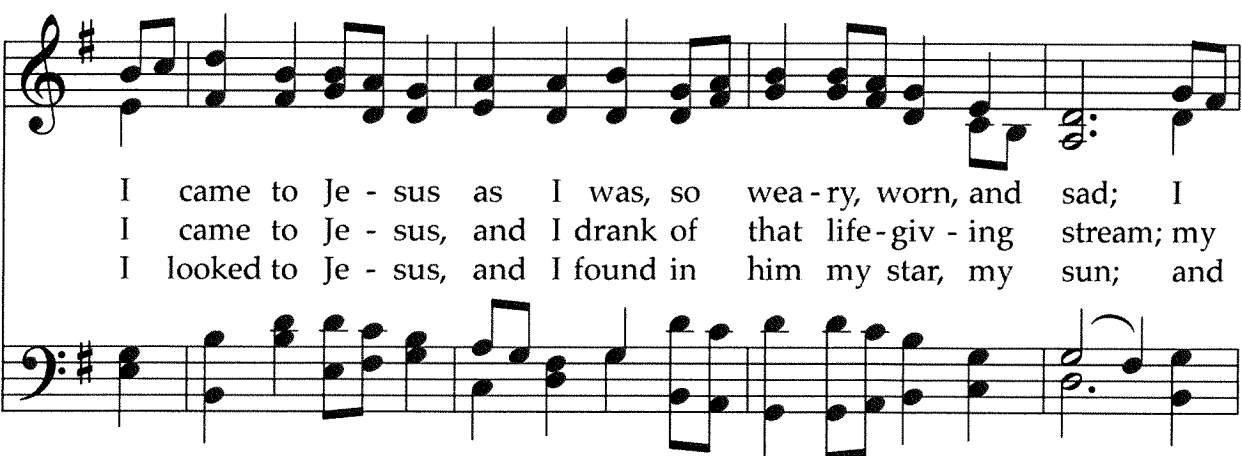
# 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



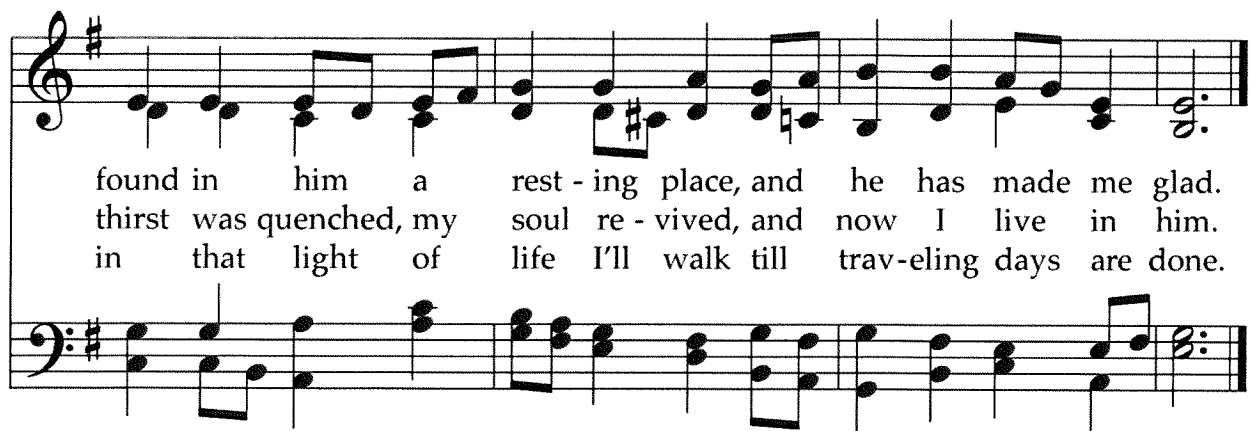
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."




I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

## The Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">No Youth Groups</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, May 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 PM</b> FPC Staff Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM</b> Property Committee (West Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM</b> Core Team (Capital Campaign)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> WATA Committee (via Zoom)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Service and Mission (via Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, May 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:15 PM</b> Book Study: Aging</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Things That Matter Book Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 AM</b> Book Study: Aging</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir (TBA)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, May 12</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, May 13</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:30 PM</b> Organ Recital Durham-Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Guild of Organist (Free)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:00-12 noon</b> Grounds Workday at FPC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00 AM</b> Spring Pop-up: Intro to Yoga with Franzi Rokoske at Rigsbee Shelter at Duke Forest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TBA</b> Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship Meeting at Fairview Park, Hillsborough</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:45 AM</b> Faith Formation Classes for Children, Youth, and Adults</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Capital Campaign Information Session (Following worship)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074</p>	

*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

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