



CONFIRMATION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 22, 2022

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

6th Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Sunday

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Roxana Boyd, Capital Campaign Team

PRELUDE

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit

D. Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Weicher

Leader: I find myself at your door, just like all those times before.

People: **I'm not sure how I got there. All roads, they lead me here.**

Leader: I imagine God is at home, in God's room.

People: **And God opens God's eyes into mine, and everything feels better.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN NO. 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Land of Rest

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love,

love that seeks,

love that suffers,

love that survives all things.

You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives.

Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.

We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.

We deny and ignore,

hurt and hate,

despise and reject.

Have mercy on us.

Help us to receive your love so that we can love others.

Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

*THE PEACE

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places
and surprise us with the abundance of your love.
Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit
so that we may follow you this day, and always;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:1-6

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 196)

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-19

John Weicher

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 115)

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Completely the Same and Totally Different"

John Weicher

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Rockfish Confession of 2022

John Weicher

Christianity is a complicated religion,

and we, as Protestants, strive to reflect on our mistakes to create a better future.

Our Christian life fosters a sense of community within the church.

**We try to focus on using our spiritual gifts, resources, and privileges,
to help others and the world, following in the example of Jesus.**

We believe that people who don't follow Jesus can do so as well.

We believe that God is Almighty, loving, and powerful.

God created everything with unique purposes.

God is beyond our comprehension,

so we don't always understand God's plans for us.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is mysteriously powerful.

The Spirit is the Word of the Lord in movement.

When we pray, the Lord hears us,

but it is the Spirit who goes into effect.

The Trinity is three-in-one,

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

They are distinct but not separate.

**We believe that Jesus cared for others, no matter who they were,
and taught them to spread that kindness, as well.**

**Jesus was a humble and caring Jewish, Middle Eastern man,
who let his toes shine.**

**His miraculous actions and life were told through stories,
which we know as the Bible.**

Jesus died for our sins, so we could have joy!

***HYMN NO. 69**

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am (Schutte)

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Mindy Douglas, Cris Rivera, John Weicher

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

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.

Laying on of Hands

Welcome

Anthem

You Are Sealed with the Spirit

Kaye Saunders

You are sealed with the Spirit. You have put on Christ. Sing alleluia, sing!

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Mindy Douglas

Invitation to Give (The *Hunger for Change Offering* is received today.)

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

**May the gifts we offer this day, kind God,
bring joy to those whose mornings are hopeless,
feed those whose noontimes are filled with hunger,
and bring peace to those whose nights are surrounded by fears and worries.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

*BENEDICTION

John Weicher

*POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Spirit

G. Kauffmann



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, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and ability 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 in the glory of God and in loving memory of *Jane Z. Buckley* from *Dennis Buckley, Barbara Buckley, Betsy McKeegan*, and *Bill Buckley*.

Portions of today's worship text comes from *The Last Time* (by Taylor Swift), *Lectionary Liturgies*, and *Call to Worship*. Today's Affirmation of Faith, *The Rockfish Confession of 2022*, was written collectively by our confirmands as a part of their spring retreat to Camp Rockfish. Groups worked on individual sections, and then it was edited by the class into a unified whole. It reflects the context of its creation, and as a statement of our confirmands, it also reflects some of the theology of our congregation.

Due to the COVID surge, *the choir* has had to regroup again and we will continue to use small groups or solos until the numbers improve.

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

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 and represents the risen Christ's triumph over death to become the light of the world. The candle is lit during Sunday worship from Easter to Pentecost and at special services during the year.

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 sanctuary), on the second floor of the education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant 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. *Activity bags* are available in the foyer for children

2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmand	Friend in Faith	Group Leader
Mace Armstrong	Amy Wilson	Courtney Paley
Giselle Cowden	Katharine Whitmore	Cris Rivera
Seth Cowden	Christyn Klinck	Laurie Ray, Charlie Kelley
Isa Cummings	Keith Rokoske	Courtney Paley
Thilo Fullenkamp	Dawn Shelton	Courtney Paley
Ruby Gentithes	Amy Dillon	Cris Rivera
Lorenzo Mbugua	Brent Curtis	Cris Rivera
Mary Ellis Merritt	Julie Maxwell	Cris Rivera
Gretchen Sims	Ginny Horne	Courtney Paley
Evelyn Walters	Roxana Boyd	Cris Rivera
Cora Williamson	Amy Cummings	Courtney Paley

John Weicher, Class Leader

Our Joys and Concerns

Birth Announcements:

- *Emilia Sutton Dance Berry* was born May 20 to *Mary and Stephen Berry*. *August* is excited to welcome a little sister.
- *Felix Barret Gitata* was born May 17 to *Marsha Barret Gitata* and *Ian Gitata*. *Mary Gitata* and *Tony Chavez* are the proud grandparents.
- *Penelope Olivia Gunn* was born April 23 to *Candace Knotts and Ben Gunn*. *Wilson and Pam Gunn* are the proud grandparents.

Concerns:

- *Phyllis Verhey* is recovering from a fall
- *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: *Julian Boswell, Walter Chambliss* (Will's dad), *Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe*

The Forest at Duke Health Center: *Wes Carson*

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 & 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

Ellen O'Brien, mother of Tim O'Brien and mother-in-law of Mindy Douglas

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

Alice Weicher, mother of John Weicher

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

Chris Wood, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch



Calling all 2022 Graduates!

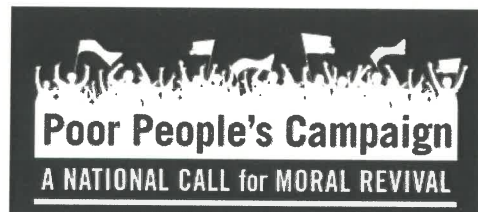
FPC will be acknowledging Class of 2022 graduates during worship on **Sunday, June 5**. If you or someone in your family or household is graduating from college or high school this spring, help us share the good news with the congregation. **Please submit your graduate's information to Valerie McMillian (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) by May 29.**

FINAL CALL to Support FPC Youth's Fundraiser for Afghan Refugee Resettlement

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE. Each item costs \$25. Hats and shirts will be available for pick up at the church next month.

Shirts (https://www.customink.com/fundraising/tshirts-fpc-refugee-resettlement?utm_campaign=desktop-campaign-page-share-v3&utm_content=tshirts-fpc-refugee-resettlement&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link)

Hats (https://www.customink.com/fundraising/hats-refugee-resettlement?utm_campaign=desktop-campaign-page-share-v3&utm_content=hats-refugee-resettlement&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link)



Let's get on the bus!

The **Poor Peoples Campaign March on Washington (PPC)** is **June 18, 2022**, and we want to get as many people from FPC as possible to come with us. To reserve your seat, you'll need to go online to **book it** and pay \$95 for the roundtrip fare. If you need financial assistance, please contact our pastor **Mindy Douglas**. Given our pre-dawn departure we need volunteers to prepare snack bags and provide beverages for each rider. If you would like to be a part of that activity, please contact **Jane Williams**, **Jon Abels**, or **Kathy Krahenbuhl**. We also welcome contributions to sponsor riders, including those from other congregations in Durham who wish to join us. To make a financial contribution you can go **online at FPC** to see various ways to donate to the "PPC Bus Support" or send a text at (919) 373-3254 and write the dollar amount you wish to give (e.g. \$95 *PPC Bus*) and send it. You can also leave a check in the mailbox at church for business manager **Tom Bloom** with "PPC Bus Support" written in the memo line. Thank you.



Our Capital Campaign to increase opportunities for community outreach, mission, hospitality, and fellowship in the heart of Durham.

First Presbyterian Church has been blessed by the faithfulness and generosity of our members, past and present. Throughout the years, we have remained focused on our mission: Worshipping God in community and bearing witness to God's love and justice in the world. Our Building Beloved Community Capital Campaign is our opportunity to advance our mission as we set our sights on our building expansion and renovation plans.

By now everyone should have received their campaign packet for our Building Fund campaign. If you do not have your campaign packet, please contact **Tom Bloom** at (919) 682-5511 ext. 216 or email to t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org to have a packet sent to you. You will find campaign information on our website.

Commitment Sunday is in two weeks. On June 5, we ask everyone to return their campaign pledge form. Campaign pledges will be received on that day as we witness to the mission and ministry of First Church.

You may be asking: "What should I consider giving so we can achieve our campaign goals?" The information you received in your campaign packet offers you giving options to consider. The gifts we are asking our members to consider are challenging. For many of us, our giving to this campaign will cause us to reevaluate our priorities. We are challenged to grow in our faith and generosity. We ask everyone to prayerfully respond to God's abundant grace and love with your generous gifts.

Good News for IRA Rollovers

The IRA Charitable Rollover Act allows for individuals age 70½ and older to make tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts to a qualified charitable organization, like First Church! The maximum of \$100,000 is per taxpayer each year. The amount transferred can be used to meet the donor's required minimum distribution. If you feel you may qualify, contact your financial advisor to find out how to make this possible and how it can benefit both you and our congregation.

**"The body of Christ, joined together, grows, and builds itself up in love,
as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16**

Lord, When I Came into This Life 691

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

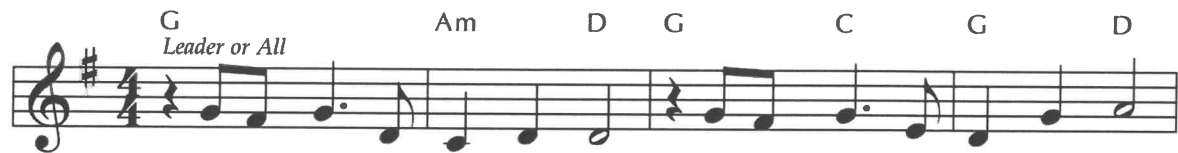
called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



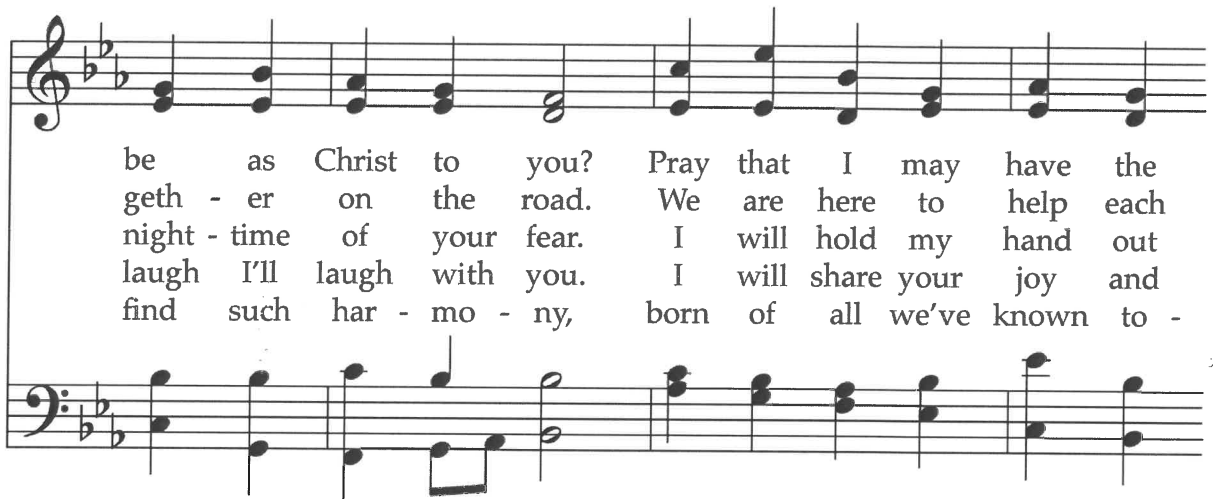
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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SPRING POP-UP OPPORTUNITY

Monday, May 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Duke Chapel Organ Crawl with Kathy Parkins

Remember to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49A9AC29A75-first>

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:30 PM Racial Equity Team Retreat</p> <p>6:00 PM Vigil at Kyles Temple AME Zion for the victims lost in Buffalo NY</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074</p>	<p>Monday, May 23</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff Meeting</p> <p>2:00 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>6:00 PM Core Team Meeting (Capital Campaign)</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM Spring Pop-Up: Organ Crawl at Duke Chapel</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 24</p> <p>10:00 AM-3:00 PM Program Staff Planning Retreat</p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon at Bennett Pointe Grill</p> <p>6:15 PM Book Study: Aging (Zoom ID 85812997340)</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 25</p> <p>11:00 AM Book Study: Aging (Zoom ID 85812997340)</p>
<p>Thursday, May 26</p> <hr/> <p>Friday, May 27</p>	<p>Saturday, May 28</p>	<p>Sunday, May 29</p> <p>9:45 AM Journeys and Lectionary Faith Formation Classes</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship G. Wilson Gunn, preaching</p> <p>8:00 PM 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

CHURCH STAFF



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus
 Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
 Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor
 Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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