

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

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

May 29, 2022

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mindy Douglas

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Scottie Seawell, Capital Campaign Team

**PRELUDE**

*Like Noah's Weary Dove*

Wayne L. Wold

Cathy Seib Snell, soloist

*Like Noah's weary dove, that soar'd the earth around,  
But not a resting place above the cheerless waters found;  
O cease, my wandering soul, on restless wings to roam;  
All the wide world, to either pole, has not for thee a home.*

*Behold the Ark of God, behold the open door;  
Hasten to gain that dear abode, and rove, my soul, no more.  
There, safe thou shalt abide, there, sweet shall be thy rest,  
And every longing satisfied, with full salvation blest.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore, we will not fear,  
though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

Leader: Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**\*HYMN NO. 436**

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

*O Quanta Qualia*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Lord of all souls**

**everywhere and in all times,  
we admit to sins, great and small,  
obvious and subtle, by which we destroy others –  
those near and dear to us, the peoples far away,  
the neighbor close by, the stranger in our midst.**

**We acquire rather than share, demand rather than give,  
avenge rather than pardon. (Prayer continues next page.)**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**We put other gods before you  
and learn to live comfortably  
with what is meaningless and false.  
As we are ashamed, pity us;  
as we are aware, strengthen us;  
as we see through the idolatries, forgive us.  
Return us to yourself  
that we may live without fear  
and seize our days with exultation.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 307, verse 4)

*Cwm Rhondda*

***Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.***

**\*THE PEACE**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Jennie Alwood

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

**People:** And also, with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** **God of justice, in Jesus Christ you championed the weak,  
befriended the outcasts and blessed little children.  
Through the shining light of his goodness, you expose hypocrisy.  
Give us courage to follow his example,  
that we may be faithful disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 20:1-17

Jennie Alwood

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, OT Page 66)

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**SOLO**

*How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in  
Vain?*

Barbara Hamm (2009)

Cathy Seib Snell

(Words to the solo can be found in the hymnal, No. 779.)

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 19:13-15

G. Wilson Gunn

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 21)

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

*"Gundamentalism"*

G. Wilson Gunn

**HYMN NO. 799**

*I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry*

*I Love the Lord*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

John Weicher

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

John Weicher

Invitation to Give

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.**

**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.**

**BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 63**

*The Lord Is God*

*Azmon*

**\*BENEDICTION**

G. Wilson Gunn

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune on "Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Michael Helman



**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 know is sitting nearby, 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.

We welcome to the pulpit today, **Dr. G. Wilson Gunn, Jr.** Gunn is a retired pastor and Presbytery Executive who presently serves as Coordinator of the Presbytery Leader Formation Program. He grew up in Arkansas, matriculated at Davidson College (BA), Duke University (MDiv and ThM) and UNC- Chapel Hill (PhD). He served pastorates in North Carolina and Virginia for 20 years before retiring as General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Margaret Sims** by her son, **Gordon Sims**.

*Special thanks to Cathy Seib Snell* for singing for today's service.

*Portions of today's worship text* come from *Book of Common Worship*.

**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.



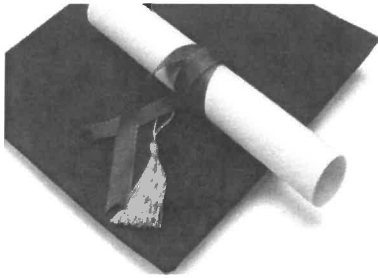
**Our Capital Campaign to increase opportunities for community outreach, mission, hospitality, and fellowship in the heart of Durham.**

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.

Commitment Sunday is next week! Please prayerfully consider how God is leading you to respond to this campaign. **On Sunday, June 5, we ask everyone to return their campaign pledge form, or respond online through our church website. If you did not receive, or need another campaign packet, please contact Tom Bloom at (919) 682-5511 or email to [t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org) to have a packet sent to you. You can also find campaign information on our website (<https://firstpres-durham.org>).**

Ultimately, your gift is a gift to God. It is a gift of love in response to all the ways in which God has blessed you. Ask yourself, "What do you treasure about First Church?" and then prayerfully consider how God is leading you to respond.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17



## Calling all 2022 Graduates!

FPC will be acknowledging the Class of 2022 graduates during worship on **Sunday, June 12**. If you or someone in your family or household graduates from college or high school this spring, help us share the good news with the congregation. **Please submit graduate information to Valerie McMillian ([v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org)) by June 5.**

## The Week at a Glance!

<b>Later Today</b>  <b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074	<b>Monday, May 30</b>   <b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i>  <b>The Church Office is closed in observance of Memorial Day.</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 31</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> Plan Worship  <b>2:00 PM</b> Program Staff  <b>6:16 PM</b> Book Study: Aging (Zoom ID 85812997340)  <b>Newsletter today</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 1</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> Book Study: Aging (Zoom ID 85812997340)  No Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday, June 2</b>         <b>Friday, June 3</b>	<b>Saturday, June 4</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> First Friends Potluck at the home of Eric Wiebe / Cynthia Shimer 1507 Hermitage Court (RSVP: <a href="mailto:enwiebe90@gmail.com">enwiebe90@gmail.com</a> )	<b>Sunday, June 5</b>   <b>9:45 AM</b> Journeys and Lectionary Adult Faith Formation Classes  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion Ordination and Installation of Officers Dedication of Capital Campaign Pledges  <b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074	

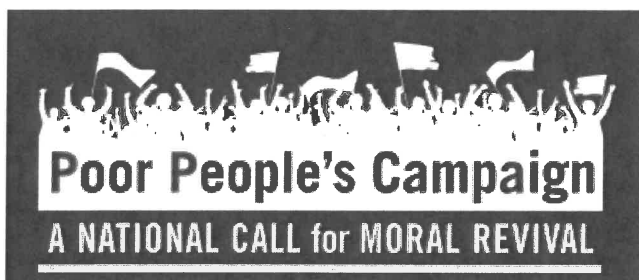
## CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator  
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director  
Vernon Cooper, Sexton  
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate  
Omar Guess, Sunday Morning Sexton



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

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:  
[info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org) or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.



## 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. To make a financial contribution you can give online at FPC (PPC Bus Support") or send a text at (919) 373-3254 and write the dollar amount you wish to give (e.g. \$95 PPCBus) 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.

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### Our Concerns

Survivors and families associated with the recent shootings  
in New York, California, and Texas.

- **Gladys Arrowood**, mother of Al Arrowood
- **Bill Estes**, cousin of Judy Arrowood
- **Bea Martin**, sister-in-law of Margaret Rubiera

**Paul Cornsweet**  
**Mitzi Lesher-Thomas**

**Kerry Holbrook**  
**Katy Loebrich**

**Jancy Johnstone**  
**Phyllis Verhey**

**George Kafula**  
**Carol Wills**

### 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

**Tom Cotton**, friend of Michael Honeycutt

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

**Vivian Mast**, friend of Josh Walters

**Aaron Pritchard**, friend of Kathy Parkins

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Deb Walsh**, friend of Celia Dickerson

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

**Nicky Clegg**, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

**Mimi Cummings**, mother of Drew Cummings

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

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

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

**John Wakefield**, cousin of Vernon Neece

**Alice Weicher**, mother of John Weicher

**Chris Wood**, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

# God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

## Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,  
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.  
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.  
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,  
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,  
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.  
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.  
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

# I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry 799

(Psalm 116)

1 I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
2 I love the Lord, who heard my cry

The first system of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line for the soprano and the second line for the alto/tenor.

and pit - ied ev - ery groan.  
and chased my grief a - way.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line for the soprano and the second line for the alto/tenor.

Long as I live and trou-bles rise,  
O let my heart no more de - spair

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line for the soprano and the second line for the alto/tenor.

I'll has - ten to God's throne.  
while I have breath to pray.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line for the soprano and the second line for the alto/tenor. The system ends with a double bar line.



## 779

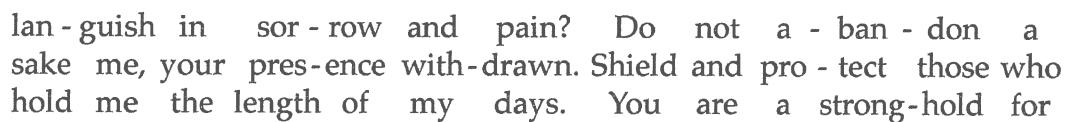
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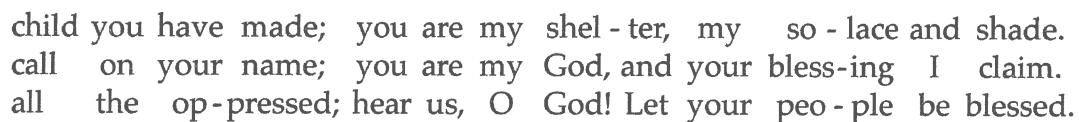
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Cm7



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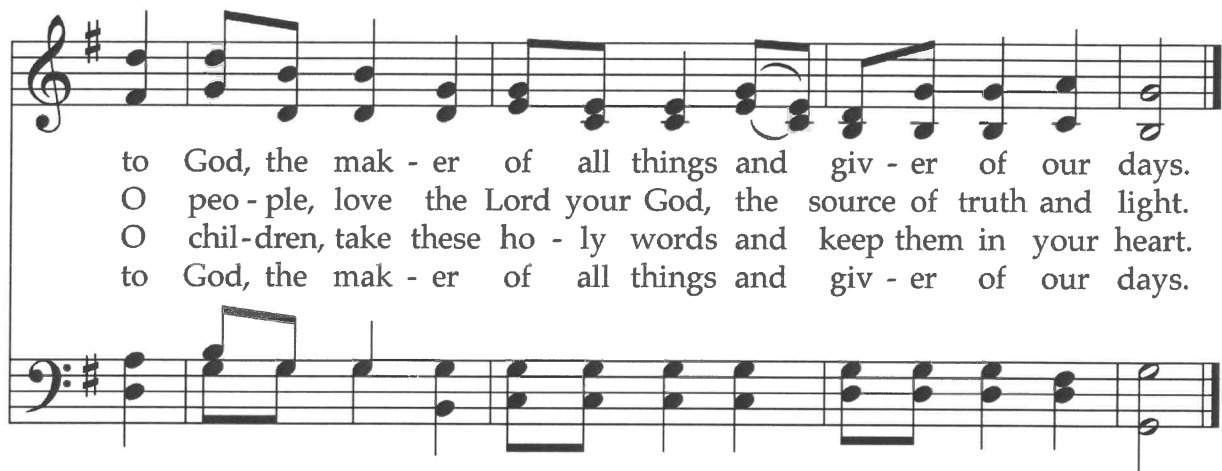


# The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise  
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,  
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise



to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.  
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.  
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.  
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.