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

**JULY 17, 2022**

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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude on Tallis' "Ordinal"*

Healey Willan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

**Leader:** Before we got up this morning  
and decided to come to church,

**People:** **God was waiting for us,  
to welcome us with grace.**

**Leader:** When we are unsure of what to do,  
when we falter before the next step,

**People:** **we come to listen to God's voice,  
to learn from the One who teaches us  
all we ever need to know.**

**Leader:** When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice;  
when our fears cripple our souls,

**People:** **God delivers us with steadfast love;  
we are set free to be God's children.**

**\*HYMN NO. 409**

*God Is Here!*

*Abbot's Leigh*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**O God of mercy,  
we confess that we live self-centered lives.**

**We tolerate injustice and cruelty,  
complacent in our corner of the world.**

**We neglect the needs of others.**

**In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us.**

**Turn us to your way and lead us in your light,  
that we might serve you and care for all of creation.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

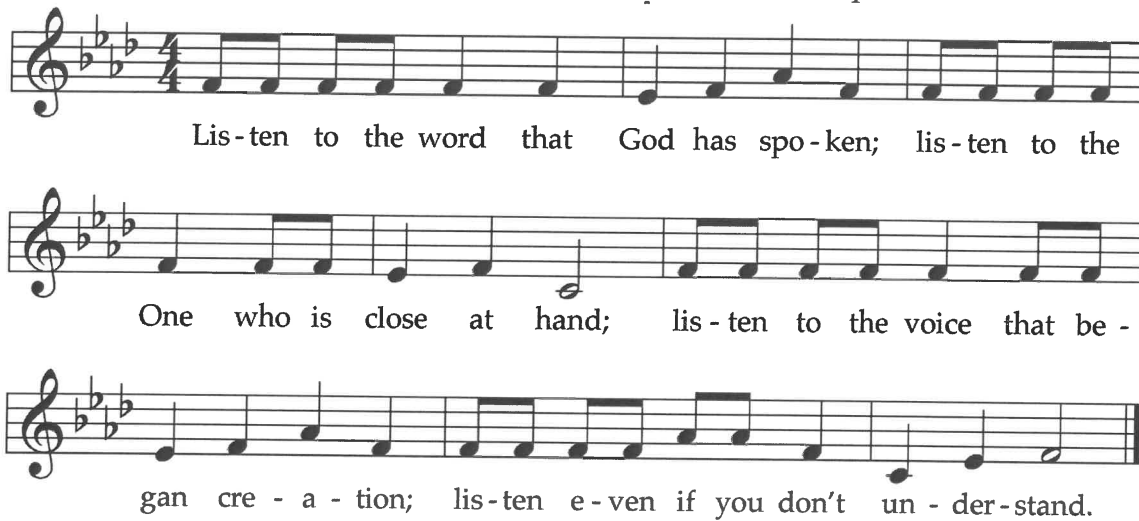
John Weicher

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung)**

Amy Wilson, vocalist  
*Listen*

*Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken*



**PSALM LESSON**

Psalm 71

(Pew Bible, OT page 532)  
Amy Dillon

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(Pew Bible, OT page 698)  
John Weicher

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"And Yet"*

John Weicher

**\*HYMN NO. 691**

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

*Land of Rest*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Mindy Douglas

**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.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Kathy Colville

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you.

Inspired by the knowledge of your love,

giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day,

we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

## NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

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.*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

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. 746**

*Send Me, Jesus*

*Thuma Mina*

**\*BENEDICTION**

John Weicher

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

Max Drischner

## **Later today: All-Church Fellowship with Potluck**

Join us at Forest Hills Park from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be games and activities for all ages, a tasty potluck dinner (plates and utensils provided), and the chance to make new friends and catch up with old ones. You will also hear an update on the Capital Campaign. **Please bring...**

- *A dish to share* (main dish, side, or dessert)
- *Your own water bottle per person* (as we care for creation) – *water and lemonade provided.*
- *Camp chair* (optional).



**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 you may know who 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.

**New Members:** We introduce and welcome ***Susan Cyr*** and ***Sarah Wright*** who were received into membership on May 23, 2022, and ***Rebecca Jakel*** who was received into membership earlier today by the Session.

***Susan Cyr*** was born and raised in Asheboro NC. She is a retired school counselor and an ordained deacon who lives in Durham. Susan's interests are piano and learning to play the mountain dulcimer, water aerobics, weaving, cross-stitch, reading, and spending time with family. Susan is joining FPC by letter of transfer.

***Rebekah Jakel*** was born and raised in Manitowoc WI. She is a physician at the Durham VA hospital. She came to Durham in 2008. Her interests are painting, piano, and gardening. Rebekah is joining FPC by letter of transfer.

***Sarah Wright*** was born and raised in Corpus Christi TX. She has lived in Durham for over 30 years and is also a retired school counselor. Sarah's interests are gardening, reading, traveling to visit family around the country, quilting, and knitting. Sarah is joining FPC by letter of transfer.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God by ***George and Annie Gentithes*** in memory of ***David Bowers***.

We are grateful to ***Gordon Campbell*** (musician) and ***Amy Wilson*** (vocalist) for providing music leadership for today's worship. Kathy Parkins will return as organist next Sunday.

***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 by the door or return it to an usher.

***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.

***Restrooms*** are 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. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

***Portions of today's worship texts*** are taken from *Call to Worship (2021-2022, Year C)*, *Feasting on the Word*, and *Lectionary Liturgies* (website).

***Today's bulletin cover*** comes to us from ***Vanessa Armstrong*** based on Jeremiah 1:4-10.

## ~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

**KUDOS to Michele Miller-Cox**, director, First Presbyterian Day School, who was invited to speak in a closed session before the Committee on Education and Labor (US House of Representatives) on July 13, 2022. Michele spoke about teacher shortage and low subsidy payments, how the stabilization grant and other grants have supported childcare throughout the pandemic, and the long term and on-going needs of the childcare industry.

**Sydnor Patrick**, recovering at home from a recent fall and hospitalization

**Franzi Rokoske**, at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh, following a serious fall.

Follow her journey via Caring Bridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/franzirokoske2>.

**Mitzi Lesher-Thomas** is on a short-term medical leave from duties as our Associate Pastor.

Follow her journey via Caring Bridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/mitzilesher-thomas/journal>.

### Concerns (Members at home)

**Wes Carson**

**Paul Cornsweet**

**Kerry Holbrook**

**Jancy Johnstone**

**George Kafula**

**Katy Loebrich**

**Phyllis Verhey**

**Carol Wills**

### Care Communities

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Julian Boswell, Walter Chambliss** (Will's dad),

**Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe**

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

**Gladys Arrowood**, mother of Al Arrowood

**Bob**, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

**Tom Cotton**, friend of Michael Honeycutt

**Mark Dille**, son-in-law of Jo Ann and Fred Moore

**Roger Kalthoff**, husband of Jane Williams

**Paul Nordhaugen**, partner of Gordon Campbell

**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

**Annik Barrett and family**, friends of Walk-in

**Nicky Clegg**, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

**Mimi Cummings**, mother of Drew Cummings

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

**The Knight family**, friends of Vernon Cooper

**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

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## MANAGING YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM DURING TIMES OF STRESS

Jane Austin is available on Tuesdays in July for 45-minute, one-on-one coaching sessions on dealing with stress and trauma.

Call **Valerie** in the church office to sign up for one of the remaining sessions: 919-682-5511 x 215 or sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-oneonone2>.

# 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

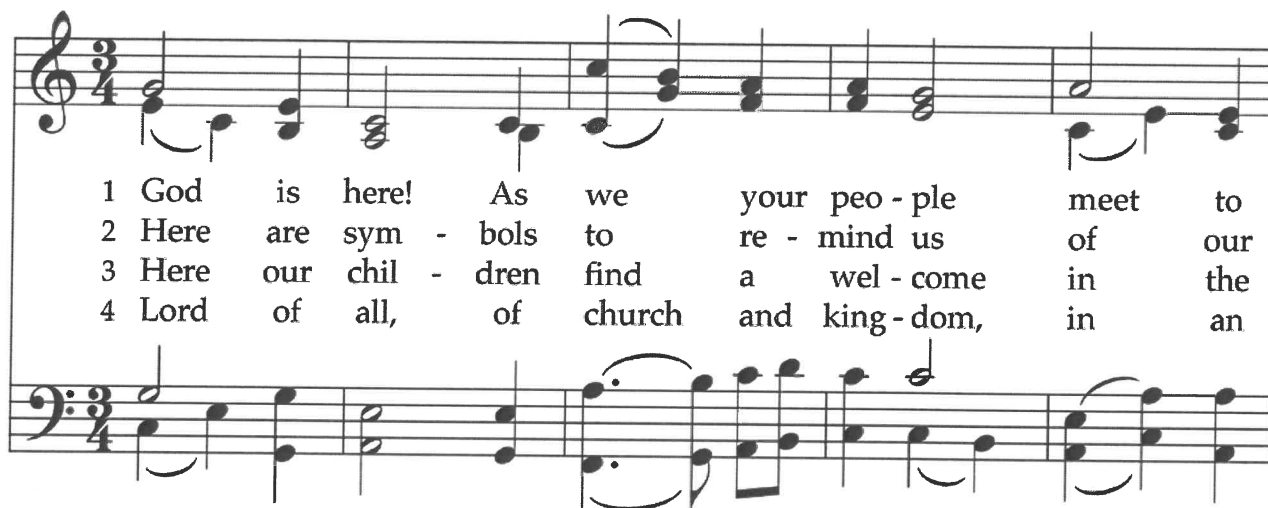


mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

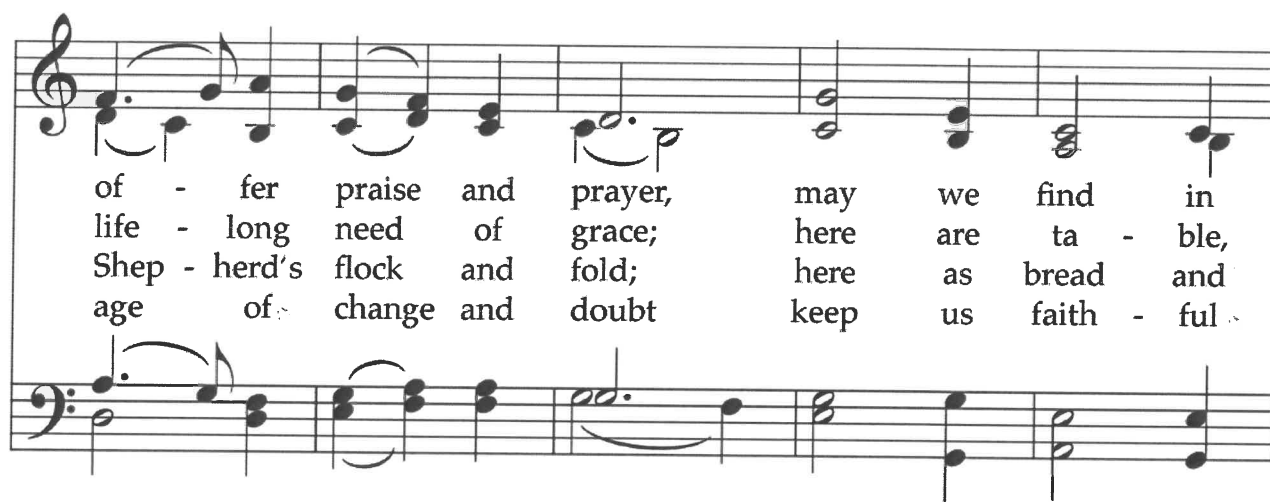


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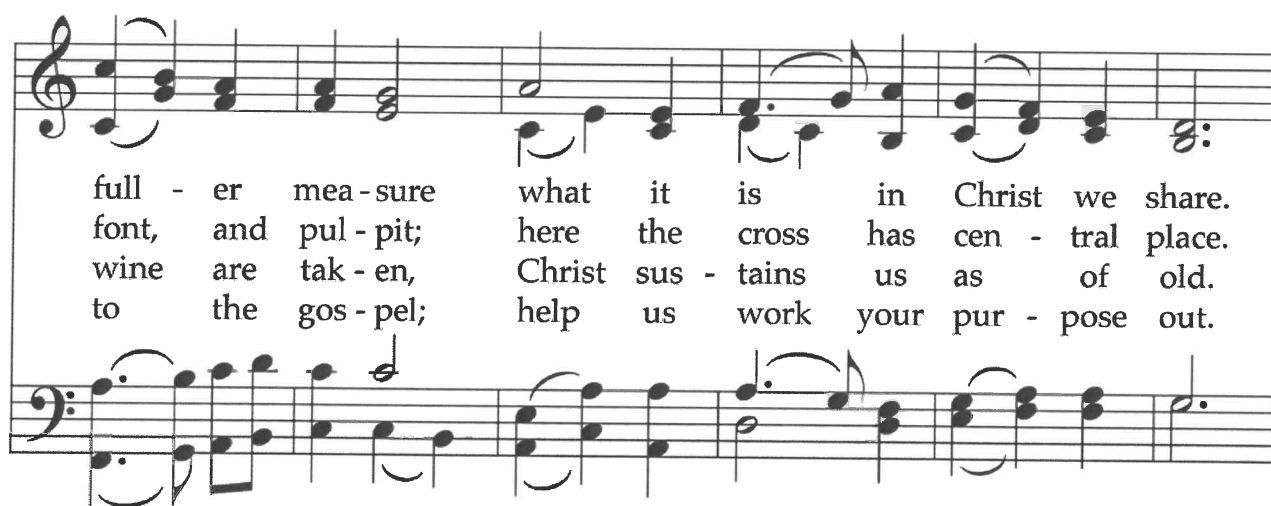
## God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

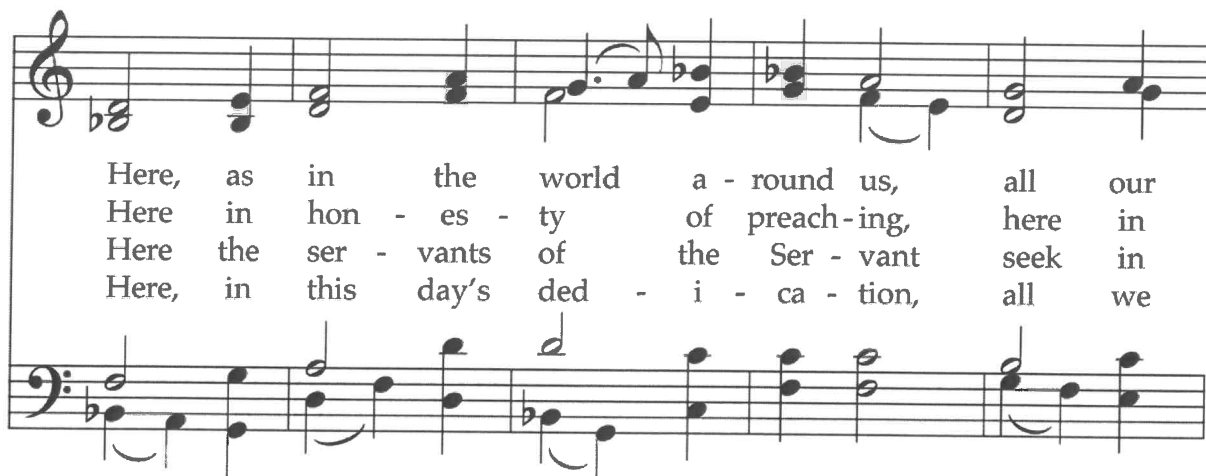


of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

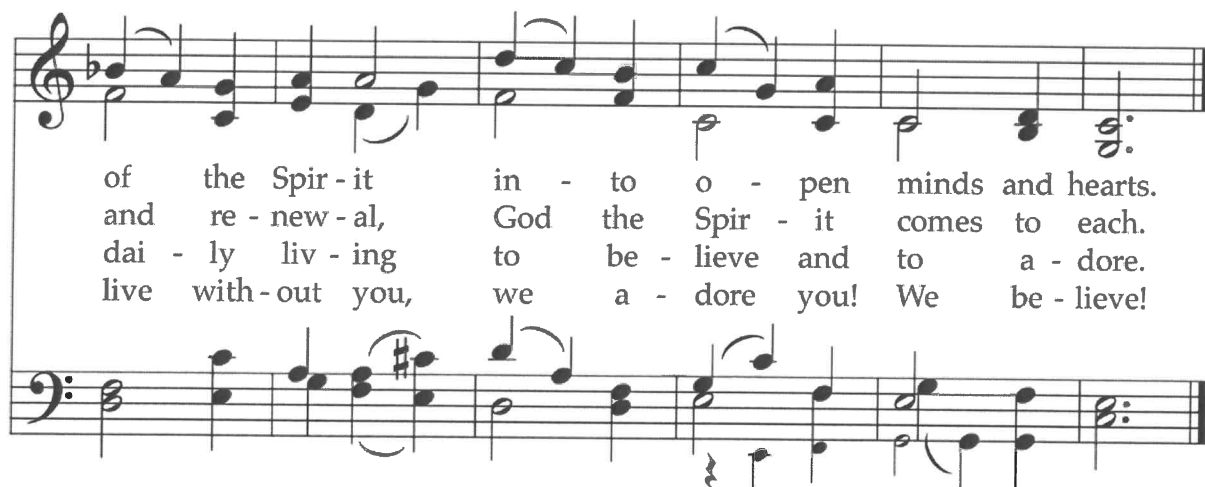




Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



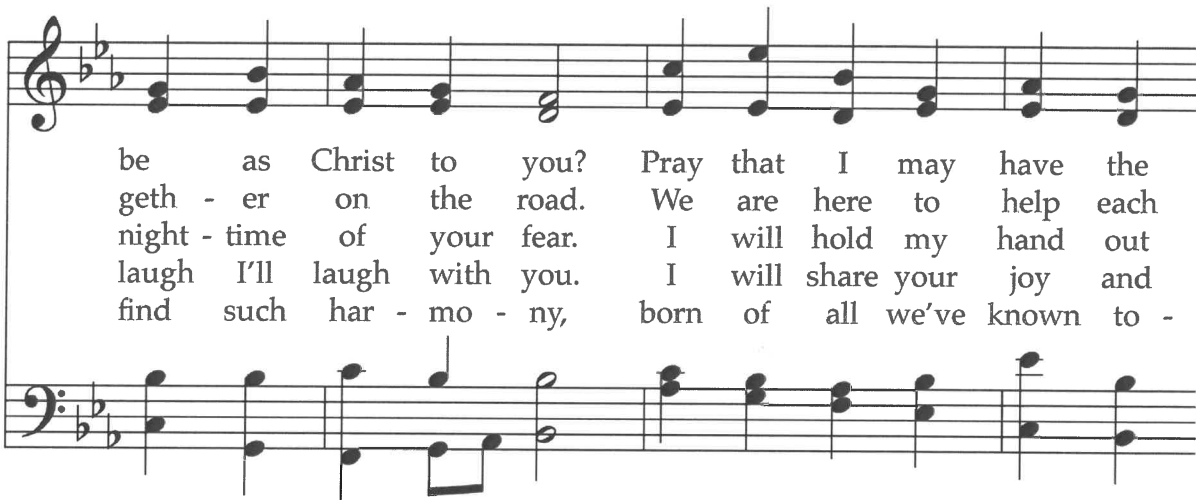
of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

# 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)

# Send Me, Jesus

*Thuma mina*

746

*Leader* *All*



Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me,  
(2 Lead me,) Je - sus; lead me, Je - sus; lead me,  
(3 Fill me,) Je - sus; fill me, Je - sus; fill me,

Repeat ad lib.

End

2 Lead me, Lord.  
3 Fill me, Lord.



mi - na, So - man - dla.  
Je - sus; send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
Je - sus; lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
Je - sus; fill me, Lord.



# Fall Schedule

## **SAVE THESE DATES!**

<b>September 11</b>	<b>Faith Formation Classes Fall Kickoff</b>
<b>September 25</b>	<b>Stewardship Season Kickoff (Lunch follows worship)</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Children's Sabbath / World Food Day</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Stewardship Sunday with Dedication of Pledges</b>
<b>October 30</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>All Saints' Sunday</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday (Advent Festival at 9:45 a.m.)</b>
<b>December 4</b>	<b>Alternative Gifts Fair</b>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant / Evening Fellowship with Sing-along</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>Service of Lessons and Carols at 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Worship (Communion &amp; Candlelight Service) – 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day Worship at 11:00 a.m.</b>

**FPC Fall / Advent Planning 2022**

## The Week at a Glance!

<b>Later Today</b> <b>5:00-8:00 PM</b> Midsummer Serendipity at Forest Hills Park Shelter	<b>Monday, July 18</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Worship Planning <b>2:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>Tuesday, July 19</b> <b>10:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b> Dealing with Stress and Trauma: One-on-One (45 minutes) Sessions with Jane Austin	<b>Wednesday July 20</b> <b>No Chancel Choir</b>
<b>Thursday, July 21</b>	<b>Friday, July 22</b>	<b>Saturday, July 23</b>	<b>Sunday, July 24</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> Faith Formation <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship The Hunger for Change Offering will be received <b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)



### BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!

Our local blood supplies in area hospitals remain critically low. FPC is holding another community blood drive on **Thursday, August 4** from **1:00-6:00 p.m.** at **FPC in Watts-Hill Hall!**

**Sign up to be a donor. Go online to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use code **firstpres** or use the **RAPIDPASS** donor App to save time!** Please encourage your family, friends, and coworkers to

support this downtown area blood drive. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information on becoming a blood donor, contact [Julie Whiddon](mailto:julie.whiddon@firstpres-durham.org) at 919-730-6673.

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

#### CHURCH STAFF



*Tom Bloom, Business Administrator*  
*Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director*  
*Vernon Cooper, Sexton*  
*Mindy Douglas, Pastor*  
*Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate*  
*Omar Guess, Sunday Morning Sexton*  
*Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus*

*Amy Bowers Heit, Pastoral Associate*  
*Sybil King, Administrative Assistant*  
*Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator*  
*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor*  
*Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music*  
*John Weicher, Associate Pastor*