



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**JULY 24, 2022**

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17<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**

*I Love Thee, My Lord*

George Shearing

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: In this place of holiness, we come with our fears,  
our doubts, and all the questions of our hearts.

All: **We come to this place  
to hear the words of peace, hope, and joy God speaks to us.**

Leader: In this place of discovery, we come searching.

All: **We come to this place  
to find the One who has been looking for us.**

Leader: In this place of openness, we come knocking.

All: **We come to this place  
to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.**

**\*HYMN NO. 619**

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

*Lauda Anima*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Vernon Cooper

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people,  
but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, inviting God.**

**Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few,  
we put up barriers for others.**

**Clinging to all you give to us,  
we are reluctant to share with those in need.**

**Surrounded by evil and violence,  
we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us,  
rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.**

**Forgive us.**

**Open our eyes to those all around us.**

**Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us.**

**Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom,  
that all might find life with you.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Here is the good news, my friends:  
Christ came searching for us,  
calling us by name,  
leading us into God's kingdom.

People: In Christ, we become new people:  
broken, we are made whole;  
lost, we are found;  
forsaken, we are restored to new life.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Vernon Cooper

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Torrell Armstrong

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of Wisdom,  
you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask.  
Overwhelm us with your Word,  
that we may know you more fully,  
love you more passionately,  
and follow you more closely;  
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**PSALM LESSON**

Psalms 138

(Pew Bible, OT page 577)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Torrell Armstrong

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Colossians 2:6-15

(Pew Bible, NT page 200)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Torrell Armstrong

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 11:1-13

(Pew Bible, NT page 72)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Mindy Douglas

**SERMON**

*"Call to Prayer"*

Mindy Douglas

**\*HYMN NO. 469**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

*Children Praying*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Declaration of Faith*

Mindy Douglas

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race, or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.

It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with one another the Lord's goodness.

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**We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all.**

**Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love our neighbors whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Mindy Douglas

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Mindy Douglas

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

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered  
in feeding the world with your love;  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Mindy Douglas

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

Vernon Cooper

**... 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. 688**

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

*Morecambe*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott*

Otto Dienel



***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.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God and in memory of ***Dr. Walker H. Campbell***, beloved uncle of ***Gordon Campbell***.

We are grateful to ***Gordon Campbell*** (musician) and ***Cathy Snell*** (vocalist) for providing music leadership for today's worship.

## WORSHIP NOTES AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Sources for today's worship texts:** Opening sentences and Confession sequence were written by Thom M. Shuman and found on his Lectionary Liturgies blog. Used with permission. The Prayer for Illumination comes from *Feasting on the Word* and Prayer of Dedication from *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

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### The Hunger for Change Offering

FPC has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world. The funds received will go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program. Thank you for your offering today!

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### Donors Needed for Worship Flowers

We have Sundays available in August, September, and October.

You can find instructions on how to donate flowers and what Sundays are open at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-flowers2>

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### Sign up to Donate Blood!

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!**

To sign up, go online to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and use code **firstpres** or use the **RAPIDPASS** donor App to save time! Please invite family, friends, and coworkers to support this downtown area drive. Last minute donors are also welcome as walk-ins. For more information on becoming a blood donor, contact **Julie Whiddon** at 919-730-6673.

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**Curious to know what decisions were made at the 2022 PC(USA) General Assembly?** Copies of the Outlook summary are available from the table in the church foyer.



## ~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

**Sympathies:** The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *John Weicher and family* on the death of John's mother. *Alice Weicher* died July 16 in DC. The family will hold a memorial service in August and the interment will take place in Cincinnati.

**Congratulations** to *Mary Ann Ruegg* (age 98) and *Julian Boswell* (age 97) who celebrated birthdays this past week.

### Added this week:

- *Lee House*, three-year-old son of Wayne and Lucie House, undergoing medical tests
- *Jane Williams*

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

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

*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas* is on short term medical leave from duties as our associate pastor.

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

*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*

The Forest at Duke Health Center: *Wes Carson*

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

*Gladys Arrowood*, mother of Al Arrowood

*Nicky Clegg*, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

*Mimi Cummings*, mother of Drew Cummings

*Grace*, Chris James' great-niece

*The Knight family*, friends of Vernon Cooper

*Sydnor Patrick*, friend of FPC

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

*John Wakefield*, cousin of Vernon Neece

*Janice Faye West*, mother of Randy Lang Howard

*Bob*, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

*Tom Cotton*, friend of Michael Honeycutt

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

*Roger Kalthoff*, husband of Jane Williams

*Paul Nordhaugen*, partner of Gordon Campbell

*Aaron Pritchard*, friend of Kathy Parkins

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*Deb Walsh*, friend of Celia Dickerson

*Chris Wood*, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

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### **Dealing with Stress and Trauma**

*Jane Austin* will be with us in August for more one-on-one sessions on handling stress and trauma. Sessions will be available on **Tuesdays, August 2, 9, and 16, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** with the last sessions beginning at 2:15 p.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. Use this link to sign up for a session with Jane: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-oneonone3>.

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

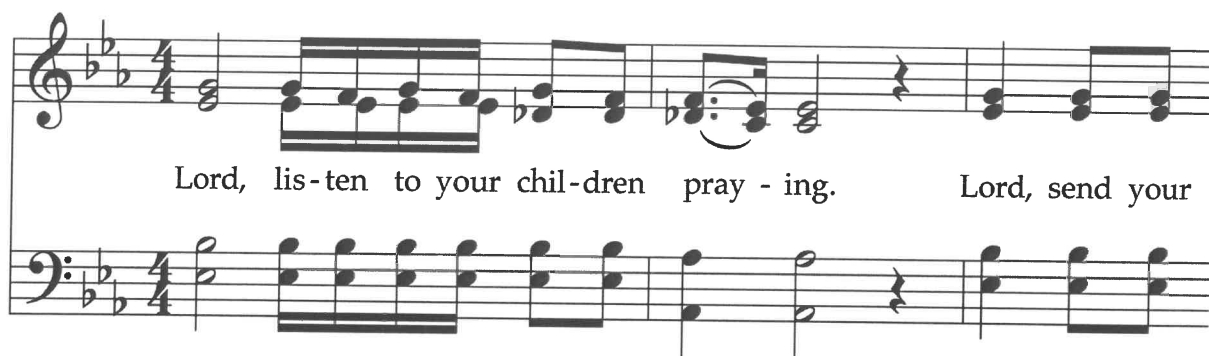
1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!


Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469



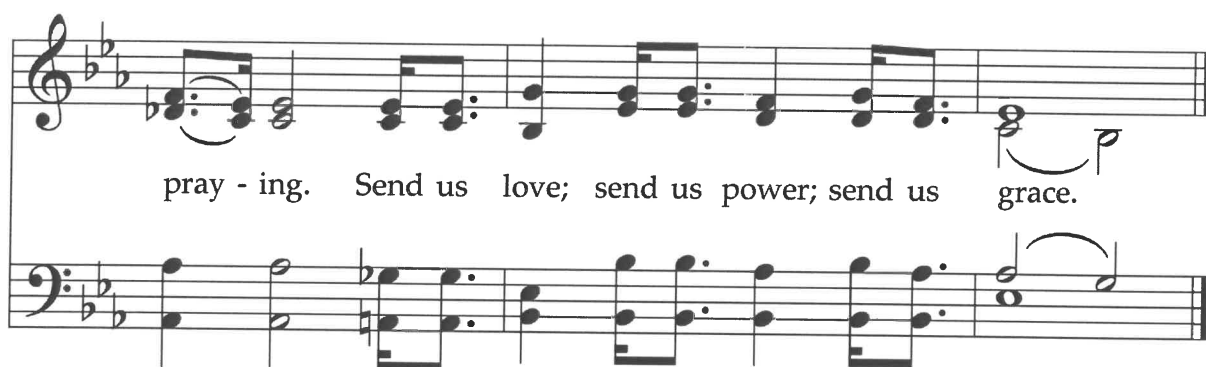
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. It then continues with a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, and a quarter note F5. The bass line starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B-flat3, and a quarter note C4. It then continues with a half note D4, a quarter note E-flat4, and a quarter note F4.



Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. It then continues with a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, and a quarter note F5. The bass line starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B-flat3, and a quarter note C4. It then continues with a half note D4, a quarter note E-flat4, and a quarter note F4.

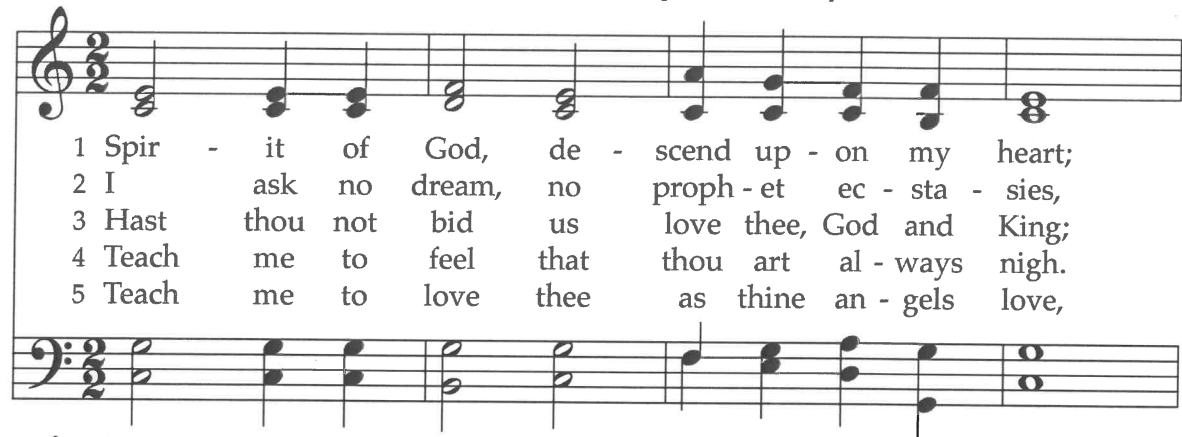


pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

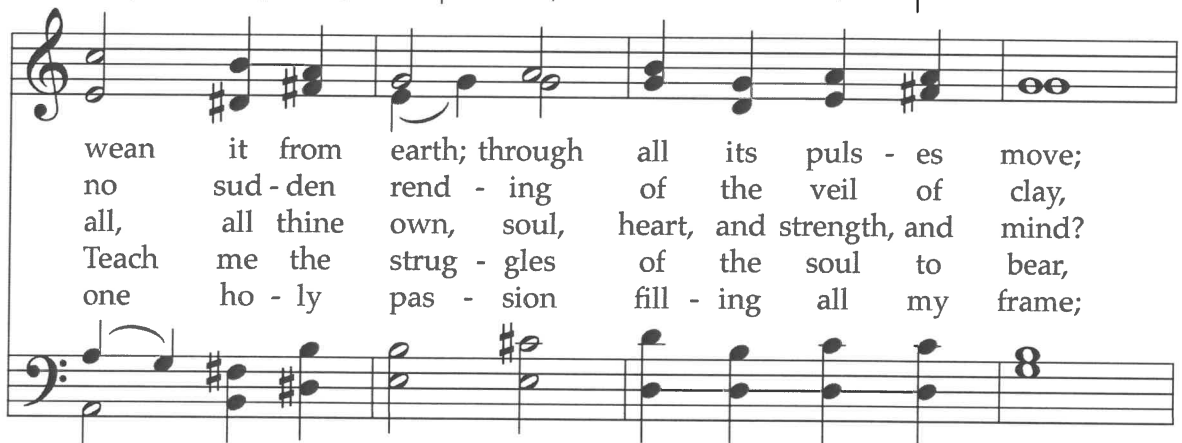
The third system of music concludes the piece. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. It then continues with a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, and a quarter note F5. The bass line starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B-flat3, and a quarter note C4. It then continues with a half note D4, a quarter note E-flat4, and a quarter note F4.



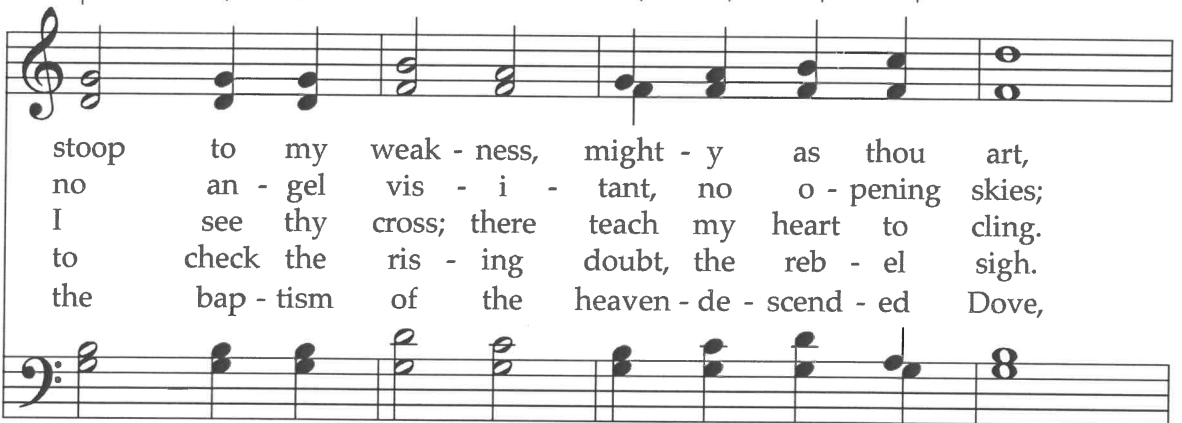
# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688



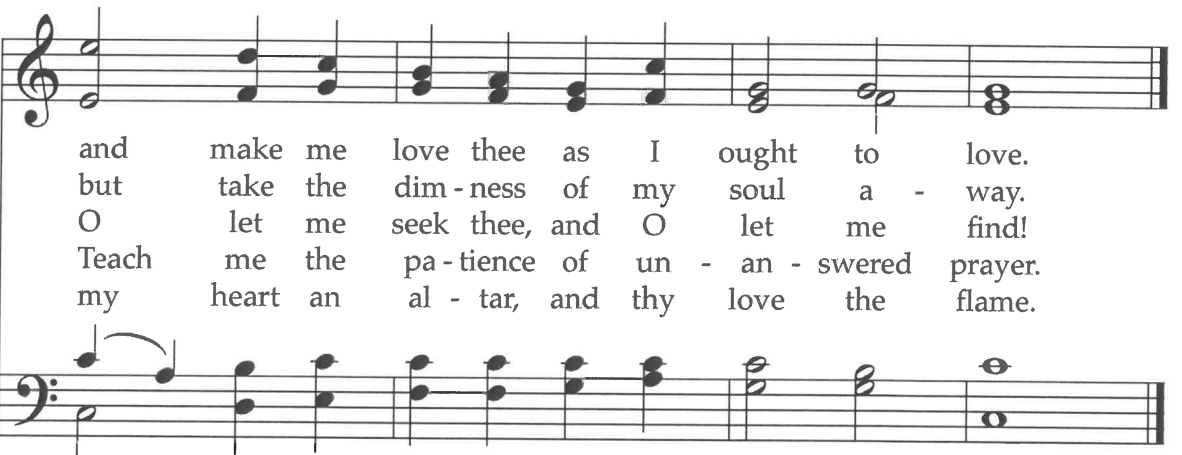
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

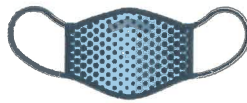


and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

## The Week at a Glance!

<b>Later Today</b>	<b>Monday, July 25</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> Worship Planning  <b>2:00 PM</b> Program Staff	<b>Tuesday, July 26</b>  <b>9:00 AM-4:00 PM</b> New Hope Presbytery at White Memorial PC, Raleigh  <b>10:00 AM-3:00 PM</b> Dealing with Stress and Trauma: One-on-One sessions with Jane Austin  <b>11:30 AM</b> Daytimers' Luncheon at Bennett Pointe Grill (RSVP to Mickey Velkey 601-750-3619)	<b>Wednesday July 27</b>  <b>No Chancel Choir</b>
<b>Thursday, July 28</b>   <b>July 24-30</b> High Schoolers at Montreat Youth Conference	<b>Friday, July 29</b>	<b>Saturday, July 30</b>	<b>Sunday, July 31</b>  <b>9:45 AM</b> Faith Formation  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Joe Harvard, preaching  <b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)

**Masks are welcome  
but no longer required in church space**



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[info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org) or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

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