



First Presbyterian Church

Durham North Carolina

August 14, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenore Champion

PRELUDE

How Firm A Foundation

Anne Krentz Organ

***OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 130:1-2, 5-6)**

Lenore Champion

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

People: **O Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

Leader: I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

People: **My soul waits for the Lord**
more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.

***HYMN NO. 317**

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Lenore Champion

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of hope, we confess

our disregard of your care,

our doubt of your providence,

our blindness to signs of your love.

We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life.

We separate ourselves from you and from others

and foster divisions between those you love.

Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people

who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Lenore Champion

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of Wisdom,**
we eagerly seek your presence in our lives and in the world.
By your Spirit, speak your word to us,
and give us your grace to recognize the abundant signs of your care for us,
so that we might be freed to act in the world with courage and abandon.

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

(Pew Bible, NT page 542)

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

(Pew Bible, NT page 75)

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Talkin' 'bout the weather"

Cris Rivera

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

David Smith

God sends us to strive for justice.

God has reached out to those who suffer injustice

and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry.

We believe God sends us to work with others

to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations,

to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced,

to make the operation of courts and penal institutions more just and humane.

We are charged to root out prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions.

We are commissioned to stand with people of all ages, races, and classes

as they struggle for dignity and respect

and the chance to exercise power for the common good.

We must not countenance in the church and its institutions

the inequities we seek to correct in the world.

We must be willing to make such amends as we can

for centuries of injustice which the church condoned.

***HYMN NO. 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Amy Sanchez

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

David Smith

Invitation to the Offering

Handchime Interlude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Anne Krentz Organ

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Receive these gifts, O God.

May our offerings and our lives be pleasing to you,

and may they always be used to advance your will for the world.

In the name of Jesus our Lord, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

David Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

David Smith

. . . 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. 733**

We All Are One In Mission

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***BENEDICTION**

Cris Rivera

***POSTLUDE**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Matthew Corl



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

We welcome to the pulpit today, ***Cris Rivera***. Cris (they/them/ellx) is currently in the Masters of Public Theology program at Union Presbyterian Seminary and has served FPC as an elder, deacon, faith formation instructor, ad hoc parish chef, and current facilitator of the FPC Creation Care subcommittee. A former retail food buyer, documentary videographer, nonprofit auditor, and accounting instructor, Cris serves on the board of Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South, Inc., and is currently the senior operations manager at Durham Public Schools Foundation, after serving as Finance Manager for Student Action With Farmworkers and Finance/HR Manager for Durham Co-op Market. Cris and their partner ***Beth Stringfield*** joined the church in 2004 shortly after the renovation of the sanctuary and the parade back across Roxboro from Trinity UMC. They are thrilled to be preaching from what one long-time member thought was a much too big pulpit.

Special thanks to our handchimers: ***Gordon Campbell, Charlie Kelley, Julie Maxwell, and Phyllis Supple.***

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by ***Brianna Honea Bennett*** in memory of her grandmother, ***Naomi Ruth Honea.***

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door.

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.

Restroom locations: 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: *Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *Feasting on the Word*.

~ Our Concerns ~

CONDOLENCES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Will and Jamie Chambliss* on the death of Will's father, *Walter Chambliss*, who died August 9th.

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

<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>Jancy Johnstone</i>	<i>George Kafula</i>
<i>Mitzi Leshner-Thomas</i>	<i>Katy Loebrich</i>	<i>Caroline Pritchett</i>	<i>Carol Wills</i>

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavillon: *Dub Gulley*

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

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell, 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

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

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

Chris Wood, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

Growing thru Grief meetings are continuing at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 West Cornwallis in Durham. Meetings are held each Tuesday, with registration starting at 4:00 p.m. First time attendees must show proof of Covid vaccination and booster(s). Any masking requirements will be posted at the church. The program begins at 4:30 p.m. and all will end by 6:00 p.m. The topic for **August 16:** "Six Needs of Mourning," given by Mike McCloud. Please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org if you have any questions and to register.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

War in Ukraine (DR000156-Ukraine) Funds given to this account are used for humanitarian support for emergency and long term needs for affected and displaced persons in regions such as Ukraine and refugees who have fled the violence and taken refuge in countries throughout Europe.

Flooding in Eastern Kentucky (DR000191-Kentucky) This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and enables members and congregations to support the PC(USA) response to episodes of flooding within the United States. Funds given to this account will provide relief and recovery efforts which include assessments, clean-up, and rebuilding.

Please give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To give by phone, call **800-872-3283**. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line (DR#) and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

P.O. Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

There will be a **Faith Formation Teachers' meeting** immediately following worship on **Sunday, August 21**. We will start at **12:15 p.m.** Lunch will be provided, along with a quick review of faith development and a walk-through of classrooms, resources, and curriculum. We will end by 1:00 p.m.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE!

Most Needed Items

Crayons	Scissors	Clip Boards	Markers	Paper
Rulers	Sharpies	Ink Pens	White Out	Tape
Highlighters Binder Clips Mechanical Pencils				
Hand Sanitizer Pencil Pouches				

Bring your donations to FPC and place them in the **FILL THAT BUS** bin.

The deadline is August 31st.

Thank you for supporting our Durham Public Schools teachers.

FIRST FRIENDS EVENTS

First Friends is a fellowship group for adults who enjoy socializing and occasional service projects. Unless event is "adults only," children may join their parents at these events.

August Potluck

WHEN: Friday, August 26 – begin gathering at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: At the home of *Mac and Wendy McCorkle* (4811 Montvale, Durham)

Hosts will supply barbecue, sandwich buns, and slaw from Q-shack. People can bring sides and dessert. You can also BYOB. RSVP to Wendy and let her know what you will bring:

wendy.mccorkle@gmail.com or 919-656-7153.

September Beach Trip

WHEN: Friday, September 16 at 4:00 PM to Sunday, September 18 at 11:00 AM

WHERE: An awesome beach house on the coast of NC

QUESTIONS: Call Deborah Momsen-Hudson at 919-417-8664.

Respond to the EVITE by August 15. EVITE: <http://evite.me/S1taW3KEKD>

If you did not receive an EVITE and you would like to be invited to First Friends events, call the church office: 919-682-5511 x 215 to have your contact info added.



Light a Candle: A Concert to Prevent Gun Violence

Sunday, August 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

FPC is invited to join with Judea Reform Congregation members and the wider community to offer music, silence, and reflections as well as suggestions of action steps to work against the tide of gun violence in our community. Attendees are required to be vaccinated and masked. Rehearsal would be Monday, August 15 from 7-8 pm at Judea Reform if you would like to sing with the event's choir.

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

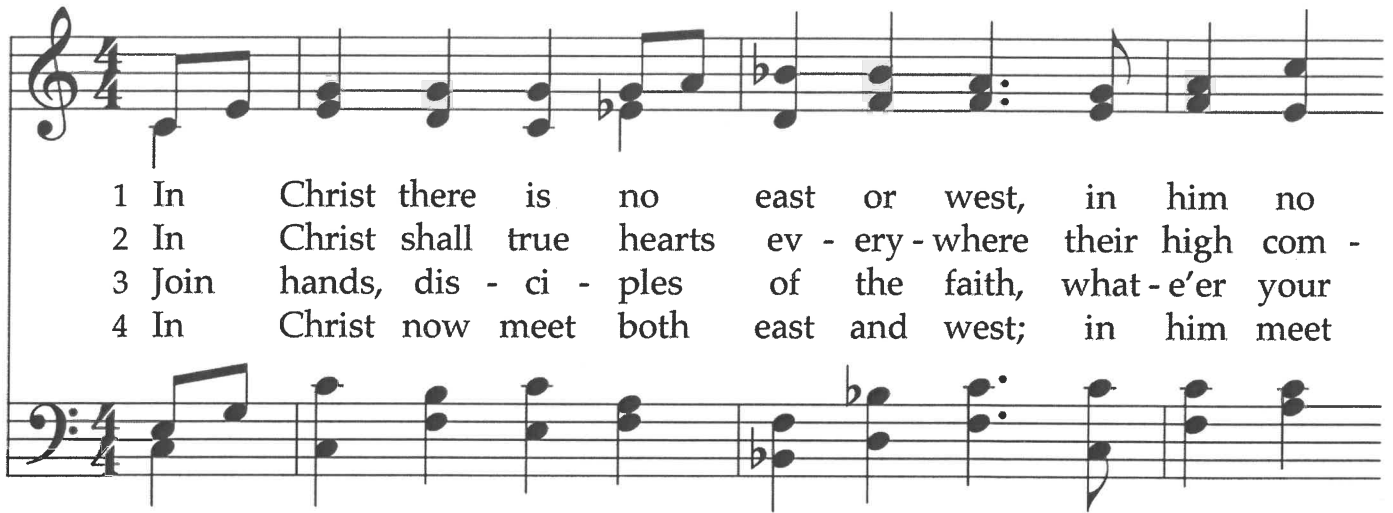
strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

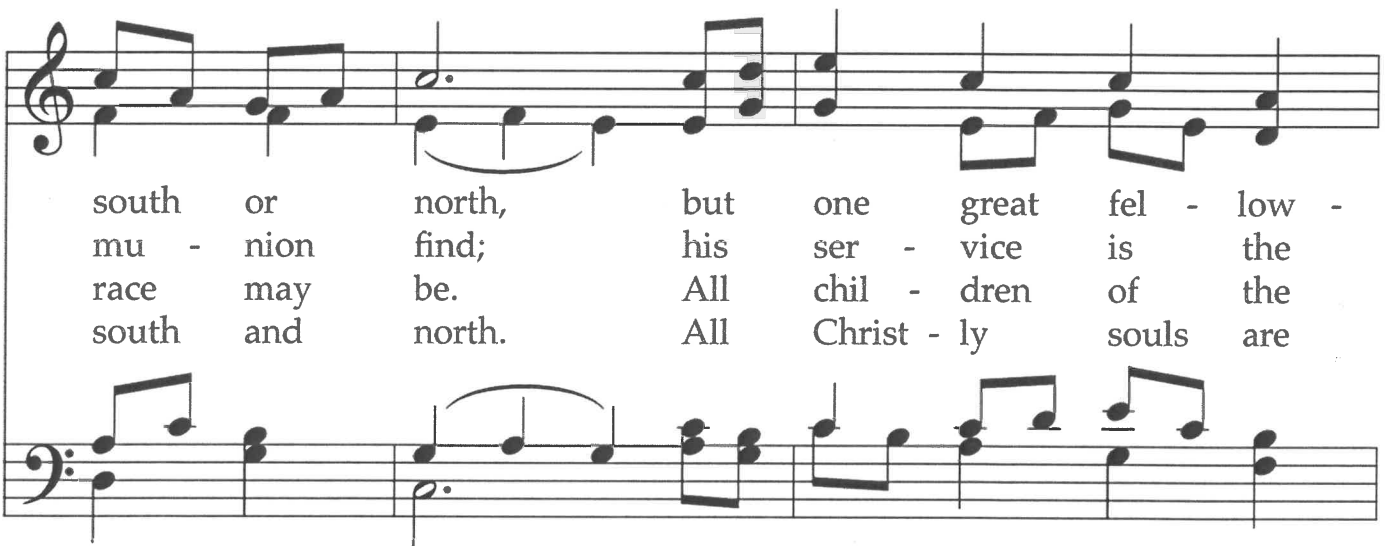
Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

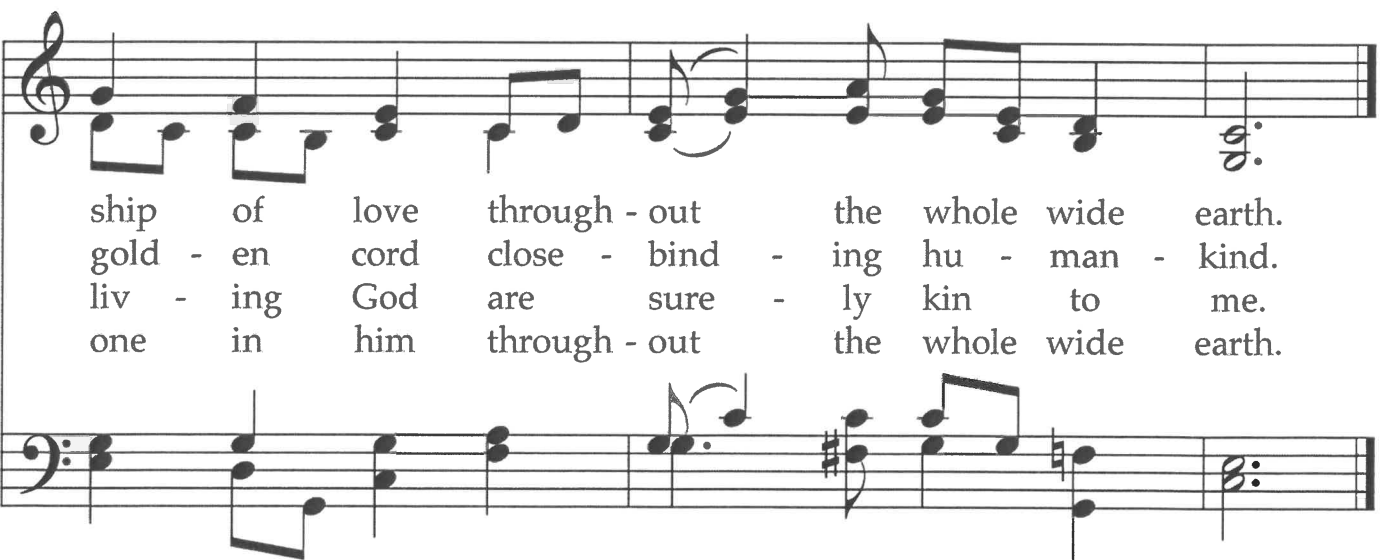
317 In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet




south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

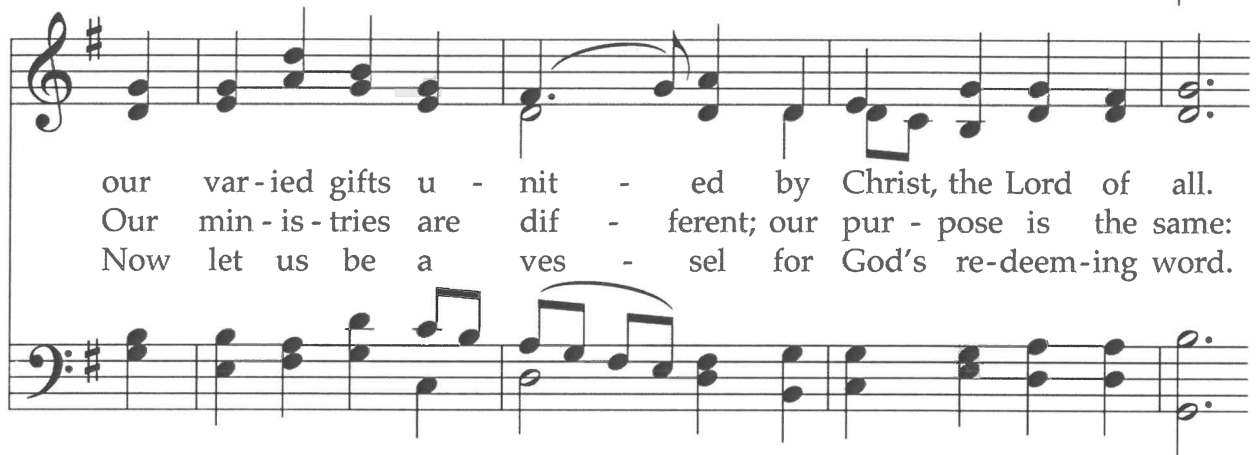


ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

733 We All Are One in Mission



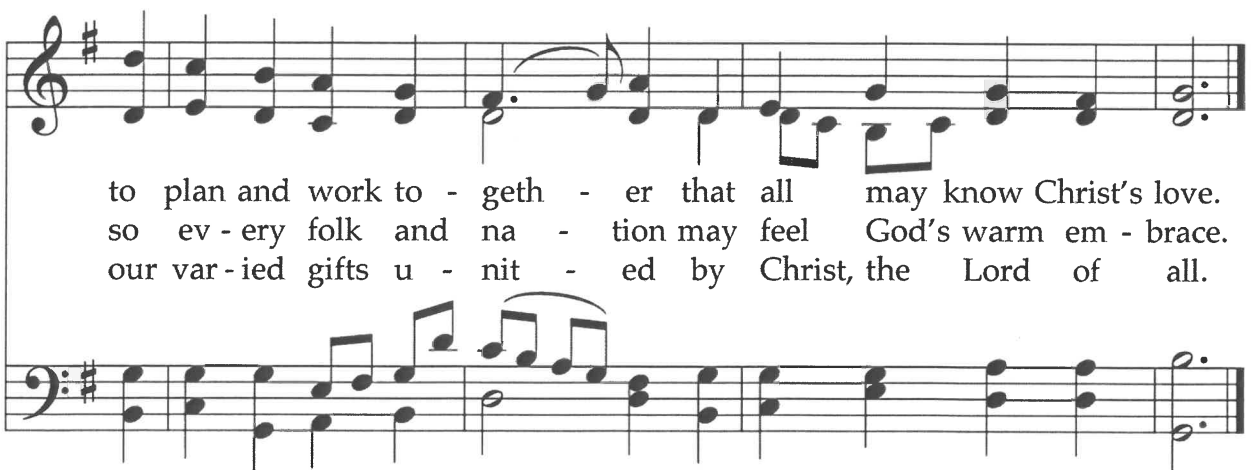
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.



SAVE THESE DATES!

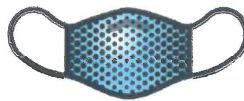
*September 11	Faith Formation Classes Fall Kickoff
September 25	Stewardship Season Kickoff with lunch
*October 2	World Communion Sunday
October 16	Children's Sabbath / World Food Day
October 23	Stewardship Sunday/ Pledges Dedication
October 30	Reformation Sunday
*November 6	All Saints' Sunday
*November 20	Christ the King Sunday
	Advent Festival at 9:45 AM
*December 4	Alternative Gifts Fair (Time TBA)
December 11	Christmas Pageant (Time TBA)
	Evening Supper & Sing-along 6 PM
December 18	Lessons and Carols 11 AM
*December 24	Christmas Eve Worship
	Communion/Candlelight Service 5 PM
*December 25	Christmas Day Worship 11 AM

***Communion Sunday**

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today	Monday, August 15 1:00 PM Worship Planning 2:00 PM All Staff 4:00-6:00 PM Growing thru Grief (St. Paul's Lutheran Church)	Tuesday, August 16 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Stress and Trauma One-on-One Sessions with Jane Austin	Wednesday, August 17 No Chancel Choir
Thursday, August 18 6:30-8:00 PM "Racist Roots" film premier and panel discussion (Chelsea Theater, Chapel Hill)	Friday, August 19	Saturday, August 20	Sunday, August 21 9:45 AM Faith Formation (Children and Lectionary) 11:00 AM Worship Vernon Cooper, preaching 12:15-1:15 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Daye Parlor) 12:15-1:00 PM Faith Formation Teachers' Meeting (Watts-Hill Hall)

Masks are welcome
but no longer required in church space.



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