

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

PRELUDE

***OPENING SENTENCES** (Psalm 103:1-8)

John Weicher

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits --**

Leader: who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

People: **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

Leader: who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

People: **O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Leader: You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

People: **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

***HYMN NO. 54**

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God,

**you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus
to direct us in the way of life.**

You offer us your Holy Spirit

so that we can be born to new life as your children.

**Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction
and that we often succumb to their lure.**

**Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,
that we may receive your blessing.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

John Weicher

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of peace, who has taught us that
in returning and rest we will be saved,
in quietness and confidence will be our strength:
By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray,
to your presence,
where we may be still and know that you are God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:9b-14

(Pew Bible, OT page 688)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Michael Honeycutt

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

(Pew Bible, NT page 76)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Vernon Cooper

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Vernon Cooper

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From *The Belhar Confession*)

John Weicher

We believe:

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

***HYMN NO. 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

David Smith

Invitation to the Offering

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)

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. 819**

Be Still, My Soul

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***BENEDICTION**

Vernon Cooper

***POSTLUDE**

Light a Candle: A Concert to Prevent Gun Violence

Today from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Judea Reform Congregation sanctuary (1933 W Cornwallis Rd.), we are invited to join Judea Reform Congregation members, SONAM, and the wider Durham 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. Concert attendees are required to be vaccinated and masked.



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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.

We are grateful to *Pastor Katie Crowe and Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church* for allowing us to meet for worship in their sanctuary today. Our buildings are closed due to an electrical problem.

We welcome to the pulpit today, *Vernon Cooper*. The son and grandson of Presbyterian ministers, Vernon Robinson Cooper lived most of his life in various parts of South Carolina. He moved to the Triangle area in order to study at Duke Divinity School. He currently serves on the session of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church. Vernon has been married to ***Jennifer***, his high school girlfriend, for 16 years. Vernon and Jennifer live in Hillsborough with their two dogs.

Today's ***flowers*** are given by ***Gray and Amy Wilson*** to the glory of God and in memory of Amy's father, ***James Perry Allen***.

Sources for today's worship texts: *Book of Common Prayer, The Worship Sourcebook, Book of Common Worship (2018)* and music from *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal).

The ***bulletin cover image*** (reprinted in black and white) was retrieved August 19, 2022 from <https://worldwidechristianministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Bent-Woman.jpg>

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to ***Sarah and Pete Finbow*** on the birth of ***Esther Margaret Finbow***. Esther joins big sister ***Sadie***.

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to ***Alice Raney*** on the passing of her sister, ***Ethel Carr Lipscomb Girvin***, on August 9th at Duke Hock Pavilion.

Celebration of Life Service: *Jane Williams'* husband, *Roger Alan Kalthoff*, passed away on August 5th. A Celebration of Life service will be held for Roger on **Saturday, August 27, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sappenfields' home** (6 Pearse Wynd Road, Bahama NC 27503). Please call (919-801-1610) or e-mail Marie (dlsmd@aol.com) if you plan to attend. All are welcome.

Concerns:

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

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

Paul Cornsweet

Kerry Holbrook

Lee House

Jancy Johnstone

George Kafula

Katy Loebrich

Jo Ann Moore

Caroline Pritchett

David and Judy Smith

Carol Wills

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

Bob, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Sydnor Patrick, friend of FPC

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

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

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 ends at 6:00 p.m.

August 23 "Grief Support Turned on Its Head: A Companionship Approach to Grief and Loss," with Mandy Murphy

August 30 Tim Auman will be the speaker.

Please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org if you have any questions and to register.



FIRST FRIENDS

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.

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.

Building Beloved Community

A Place of Grace
in the Heart of Durham

\$2.5 million!

As co-chairs of the Campaign, we are so excited to share the news that the congregation's response to-date has surpassed \$2.5 million. THANK YOU for this generous response!

Our Building Beloved Community Capital Campaign will advance our mission as we set our sights on our building expansion and renovation plans, estimated to cost \$3 million to \$4 million. Also, a portion of the gifts shared in the campaign (approximately \$50,000) will go to support a part time tutoring coordinator for three years at our sister congregation Iglesia Emanuel. AND... a portion of the gifts (approximately \$50,000) will fund the nonprofit RIP Medical Debt, resulting in \$5 million in debt relief for people living below 200% of the federal poverty level.

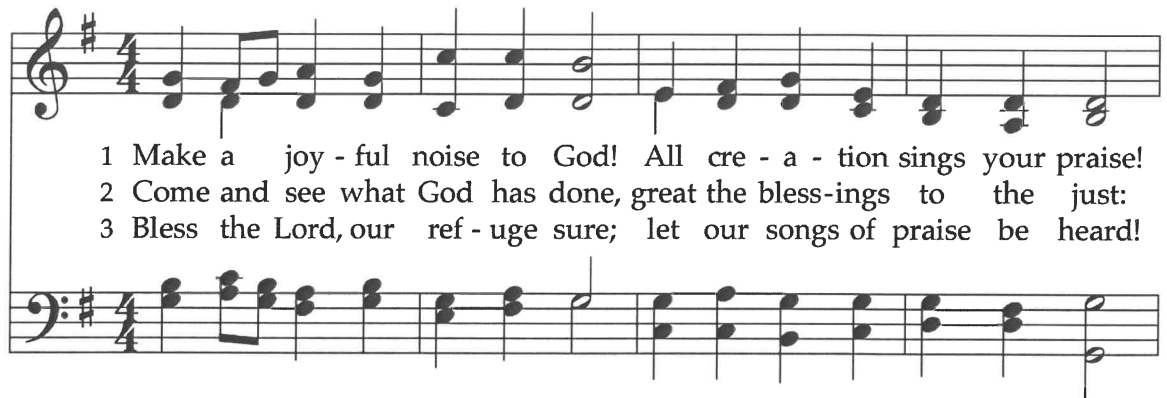
As our Building Beloved Campaign continues, we encourage everyone to return the campaign pledge form to the church office, bring it to the worship service, or respond online through our church website. Again, we are excited by the response to-date, and are hoping that all members can claim a share of what we are accomplishing together.

Gray and Amy Wilson
Campaign Co-Chairs

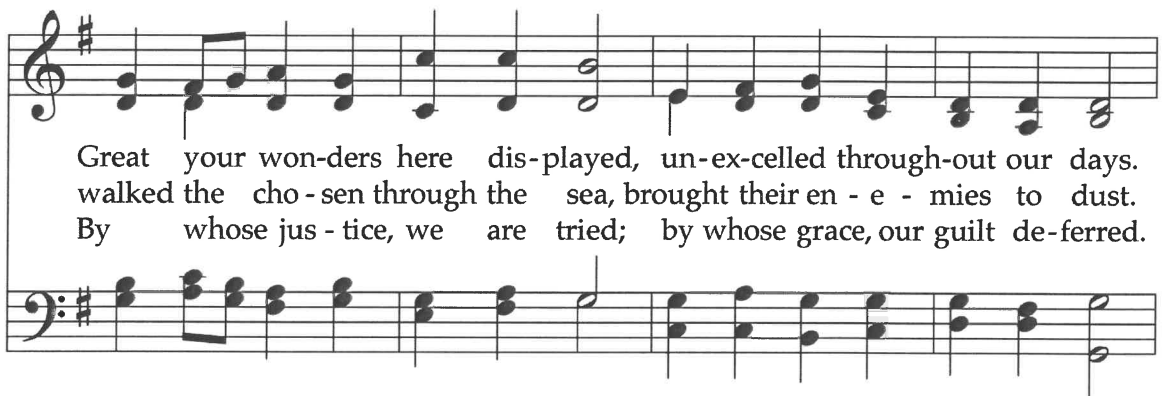
“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17.

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

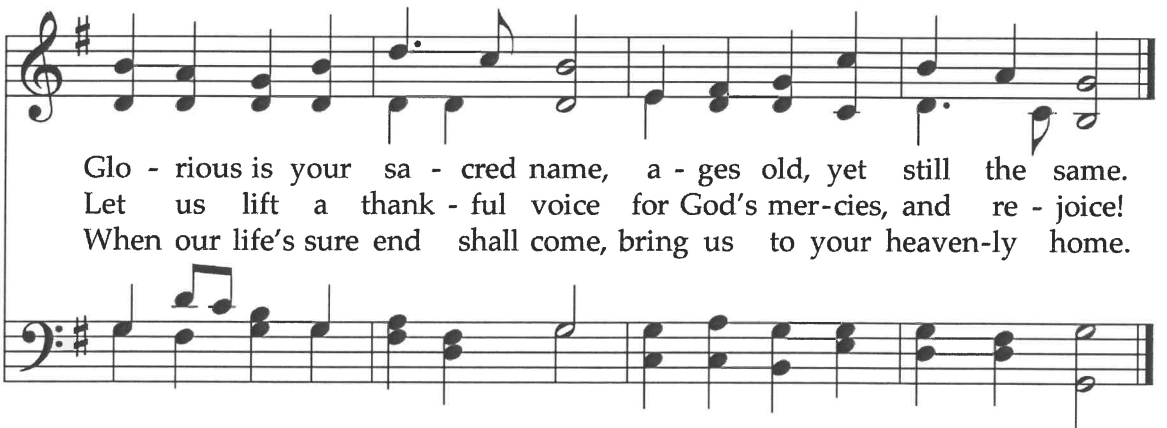
(Psalm 66)



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless-ings to the just:
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days.
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer-cies, and re - joice!
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven-ly home.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

819

Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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 relief and recovery efforts which include assessments, clean-up efforts, 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.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today	Monday, August 22	Tuesday, August 23	Wednesday, August 24
The Faith Formation Teachers' Training has been postponed to next Sunday following worship.	1:00 PM Worship Planning 2:00 PM Program Staff	11:30 AM Day Timers Luncheon at Bullock's Barbeque (RSVP to Mickey Velkey)	No Chancel Choir
Thursday, August 25	Friday, August 26	Saturday, August 27	Sunday, August 28
	6:00 PM First Friends Potluck at the home of Mac and Wendy McCorkle	11:00 AM A Celebration of Life Service for Roger Kalthoff at the home of David and Marie Sappenfield	9:45 AM Faith Formation (Children and Lectionary) 11:00 AM Worship Mindy Douglas, preaching <i>Hunger for Change</i> Offering received After Worship: End of Summer Sizzle with popsicles and blessing of backpacks

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

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