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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Stewardship

Mindy Douglas
Laurie Ray/Franzi Rokoske

PRELUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

Richard Billingham

INTROIT

Christ Be the Lord of All Our Days

John Scott

*Christ be the Lord of all our days,
the swiftly-passing years;
Lord of our unremembered birth,
heirs to the brightness of the earth;
Lord of our griefs and fears.*

*Christ be the vision of our lives,
of all we think and are;
to shine upon our spirits' sight
as light of everlasting light:
the bright and morning star.*

*OPENING SENTENCES (PSALM 146:5-10)

Amy Heit

Leader: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

People: **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

Leader: who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captives free.

People: **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

People: **The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

*HYMN NO. 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

Ar Hyd Y Nos

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of justice and righteousness,
you lift up the lowly and fill the empty;
yet we adore the high and the mighty.
You reach out to the poor;
yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth.
You talk about treasure in heaven;
yet we want dollars in our account right now.
Correct our misguided ways.
Forgive our lack of generosity.
Free us from striving for more and more.
Change our hearts
so that we can tend to things that matter
and find our life in Jesus Christ.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING THE PEACE**

John Weicher

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, you are rich in love for your people.

**Show us the treasure that endures
and, when we are tempted by greed,
remind us of your lavish mercy.**

**Call us back into your service
and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails.**

**We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19

(Pew Bible, NT page 210)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Amy Dillon

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

(Pew Bible, NT page 79)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Gates and Chasms"

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Canticle of Hannah

Amy Heit

**Our hearts exult in the Lord; our strength is exalted in our God.
There is none holy like the Lord; there is none beside you; no rock, like our God.
For you, O Lord are a God of knowledge, and by you our actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.
You Lord make poor and make rich; you bring low and you also exalt.
You raise up the poor from the dust, and lift the needy from the ash heap.
You make them sit with princes, and inherit a seat of honor.
For yours, O Lord, are the pillars of the earth; and on them you have set the world.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

Invitation to the Offering

(The Hunger for Change Offering is received today.)

Offertory Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

***Offertory Response (sung twice)**

Abundant Blessing

The musical notation is written on three staves in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you. God, we wor - ship and a - dore you. Take what we bring, of - fered to you." The chords indicated above the notes are: D*, G, A7, D, Bm, Em/G, A, Dsus, D, D*, G, A7, D.

Hymn continues next page.

Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amy Heit

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. 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

Heaven Shall Not Wait

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Robert Lind

Following worship today, join us for our Stewardship Luncheon.

All ages will eat together on the lawn or in Watts-Hill Hall.



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 in worship today **Amy Heit**, our pastoral associate. Amy has spent the past few months providing pastoral care to our members who are hospitalized, homebound, and in care facilities.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by **Presbyterian Women**, in memory of **Clara Mathis** who served as church hostess for many years.

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. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

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: *Call to Worship 2021-2022 Year C*, *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal) and *Book of Common Worship* (1995, 2018 editions).

The bulletin cover was created by member *Isa Cummings*, daughter of *Drew and Amy Cummings*.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Sympathies: The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Al and Judy Arrowood* on the death of Judy's cousin, *Bill Estes*, who died September 21.

- *Jo Ann Moore*, recovering for surgery this week.
- *Kerry Holbrook* is recovering at Brian Center Southpoint following back surgery.
- *People in Puerto Rico and in the path of developing storms on the east and gulf coasts*

Paul Cornsweet

Jancy Johnstone

George Kafula

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Katy Loeblich

Franzi Rokoske

Carol Wills

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *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

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

Scott Barenchi, stepson of Linda Barenchi

Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

Supporting Duke's Presbyterian Campus Ministry

Duke Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM+) is looking for volunteers who are able and willing to bring dinner on Sunday nights before their worship. We are so grateful for your consideration - the engagement and support that students receive from partner churches like First Presbyterian is such an enriching part of this ministry! If you would like to know more and sign-up to bring dinner on a Sunday night, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AFA623AAFAC70-pcm1>.

Faith Formation

Classes for all ages!
 Sunday mornings
 9:45-10:45 a.m.
 In-person and online
 option available

First Presbyterian Church - Love in the Heart of Durham

Awesome Autumn

All-Church Fellowship, Recreation & Dinner
 Sunday, Oct. 16, 5-7 pm
 Bring a dish to share.
 Croasdaile Pavilion
 (2600 Croasdaile Farm Pkwy)



FALL BOOK STUDY

Revolution of Values
 by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

Tuesdays, at 6:15 p.m.
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Check in with Mindy Douglas
 if you need a copy of the book.

Here's the remaining schedule:

September 27/28 chapters 5-6
 October 4/5 chapters 7-8
 October 11/12 chapters 9

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmdUNZdXR5SZ09NUkxhZk1DTlkzQT09>

FPC Honors the Season of Peace

Next Sunday, October 2 we will receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering that supports initiatives in the US and around the world. This year our local 25% goes to <https://nonviolentdurham.org/>.

On Wednesday, October 5, FPC will host Mr. Maina Talia, Climate Action Network Secretary in Tuvalu, an island country in the Pacific Ocean. From 6:00 p.m. he will talk with us about climate change, theology and indigenous issues. Snacks will be served at 5:30 p.m. and later we will have supper with Mr. Talia. His talk is sponsored by FPC's Creation Care and Service and Mission committees and the Peacemaking Network of New Hope Presbytery. Join us in promoting peace!



THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham 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 from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

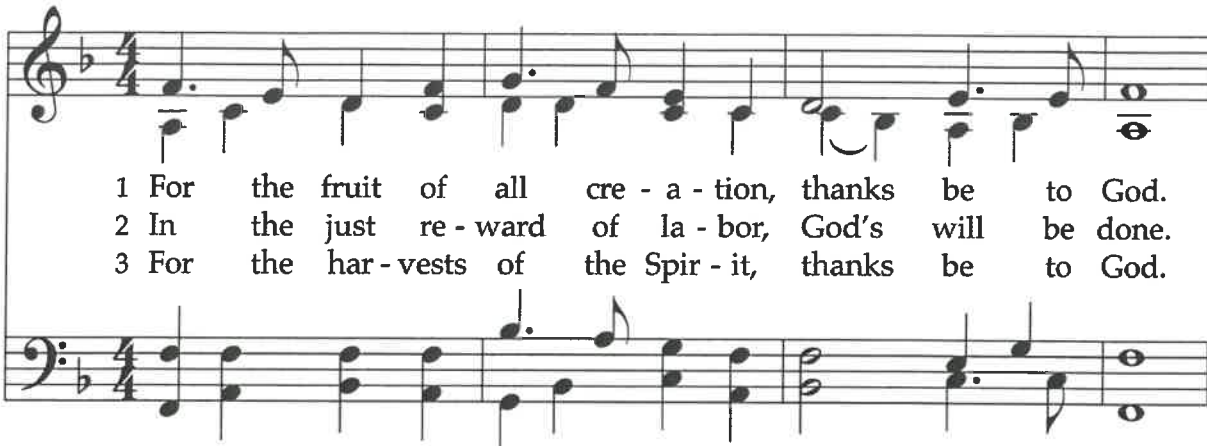
If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

Thank you for your offering today!

For the Fruit of All Creation

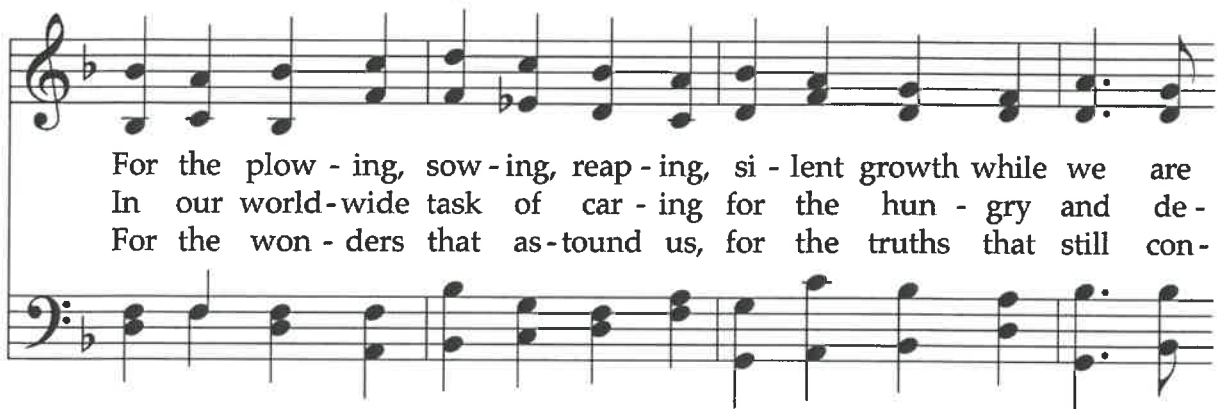
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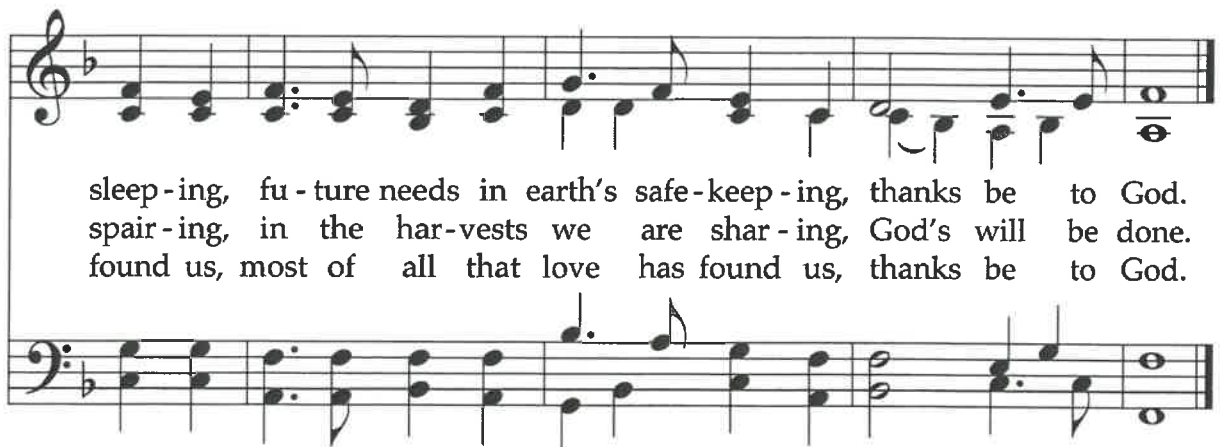
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(G)



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

(Bm)

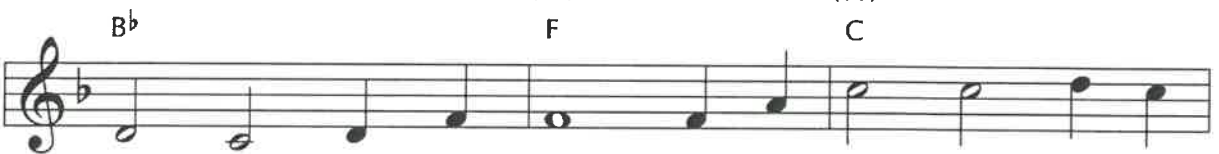


end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

(D)

(A)



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

(F#m)

(Bm)

(G)

(A)

(D)



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

(G)

(D)



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Heaven Shall Not Wait

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Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb



1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Ab Bbsus Bb



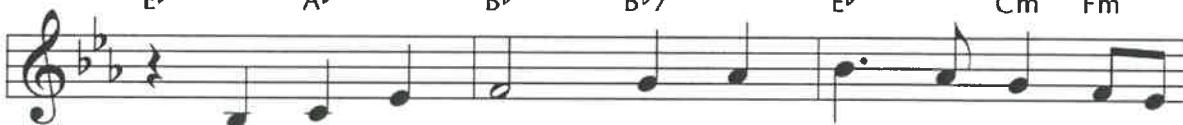
the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 Eb Fm7 Bb



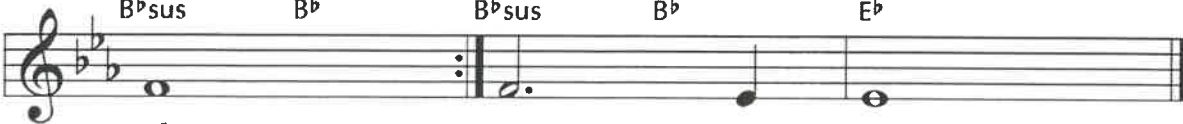
Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
 Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm Fm



in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 (Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)
 Bbsus Bb Bbsus Bb Eb



end. ev - er - more.
 feast.
 plain.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today After Worship Stewardship Luncheon</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Groups (on the lawn)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, September 26</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 27</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p> <p>6:15 PM Book Study: <i>Revolution of Values</i> (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 28</p> <p>11:00 AM Book Study: <i>Revolution of Values</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, September 29</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p>Friday, September 30</p> <p>6:15 PM Middle School Retreat (Parking lot)</p>	<p>Saturday, October 1</p> <p>8:15 PM Middle School Retreat Pickup (Parking lot)</p>	<p>Sunday, October 2</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation (classes for all ages)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Communion</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Groups</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

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