



## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 2, 2022**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

*For those joining worship via live stream, please prepare your bread and cup before worship begins  
so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's service.*

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

John Weicher

Minute for Stewardship

Lawrence Mbugua

**PRELUDE**

*Gather Us In, the Whole Human Race*

Rebecca Groom te Velde

**INTROIT**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

*Caribbean melody*

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

John Weicher

Leader: From north and south and east and west,

**People: all creation sings forth your praise!**

Leader: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

**People: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Leader: Your steadfast love never ceases.

**People: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.**

**\*HYMN NO. 509**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

*Holy Manna*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good.**

**But we look out at your world and see division and suffering.**

**You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace,**

**but we choose division over diversity,**

**confrontation over civility,**

**conflict over peace born from justice.**

**You call us to love the least of these among us,**

**but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort.**

**We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors.**

**Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ.**

**Rekindle in us your gifts – the spirit of power, love and self-discipline –**

**that with faith in Christ, we might be made new**

**and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 585

*Glory to God*

*Machu Pichu*



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!  
 2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!  
 3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!



To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!



Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

John Weicher

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Julio Manceras

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: In the quietness of this hour, we wait for your Spirit.

Tune our ears to hear the promise of your salvation.

Incline our hearts toward your message of peace.

Summon our will to respond to your Word with justice and love,  
 that we might go forth with joy; through Christ. Amen.

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Ephesians 2:13-22

(Pew Bible, NT page 192)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Julio Manceras

People: Thanks be to God!

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 55:1-13

(Pew Bible, OT page 685)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

*"Come to the Table"*

Mindy Douglas

**\*HYMN NO. 373**

*O Day of Peace*

*Jerusalem*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Hispanic Creed*

John Weicher

**We believe in the Church Universal**

**because it is a sign of God's Reign,  
whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues  
where all the colors paint a single landscape,  
where all tongues sing the same praise.**

**We believe in the Reign of God – the day of the Great Fiesta**

**when all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow,  
when all peoples will join in joyful banquet,  
when all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.**

**And because we believe, we commit ourselves:**

**to believe for those who do not believe,  
to love for those who do not love,  
to dream for those who do not dream,  
until the day when hope becomes reality. Amen.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Julie Maxwell

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

The annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering** that supports initiatives in the US and around the world is being received today. Please use the enclosed specially- marked envelope for this offering. This year, our local 25% goes to the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (<https://nonviolentedurham.org/>).

Offertory Anthem (choir)

*Love Is Little*

*Shaker Song*

*Love is little, love is low,  
Love will make our spirits grow,  
Grow in peace, grow in light,  
Love will do the thing that's right.*

**\*Offertory Response (Hymn No. 709)**

*Abundant Blessings*

*God, we honor you.*

*God, we trust in you.*

*God, we worship and adore you.*

*Take what we bring,*

*offered to you.*

*Teach us to show your abundant blessings.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia,*

*Alleluia, Amen.*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Mindy Douglas

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

John Weicher

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 Leader: We give you thanks and praise, God of all Creation,  
 for the blessing of your earth and all your children,  
 for the mercies you pour forth in fresh rains and harvests of plenty,  
 for joy that comes in the morning.  
 We are a grateful people.  
 You created a world of harmony and peace,  
 but our yearning for power and privilege throughout history  
 led to division and conflict, suffering and violence.  
 We give thanks that you sent prophets and poets to lament and remind  
 to bear witness and call us to yet a better way,  
 to write the vision of a peaceable kingdom for all to see.  
 With fresh eyes and renewed hope,  
 we join our voices with those around the world  
 and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

**All:** (sung in English and in Spanish)

*Santo, santo, santo*

*Argentine Santo*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!  
 San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!  
 Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

Leader: We give you thanks that in the fullness of time,  
 you sent your Son Jesus to bear witness to your mercy, grace and love.  
 In his living, he showed us how to love.  
 In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy.  
 In his rising, he granted us grace.

Leader: Through the gift of faith,  
even faith as small as a mustard seed,  
his witness rekindles in us the gifts of God,  
not so that we can hold onto these gifts for ourselves  
but so that we can be united across the globe  
as one family of faith gathered around one table,  
sharing in one holy meal,  
sustained by a love that binds us together in peace.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our many tables  
trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred meal together.

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Mindy Douglas and John Weicher

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*(The elements are gluten free and prepared in a gluten-free area.  
You will be directed to come forward to receive the bread and cup.  
Communion servers will sanitize their hands prior to the distribution of the elements.)*

Communion Hymn No. 528

*Come, Let Us Eat*

*A Va De*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
People: **Amen.**  
All: **May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine be a reminder  
of the true joy of communion that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love.  
Sustained by your Word, fed by this holy meal, may we go out with joy and be led  
forth in peace; through Christ our peace. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 80**

*You Shall Go Out with Joy*

*The Trees of the Field*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

*Tanzanian Traditional Melody,  
arr. J. Wayne Kerr*



***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.



The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Tyler and Deborah Momsen-Hudson* and with great thanks to those who volunteer with the Walk-in Ministry.

*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.

*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:* *Denominational World Communion Resource, Call to Worship* (Year C 2021-2022), *Book of Common Worship* (2018), and *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal).

*These Days* daily devotional booklets for *October – December 2022* are available from the table in the church foyer. Get your free copy while supplies last.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR OCTOBER 9, 2022

The Session of FPC has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 9 for the purpose of dissolving the church's relationship with associate pastor *Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*, as required by New Hope Presbytery. The meeting will take place at the end of worship.

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### FPC hosting Peacemaking Event

On this Wednesday, October 5, FPC will host Mr. Maina Talia, Climate Action Network Secretary in Tuvalu, an island country in the Pacific Ocean in a gathering in Watts-Hill Hall. Snacks will be available at 5:30 p.m. Beginning at **6:00 p.m.** Talia will talk with us about climate change, theology, and indigenous issues. Following his presentation, we will enjoy supper together at the church. Reserve your box supper here: <https://forms.gle/LGqU8Ho8gg5dCknZ9>. Talia's 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! All are welcome.

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## ~ Our Concerns ~

**Sympathies:** The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- *Robert and Jane Brawley* on the death of Robert's brother-in-law, *William (Bill) Alter*. Bill is the husband of Robert's sister, *Mary Ruth Alter*. Bill died September 16. He suffered from Parkinson's disease for several years.
- *Al and Judy Arrowood* on the death of Al's mother, *Gladys Arrowood*, who died September 28.

*Paul Cornsweet*

*Kerry Holbrook*

*Jancy Johnstone*

*George Kafula*

*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*

*Katy Loebrich*

*Jo Ann Moore*

*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

*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

*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

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## **Search Committee Approved**

At its September 26, 2022 Session meeting, the Session approved the following people to serve on a search committee for a temporary stated supply associate pastor.

*Gordon Campbell*, Chair (organist/music leader, Refugee Resettlement Team)

*Josh Walters*, Vice-Chair (deacon, Pastoral Care Committee)

*Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey* (elder, Personnel Committee)

*Mary Ellis Merritt* (elder, youth, Service and Mission Committee)

*Mary Ashley Rose* (new member, young adult)

*Amy Sanchez* (deacon, Ushering Committee chair)

*Eric Wiebe* (elder, former Personnel Committee chair)

This committee is already hard at work. A newly revised job description (approved by the Personnel Committee and the Session) is posted on the website under the "jobs" tab, along with a Ministry Information Form (MIF) and application instructions. If you know of anyone who might be interested in applying for this position, please point them to the information posted there. Applications will be accepted through October.



FPC's Racial Equity Task Force has prioritized the importance of protecting access to voting and getting out the vote (GOTV) this fall as a strategy to foster equity. We're working with Democracy NC, a nonpartisan organization focused on voting

rights. The election is **Tuesday, November 8** and **early voting** begins on **Thursday, October 20** and ends at 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 5**. There are 3 ways you can participate:

- 2) **Volunteer to be a Vote Protector!** Vote Protectors serve as "eyes and ears on the ground" at voting site across NC and help voters who encounter problems at the polls and ensure that every polling place is running as it should. Sign up at [www.demnc.co/voteprotector](http://www.demnc.co/voteprotector).
- 3) **Phone Banking** - call Democracy NC nonpartisan supporters who voted in Presidential elections, but not in off-year elections to encourage them to vote in the November 8 midterms. Online, on-demand training is available at <https://youtube/LUCPTX4FPNA>.



- 1) **Join the #TruthTeam** - Help share honest, nonpartisan election information to your networks. Push back against the most pressing disinformation, mal-information, and misinformation, both digitally and at the local level. Sign up at [www.demnc.co/truthteam](http://www.demnc.co/truthteam) For more information, contact FPC's Faith Ambassador with Democracy NC, **Sharon Hirsch**, by email at [hirschnc@earthlink.net](mailto:hirschnc@earthlink.net).
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# Faith Formation

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



The collage features three photographs. The top right photo shows a group of people in a room, with a child in the foreground working on a craft project. The bottom left photo shows a group of people sitting outdoors on a lawn, facing a speaker. The bottom right photo shows a young girl smiling while working on a craft project.



*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)

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# RIP MEDICAL DEBT

## THE CURE FOR MEDICAL DEBT

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Medical debt is the source of incredible inequities, keeping families mired in debt and impeding their ability to build assets. Plus, it adds enormously to emotional stress. That's why First Presbyterian Church is leading this campaign as one reparations strategy. The potential to WIPE OUT DEBT for pennies on the dollar is amazing! When you make a pledge to our capital campaign, you are already supporting this project. If you have not already made a pledge, we hope you will join us in giving to our Building Beloved Community campaign! To learn more about how this debt is eliminated, check this out: [https://sojo.net/articles/churches-are-forgiving-medical-debt-pennies-yours-can-too?fbclid=IwAR1E8XBQE2oxpkY6tZ\\_rY9gfmIlGvOLjxiWbJQ0oYFziQGztQo0xw2Bgrsk](https://sojo.net/articles/churches-are-forgiving-medical-debt-pennies-yours-can-too?fbclid=IwAR1E8XBQE2oxpkY6tZ_rY9gfmIlGvOLjxiWbJQ0oYFziQGztQo0xw2Bgrsk)

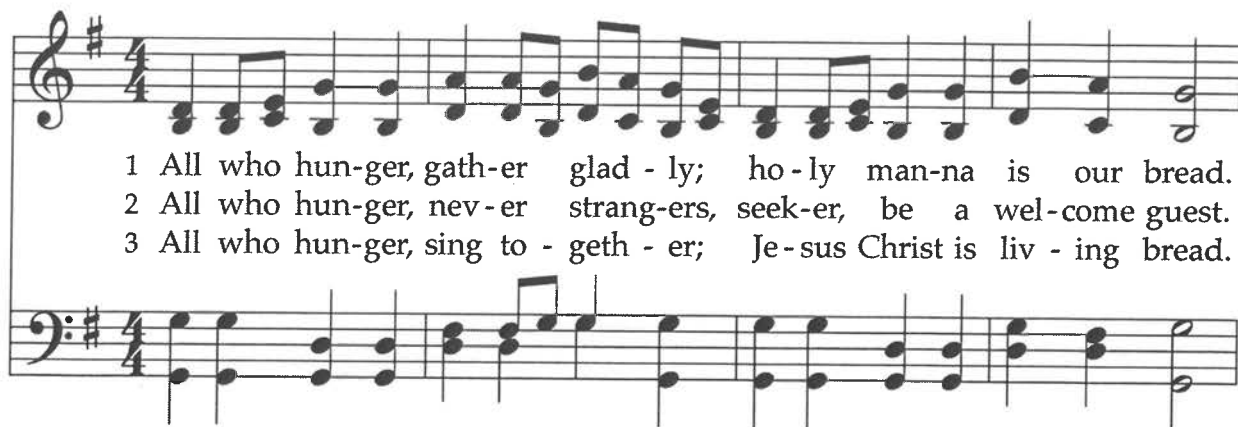
To pledge to reduce medical debt without giving to the capital campaign, go here:  
<https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/building-beloved-community/?>.

Please invite your family and friends to add to the amount we give to relieve medical debt. Give in the name of FPC's Building Beloved Community campaign.

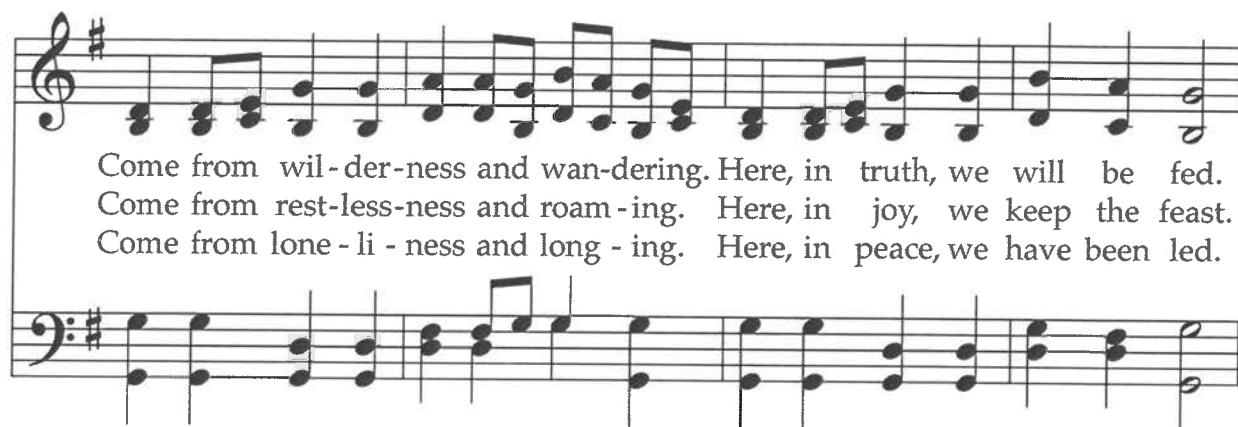
**Check out this NPR Report:** This group's wiped out \$6.7 billion in medical debt, and it's just getting started – August 15, 2022 5:00 AM ET

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/08/15/1093769295/this-groups-wiped-out-6-7-billion-in-medical-debt-and-its-just-getting-started>

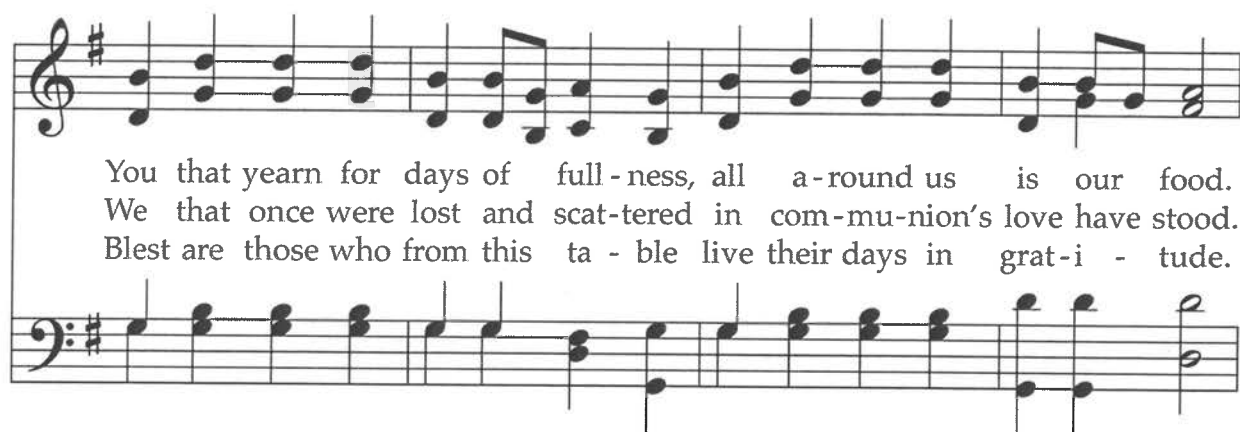
# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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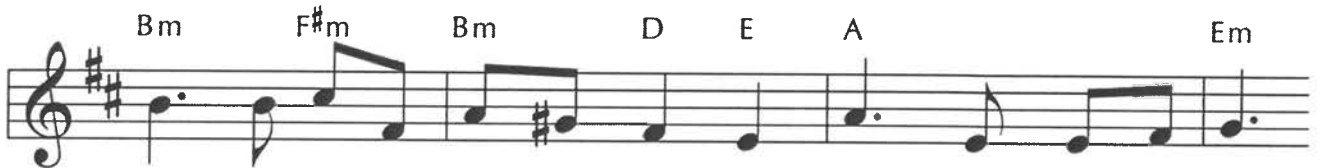
## O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate  
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's  
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of

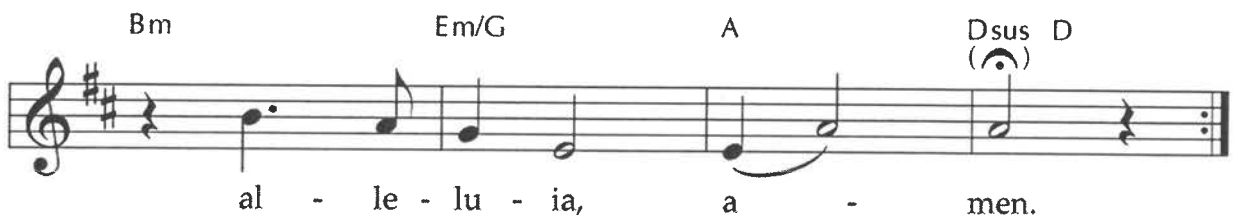
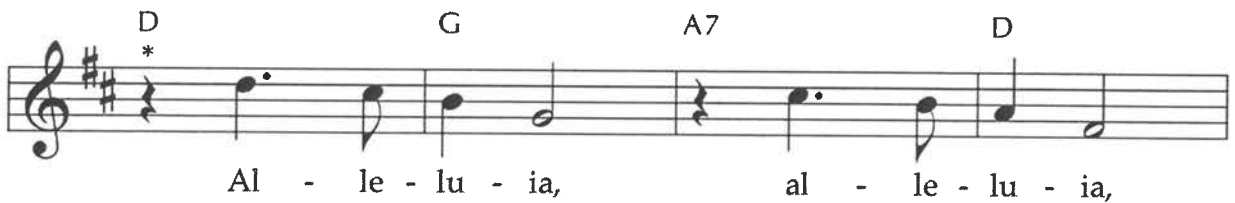
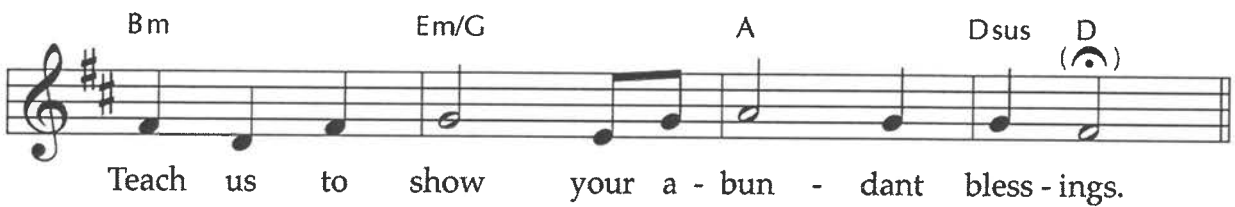
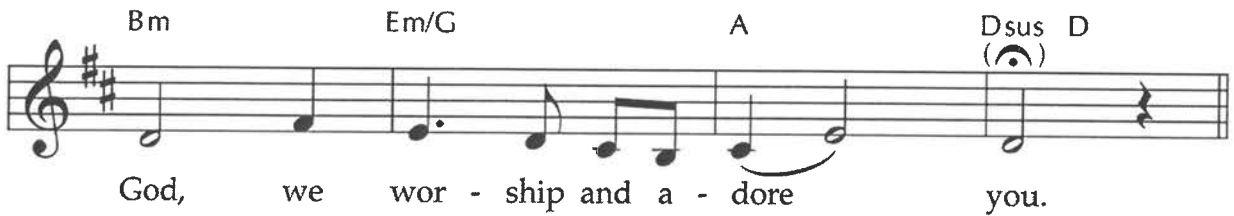
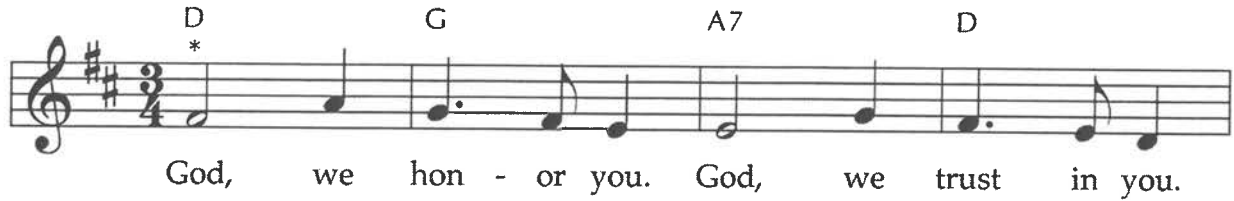


grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.



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## God, We Honor You



## Come, Let Us Eat

Capo 5: (C)

(Dm7)

(C)

(Am) (F)

F

Gm7

F

Dm B $\flat$ *Leader or All*

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread;

2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured;

3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest;

4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word;

(C)

(Fmaj7)

(G7)

(F)

(C)(Dm7)

F

B $\flat$ maj7

C7

B $\flat$ 

F Gm7

*All*

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(C)

(F)

(Dm)

(Am)

(Dm7)(F)

F

B $\flat$ 

Gm

Dm

Gm7 B $\flat$ *Leader or All*

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er;

Je - sus' blood poured, let us drink to - geth - er;

In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er;

Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom;

(C)

(F)

(C)

F

B $\flat$ 

F

*All*

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# You Shall Go Out with Joy

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## The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

\* D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

\*Clap hands.

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> HS Youth Group</p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Monday, October 3</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Presbyterian Women</p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b> Worship Planning</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 4</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p> <p><b>6:15 PM</b> Book Study: <i>Revolution of Values</i> (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 5</b></p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Book Study: <i>Revolution of Values</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b> Program Staff</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Peacemaking Presentation by Talia Maina (Snacks available at 5:30 - Boxed meal available after the presentation - RSVP for a boxed meal)</p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 6</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 7</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, October 8</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, October 9</b></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Faith Formation (classes for all ages)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship</p> <p><b>12:15 PM</b> Youth Group Lunch (meet in church lobby)</p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:

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*Lenore Champion*, Children's Ministry Director  
*Vernon Cooper*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor  
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*Omar Guess*, Sunday Morning Sexton



*Joseph Harvard*, Pastor Emeritus  
*Amy Bowers Heit*, Pastoral Associate  
*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor