

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

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

(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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

Minute for Stewardship

Amy Wilson

PRELUDE

Variations on "Amazing Grace"

Denis Bedard

INTROIT

O Living Bread from Heaven

Southern Harmony

*O Living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in praises overflows!*

***OPENING SENTENCES**

John Weicher

Leader: Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain –

People: **the pain of losing something precious.**

Leader: Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy –

People: **the joy of finding what was lost.**

Leader: We gather to hear Jesus speak
words of truth,
words of power,
words of love.

People: **Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.**

***HYMN NO. 826**

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Create in us clean hearts, O God,
cast out any transgression you find there –
ransack, renovate, redecorate!**

**Deep in our hearts,
remove fearful features and restore your original design.**

**The old lamps are dim;
bring new light into the darkness.**

**Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts,
and teach us wisdom,
so the hearts you transform may rejoice.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bob Breitweiser

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Mighty God,**

you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts.

By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live,

that we might be shaped into your people,

eager to bear your claim in the world

and to give flesh to your future.

For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

(Pew Bible, NT page 208)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Bob Breitweiser

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

(Pew Bible, NT page 78)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

John Weicher

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"971 Pieces"

John Weicher

***HYMN NO. 175**

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

John Weicher

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

Offertory Solo

Amazing Grace
Drew Cummings, bass

Southern hymn tune (New Britain)

*Offertory Response (sung twice)

Abundant Blessings

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.

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

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

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

Chords: D, G, A7, D, Bm, Em/G, A, Dsus D, D, Bm, Em/G, A, Dsus D, D, Bm, Em/G, A, Dsus D.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

John Weicher

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

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:

When only the hot wind of chaos blew,
and there was no light,
you spoke, Immortal, Invisible God,
your Word bringing forth fruit-filled lands,
your Spirit moving the hills to and fro
until they stood silent over the valleys.
In your wisdom,
you shaped us in your image,
your grace freely offered.
Foolishly, we chased after temptation's dreams,
becoming skilled workers
in constructing evil out of your good and wonderful gifts.
You showed the utmost patience towards us,
sending prophets with challenging words
to remind us of your promises to all,
but we were too foolish to listen.
So, you sent Jesus to us who,
like a friend who has lost touch
with those dearest to his heart,
reaches out to reconnect with them.
So, with the company of the saints in glory,
with the sinners and losers of this world,
we sing our praises to you:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Pavlechko

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: The wise seek after you, God of grace and glory,
 for you sent Jesus our Lord to us.
 Like a woman searching the shadows for a lost coin,
 he comes to find your greatest treasure.
 Like a brother who has lost touch with his siblings,
 he comes to reconcile us as your family.
 Like a sister who would stay awake while the younger children sleep,
 he comes, to be our true friend in every moment, in every place.
 Like a shepherd who would face danger in rescuing his sheep,
 he goes to the cross, experiencing our death,
 so he can carry us into the resurrected life.
 As we gather at his feast,
 as we know we have been completely accepted,
 we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: As we come to your table at this time,
 pour out your Holy Spirit upon
 this company of sinners
 who long to be right-living people,
 and on the gifts you have prepared.
 As we eat of the Bread of Life,
 strengthen our hearts and spirits,
 so we may search for the lost.
 As we drink from the Cup of Grace,
 may we be found to be faithful
 as you appoint us to serve the oppressed.
 And at that time when we will be with you,
 gathered around the Table of the Lamb
 with all who were lost, and like us, were found,
 we will join our voices in singing your praises,
 God in Community, Holy three in One.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

John Weicher and Mindy Douglas

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 Anthem (sung by choir) *Let Us Break Bread Together* African American Spiritual

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Amen.

All: Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.

Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.

God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.

Now send us out into your beloved world

to share your life, your love, your grace with all.

Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 536

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

Surge Ecclesia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

John Weicher

*POSTLUDE

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Anonymous (18th cent.)

**GET
ACTIVE**
*Opportunities
to Serve*

Discover the ways to experience fellowship at our church! This Sunday, representatives of our many committees, groups, and classes will be available to answer your questions about how to participate in them. Whether it is volunteering at Urban Ministries or working in the church garden or serving on a committee, any other church activity, the gift of fellowship is part of it. So linger after worship for a while this Sunday to explore all the possibilities!



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 *Laurie Ray* in memory of *Christine and Joseph Ray* and to honor those we have lost to violence, to recognize and encourage first responders, and all those who keep going. God's peace for us all.

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.

Sources for today's worship texts: *Lectionary Liturgies*, *Call to Worship*, *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal) and *Feasting on the Word*.

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.

A *Liturgist Training Class* will be scheduled in the very near future for four training sessions. ANYONE interested in becoming a part our Sunday morning worship service as a liturgist please contact *Steve Rimmer* in person or by email csrimmer@nc.rr.com. The training sessions are planned for the Sunday morning Faith Formation hour. If this time doesn't work for some we will find a time to meet during the week. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Congratulations: The Granville County Board of Commissioners has announced that *Drew Cummings* has been selected as the next Granville County Manager.

Kerry Holbrook is recovering from back surgery.

Paul Cornsweet

Lee House

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

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

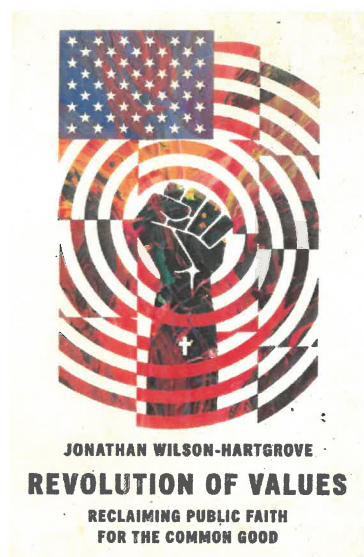
Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson



FALL BOOK STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 13 at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14 at 11 a.m.

Our first book, *Revolution of Values*, was chosen to help us think about the upcoming election and how we "reclaim public faith for the common good." This book is written by our local friend Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. **Please prepare for our first session by reading the first two chapters.** (Email Mindy for the pdf of Chapters 1-2.)

Our second book will be Kate Bowler's *No Cure for Being Human (and other truths I need to hear)*. We will also read:

- *Hope: A User's Manual*, by Maryann McKibben Dana
- *This Here Flesh*, by Cole Arthur Riley
- *How Not to Be Afraid*, by Gareth Higgins
- *The Way of Love*, by Norman Wirzba.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmdUNZdXRSZ09NUkxhZk1DTlkzQT09>

Singers of New and Ancient Music (SONAM)

10TH ANNIVERSARY FALL CONCERT

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 4:00 pm

FPC sanctuary

In celebration of SONAM's 10th anniversary, they will present a free concert of music about hope, joy, and mourning! All donations will help SONAM in their continuing mission to support area nonprofits and bring excellent choral music to the community. They will sing masked and are asking the audience to please also wear a mask for the safety of all in attendance. Masks will be available at the door. SONAM was established in 2012 and consists of about 20 talented singers from central North Carolina, led by conductor Allan Friedman and accompanist Jane Lynch.



The Durham Arts Council is bringing the 47th Annual CenterFest to Downtown Durham on September 17 and 18, 2022. Festival hours are Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the heart of Durham!


CenterFest is the longest-running juried outdoor arts festival in North Carolina. CenterFest boasts juried visual artists from near and far, great entertainment, lots of food and fun, and educational activities for kids. In Downtown Durham's vibrant city center district, CenterFest performers, artists, and visitors will enjoy a setting filled with restaurants, shops, and studios: a perfect space for an event that will bring 30,000+ visitors over the weekend. CenterFest 2022 will include several performance stages showcasing music, dance, street performers, and

community groups. Bring the family, bring your friends, bring the neighborhood!

Lift High the Cross

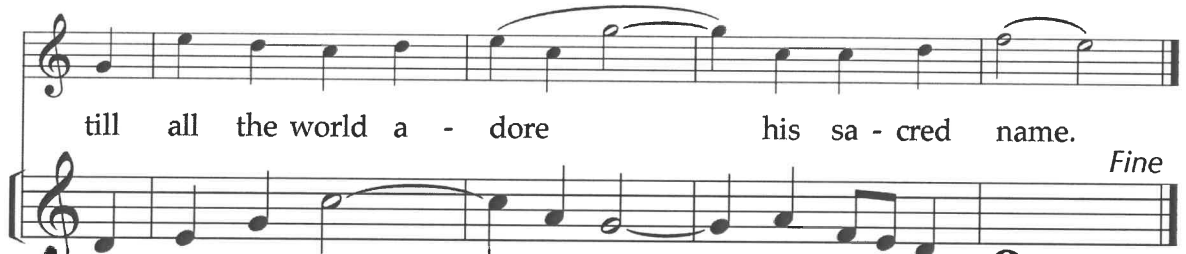
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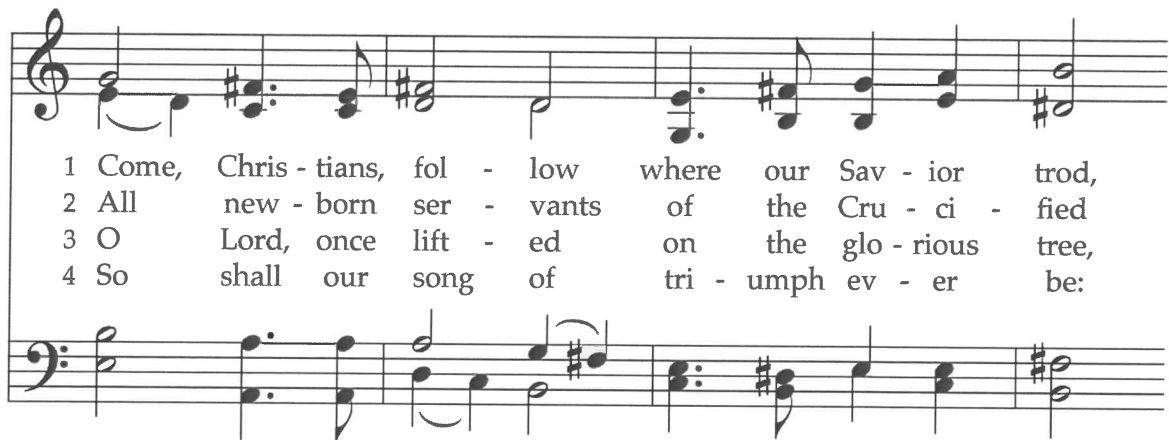
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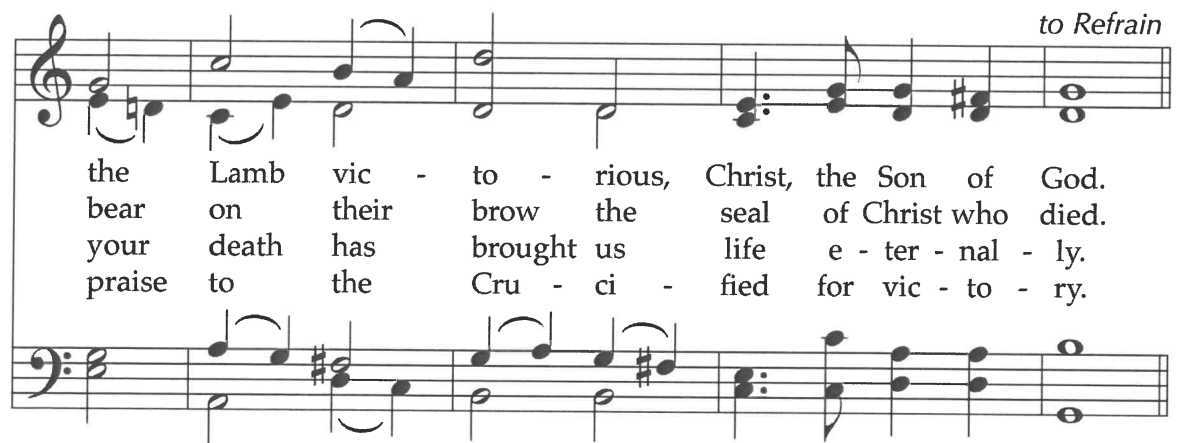


till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its and righ - teous - ness,
 you and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

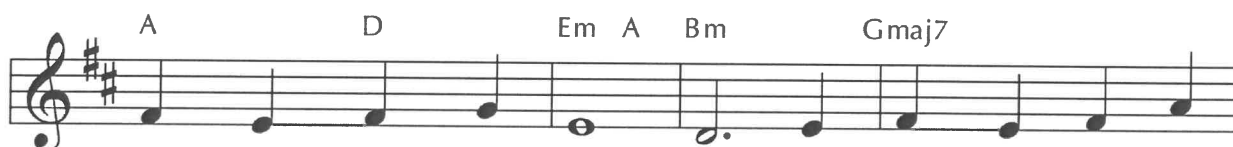
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Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

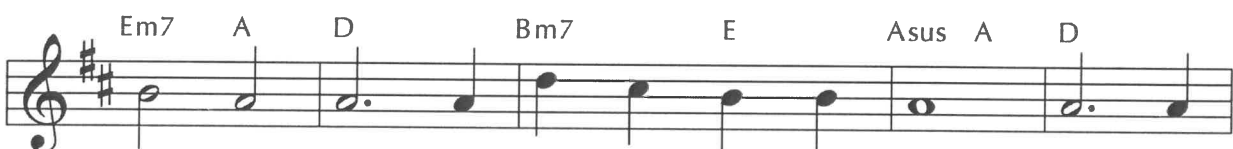
536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

The Week at a Glance!

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|  <p>Following Worship: Fellowship Fair (on the grounds)</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Groups (on the grounds)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p> | <p>Monday, September 12</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p>10:30 AM Presbyterian Women</p> <p>1:00 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:00 PM All Staff</p> | <p>Tuesday, September 13</p> <p>6:15 PM Book Study: <i>Revolution of Values</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p>7:00 PM Things That Matter Book Group (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>7:00 PM Personnel Committee</p> | <p>Wednesday, September 14</p> <p>11:00 AM Book Study: <i>Revolution of Values</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p>7 PM Chancel Choir</p> |
| <p>Thursday, September 15</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p> | <p>Friday, September 16</p> | <p>Saturday, September 17</p> <p>4:00 PM SONAM Concert (FPC Sanctuary; admission is free, donations accepted; masks required)</p> | <p>Sunday, September 18</p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation (classes for all ages)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</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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