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## **DEDICATION SUNDAY**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**OCTOBER 23, 2022**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

October 23, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

*Three Settings of "Now Thank We All Our God"*

Jordon/Lovelace/Nixon

INTROIT

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*  
Johann Crueger

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, that blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

\*OPENING SENTENCES

Mindy Douglas

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:  
All: **a day for praise and prayer;  
a day for gratitude and generosity.**  
Leader: This is the time God has given us:  
All: **a time for singing and silence;  
a time for speaking and listening.**  
Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:  
All: **a life of humility and service;  
a life of faith and trust.**

\*HYMN NO. 712

*As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

*Forest Green*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Leader: God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you.  
Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.  
All: **Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**  
Leader: You have given us the gift of time.  
You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share.  
We spend our time serving our own interests.  
All: **Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**  
Leader: You provide us with opportunities to serve in numerous ways  
using the talents and abilities we have been given.  
We tend to hide our gifts.  
All: **Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leader: You have provided even the least among us  
with more financial resources than most of the world.  
We resist sharing because of fear for the future.

**All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

Leader: You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy.  
We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

**All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 587)

*Celtic Alleluia*



**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

John Weicher

**COLLECT**

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Joel 2:23-28

(Pew Bible, OT page 848)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN NO. 38**

*To Bless the Earth (Psalm 65)*

*Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 18:18-27

(Pew Bible, NT page 81)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*"How to shrink a camel"*

Mindy Douglas

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Heidelberg Catechism 4.125*

John Weicher

Leader: Q. What does the fourth petition mean?

All: A. **"Give us this day our daily bread" means:**

**Do take care of all our physical needs**

**so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good,**

**and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts**

**can do us any good without your blessing.**

**And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in you alone.**

\*HYMN NO. 708

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

*Schumann*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Weicher

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Mindy Douglas

Anthem

*What Gift Can We Bring?*

Jane Marshall

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?*

*What words can convey it, the joy of this day?*

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,*

*What song can we offer in honor and praise?*

*Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,*

*Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.*

*Give thanks for the Now for study for worship*

*for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.*

*Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,*

*for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,*

*The Word is our promise, now and forever,*

*We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.*

*This gift we now bring, this present, this token,*

*these words can convey it, the joy of this day!*

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,*

*this song we now offer in honor and praise!*

Sharing of gifts

Following the anthem, you are invited to come forward to lay your hand on top of the offering plate at one of the tables as a symbol of your dedication to Christ and his work through the church. As you come, you may leave your completed **2023 pledge card** and/or your **offerings** for today in one of the offering plates. Place your **Hunger for Change offering** in the basket. Come with hands empty or full. Come with hearts gladdened by God's grace and your own gratitude.

Prayer (*in unison*)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me. Amen.

- Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

\*HYMN NO. 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

*Ash Grove*

\*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

\*POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Stanley Vann



**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 *Jane Williams* and in memory of her husband, *Roger Kalthoff*, with a lot of love.

*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.

Today's *bulletin cover* was created by *Mason Armstrong*, child of *Torrell and Laura Armstrong*.

### ~ Our Joys & Concerns ~

**Marriage Announcement:** Congratulations to *Charlotte Nelson and Wib Gulley* whose son *Paul Gulley*, and his fiancé, *Erin Berry*, were married yesterday, October 22, 2022, in the beautiful NC mountains near West Jefferson.

*Julian Boswell*, recovering from hip surgery

*Diane Lesman*, friend of FPC, recovering from shoulder surgery

*Chris James*, recovering from back surgery

*Lanny Pratt's son, Charlie*, recovering from surgery

*Liz Block*, cousin of Jane and Bill Brown, recovering from an emergency surgery

*Wes Carson*      *Paul Cornsweet*      *Susan Cyr*      *Kerry Holbrook*  
*Jancy Johnstone*      *George Kafula*      *Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*      *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: *Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe*

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

*Bob*, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

*Grace*, Chris James' great-niece

*Paul Quirk*, uncle of Tim O'Brien

*Richard Smith*, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*John Wakefield*, cousin of Vernon Neece

*Janice Faye West*, mother of Randy Lang Howard

## **THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING**

First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change), One Great Hour of Sharing, 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.

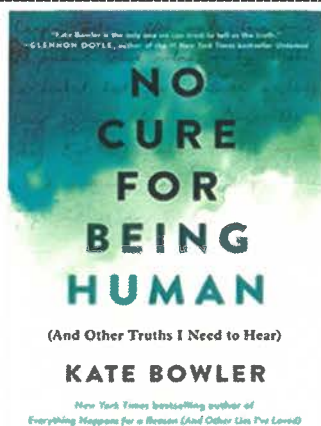
The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

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. FPC also received a grant in 2019 to purchase supplies for Walk-in Ministry blessing bags. Thank you for your generous giving to the offering on the fourth Sunday of the month.



### **FALL BOOK STUDY**

Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

*No Cure for Being Human* by Kate Bowler

**Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmdUNZdXRSZ09NUkxhZk1DTEkzQT09>

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



## **FPC Hosting Fall Blood Drive**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**from 1:00-6:00 p.m.**

FPC - Watts-Hill Hall – open to the community  
Go online to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) using  
code **firstpres** to schedule your appointment.

## **EARLY VOTING IN PROGRESS**

**October 20 - November 5**

**General Election November 8**

Visit <https://www.youcanvote.org/wob> to learn more about your ballot!

Durham county residents can register and vote at any early voting site in the county.

## **First Presbyterian Church: Lunch & Learn with Peter Storey**

**Monday, November 7, 12:00-2:00p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church in Durham is hosting Peter Storey for a lunch and interview about his life and ministry.

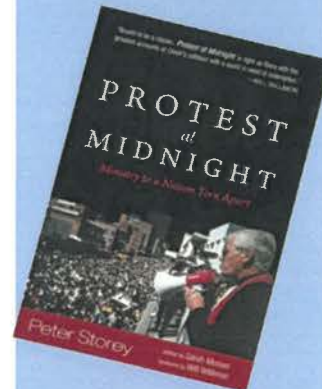
Storey was the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and President of the South African Council of Churches, working alongside Desmond Tutu during the height of the anti-apartheid struggle. He was chaplain to Nelson Mandela on Robben Island and integrated churches in Cape Town and Johannesburg, providing healing and hope against the ravages of the apartheid regime.

**LUNCH IS PROVIDED AT NO COST.**

At the end of the event, there will be a book signing of his recently published memoir, *Protest at Midnight: Ministry to a Nation Torn Apart*.



PETER STOREY



Use this link to make your meal reservation: <https://forms.gle/Hr1cQwJqvJsErYdj6>.

Please RSVP by October 26. Contact the church office if you would like to purchase a copy of Peter's book prior to the event. The cost is \$25.



## Sunday, October 30



### 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Faith Formation Classes will meet in Watts-Hill Hall for an Intergenerational Service Project (assembling Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and boxes of cereal for Iglesia Emanuel's food pantry).

### 11:00 a.m. Worship- *British Hyrams*, preaching

British hails from Chicago, IL and its surrounding suburbs. She is a graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and holds two master's degrees from Union Presbyterian Seminary- a Master of Divinity (M.

Div.) and a Master of Arts in Christian Education (M.A.C.E.). She currently serves as campus minister for Presbyterian Campus Ministry at North Carolina Central University.

After deciding to leave a career in the corporate world so she could raise her three children with her husband, she accepted a position as a math instructor at a local college and returned to teaching online with Johnson C. Smith University. British has served at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian church in Charlotte, NC – as the Director of Christian Ministries, Associate Pastor, and as acting Senior Pastor. British has also served in the wider denomination as a part of the Presbytery of Charlotte Commission on Ministry, Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Advocate team member, and board member for the William Black Lodge.

British is a cancer survivor with a zest for new experiences and a passion for lifelong learning. She seeks opportunities to build bridges with people of varying perspectives as an integral part of her Christian service and witness.

British is married to her college sweetheart, Kevin. Jamal, Akilah, and Aman are their young adult children who continue to bring them blessings upon blessings.



## Gift of the Heart Kits



## FAITH FORMATION INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

On Sunday, October 30 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. we will explore “service” and all classes will meet together and assemble hygiene kits in Watts-Hill Hall for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

We need your help with supplies for the kits! On Sunday, October 30, we will be ...

1. **collecting boxes of cereal** to go to the Food Bank at Iglesia Emanuel and
2. **assembling hygiene kits** for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you can donate hygiene items, please click on the [amazon wish list](#) and help out! Order NOW and have your supplies shipped to you or FPC for arrival before October 29. You can also drop off supplies or bring them to FPC before or on the morning of October 30. Thank you for your support.

*First Presbyterian Church*  
**TRUNK or TREAT!**



*Decorate Your Trunk.* *Bring Your Kids.* *Enjoy the Festivities.*

**Sunday, Oct. 30, 5-7 pm**  
To do a trunk, contact Stephen Berry.

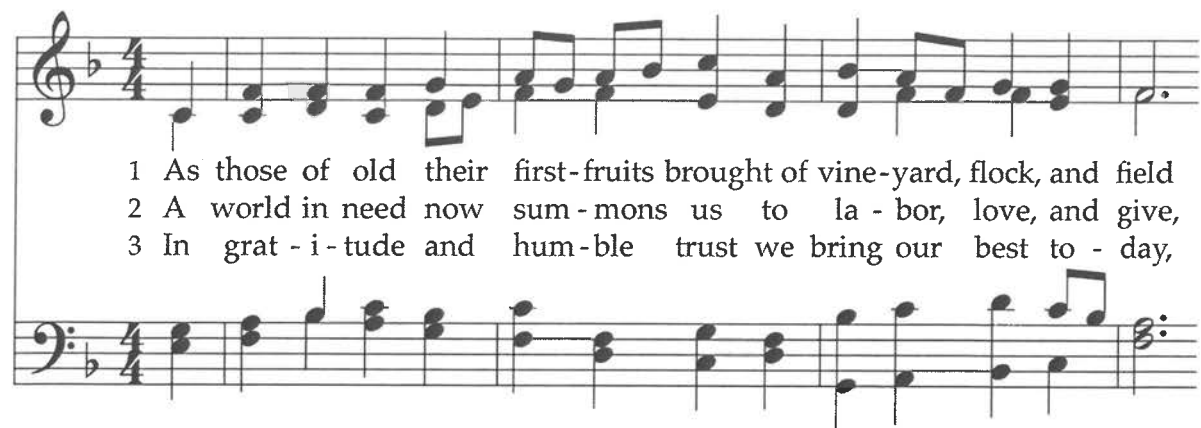
**We are planning this event for FPCers & mission partners.**

*First Presbyterian Church - Love in the Heart of Durham*

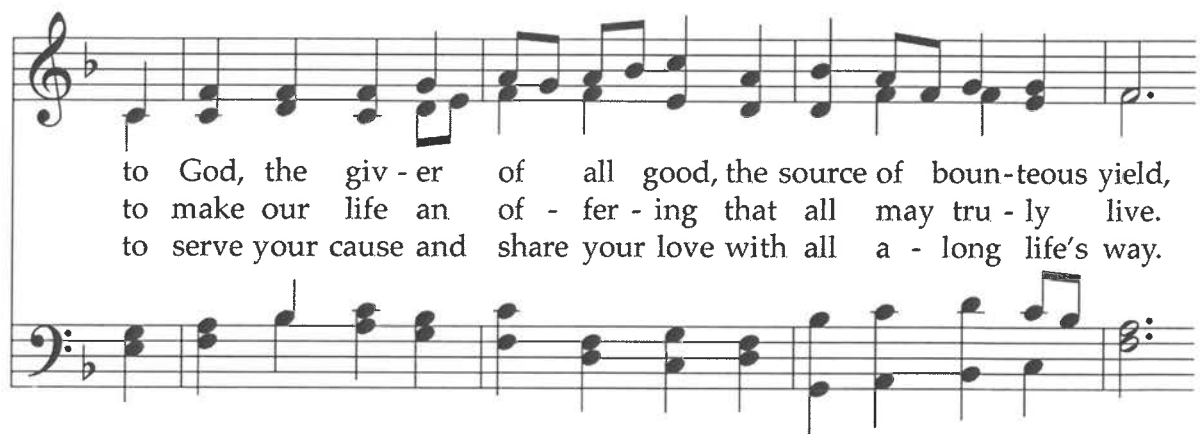
## TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for this new Halloween event at church, **Sunday, October 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** It's like trick or treat, but in our own parking lot, and car trunks take the place of homes. FPCers are invited to decorate their trunk around a theme of their choosing (from Harry Potter to Duke basketball) and give out candy. FPC children and youth will join children and youth from some of our local mission partners. To sign up to “do a trunk,” or if you need inspiration, contact *Stephen Berry*, [stephen.d.berry@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.d.berry@gmail.com).

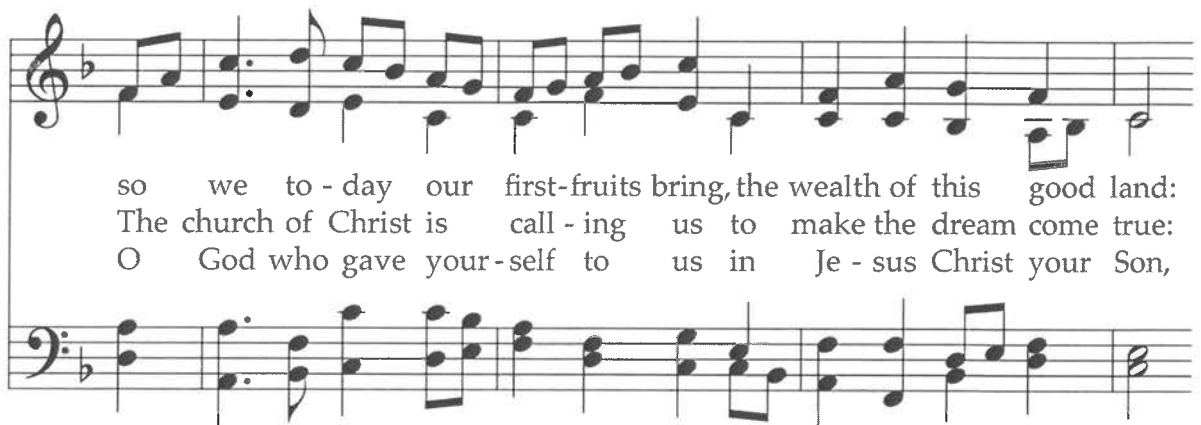
# As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



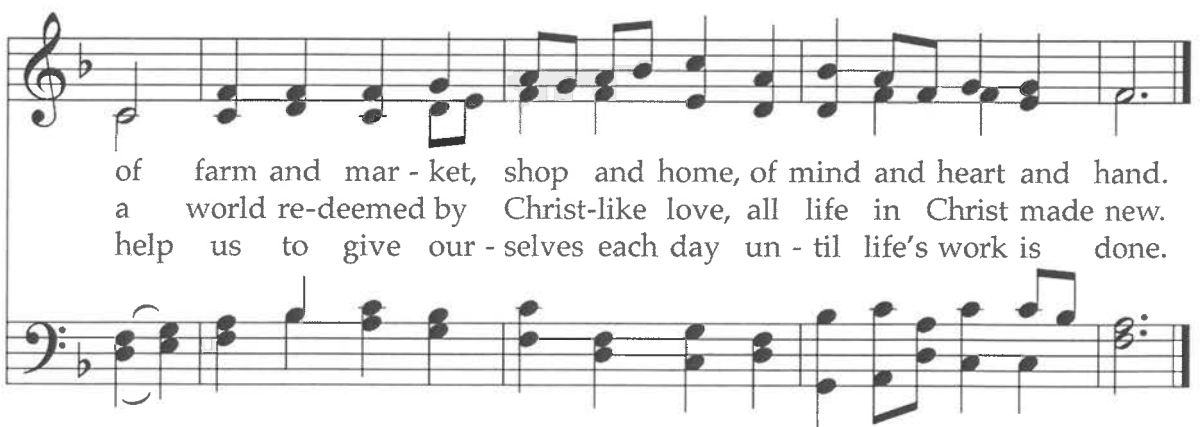
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,  
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

# To Bless the Earth

38

(Psalm 65)

1 To bless the earth God sends us from  
 2 The seed by God pro - vid - ed is  
 3 God crowns the year with good - ness; the  
 4 With grain the fields are cov - ered; the

heaven's a - bun - dant store the wa - ters of the  
 sown o'er hill and plain, and then come gen - tle  
 earth God's mer - cy fills; the wil - der - ness is  
 flocks in pas - tures graze; all na - ture joins in

spring - time, en - rich - ing it once more.  
 show - ers to bless the spring - ing grain.  
 fruit - ful, and joy - ful are the hills.  
 sing - ing a joy - ful song of praise.

## Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing  
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



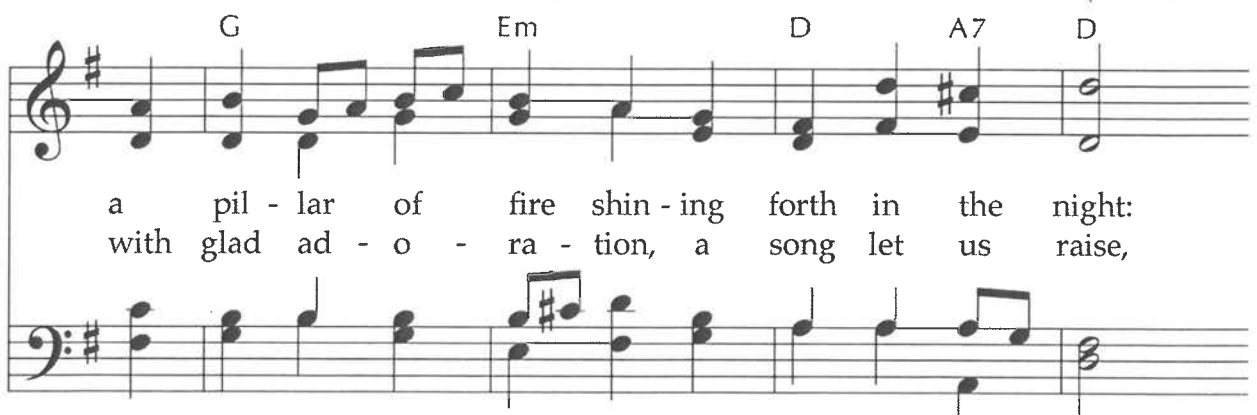
who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

till shad-ows have van-ished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished,  
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:  
as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.  
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

## We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,  
3 The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be-lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;  
all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.  
what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.



## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Following Worship</b> Nominating Committee (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p><b>12:15 – 1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry (Robert Daye Meeting Rm)</p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Monday, October 24</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Diaconate Meeting (via Zoom)</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Session Meeting (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 25</b></p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b> Daytimers' Lunch at Bennett Pointe Grill</p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b> All Staff</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p> <p><b>6:15 PM</b> Book Study: <i>No Cure for Being Human</i> (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 26</b></p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Book Study: <i>No Cure for Being Human</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 27</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p><b>9:30-10:30 AM</b> FPC volunteers at Durham Urban Ministries (Prepare lunch bags)</p> <p><b>4:00-6:00 PM</b> CSA Distribution</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 28</b></p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> First Friends Potluck at the home of Susan Dunlap and Prasad Kasibhatla</p>	<p><b>Saturday, October 29</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Landscape and Grounds Workday at FPC</p>	<p><b>Sunday, October 30</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b></p> <p><b>9:45-10:45 AM</b> Intergenerational Faith Formation Service Project (Assemble hygiene kits – all classes combined in Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM Worship</b> British Hyrams, preaching</p> <p><b>5:00-7:00 PM</b> Trunk or Treat (FPC parking lot)</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: [info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org) or  
visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

### CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Lenore Champion*, Children's Ministry Director  
*Vernon Cooper*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor, Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Omar Guess*, Sunday Morning Sexton  
*Joseph Harvard*, Pastor Emeritus



*Amy Bowers Heit*, Pastoral Associate  
*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant  
*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor