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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

OCTOBER 9, 2022

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Stewardship: Durham CAN

Mindy Douglas
Howard & Beth Eisenson

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Lau

INTROIT

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th' eternal song through all the ages long,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

*OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 111:1-5, 10)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is God's work,
and the LORD'S righteousness endures for ever.

People: **God has gained renown through wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: God provides food for those who fear the LORD,
and is ever mindful of the covenant.

People: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

All: **God's praise endures for ever.**

*HYMN NO. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Compassionate Christ, you sent us to cure the sick, but we blame the sick for their choices.

You ask us to restore the unclean, but we separate them into high risk pools.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**You compel us to raise the dead, but we insist some are beyond help.
 In your patient and persistent mercy, forgive us, O Lord.
 Teach us to heal without condition and help without limitation.
 Enable us to love one another as you love us,
 that as recipients of unmerited grace, we may freely shower care upon all people.**

Silent Confession
 Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Torrell Armstrong

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy.
 Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people.
 You continue to heal and to save,
 transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set.
 For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy
 to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

(Pew Bible, NT page 80)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 5:1-15

(Pew Bible, OT page 336)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

John Weicher

SERMON

"Mr. Loudermilk"

John Weicher

***HYMN NO. 767**

Together We Serve

San Anselmo

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967 (9.37)

Mindy Douglas

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are,
 at work or play, in private, or in the life of society.
 Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship
 and theological reflection.
 Their witness is the church's evangelism.
 Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world.
 The quality of their relation with other persons
 is the measure of the church's fidelity.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Kim Abels

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

God, Bless Us and Keep Us

Robert Buckley Farlee

*God, bless us and keep us and make us a blessing,
a sign of your mercies outnumb'ring the stars.
Enliven our labor with love for our neighbor,
the harvest of grateful and grace-bearing hearts.*

*Christ, shine on our path as the flame of good courage,
a light in the darkness, the dawn of our days.
With kindness uphold us, defend us, and clothe us
in garments of gladness and garlands of praise.*

*Pour out on all people your bountiful Spirit-
new visions she awakens, sweet wisdom she breathes.
Today and tomorrow, in joy and in sorrow,
in life and in death, ever, God, give us peace.*

*Offertory Response

Abundant Blessing

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Susan Dunlap

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan Dunlap

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. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

*BENEDICTION

John Weicher

*POSTLUDE

Sonata in a

Anonymous (18th cent. Italian)

The **Congregational Meeting** that had been called by the Session for today has been cancelled.



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 *Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield*, and in appreciation and love of this community who continues to inspire us daily.

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 *Feasting on the Word*.

The bulletin cover "Naaman" was created by Mason Armstrong, child of *Torrell and Laura Armstrong*.

These Days devotional books for October-December 2022 (regular and large print) are available for free from the table in the church foyer. Pick up a copy while supplies last.

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 Concerns ~

Sympathies: The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Michael Honeycutt* on the death of his friend *Tom Cotton* on October 3, 2022, and *Drew and Amy Cummings (Isa, Webb and Doran)* on the death of Drew's mother, *Mimi Cummings*, on October 6th.

Dr. Joe Arlinghaus who advised FPC on Afghan history and culture died October 5th after a long cancer battle. He is survived by his wife, *June Arlinghaus* and daughter, *Rachel Arlinghaus Sutton*, and her husband, *Mark Sutton*, and two granddaughters.

- *Katy and Bruce Loebrich* have moved to Ohio to be closer to family as Katy deals with Parkinson's disease.
- *Chris and Emily James* request prayers as Chris prepares for back surgery later this month.

Paul Cornsweet
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Kerry Holbrook
Jo Ann Moore

Jancy Johnstone
Franzi Rokoske

George Kafula
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

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

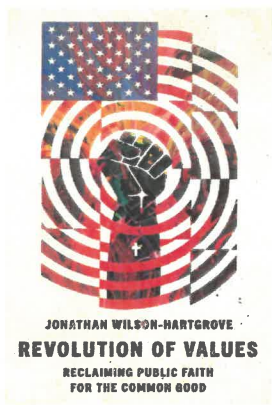


Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricanes Ian and Fiona, recovery is ongoing in Florida, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. Our financial support is urgently needed. Gifts

should be given directly to PDA – by going online to pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* with “DR000194” written on the memo line and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



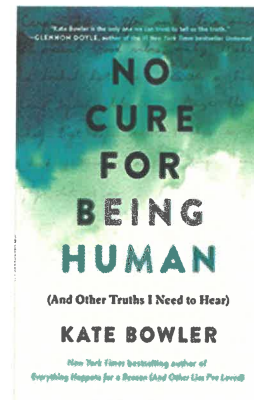
FALL BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays, at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Revolution of Values by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
October 11/12 - chapter 9 (final chapter)

No Cure for Being Human by Kate Bowler
Discussion begins on October 18/19.



Zoom link:

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

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

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. (You don't have to decorate a trunk to bring children, or even come just yourself, but we do want as many trunks as possible.)



FPC Hosting Fall Blood Drive

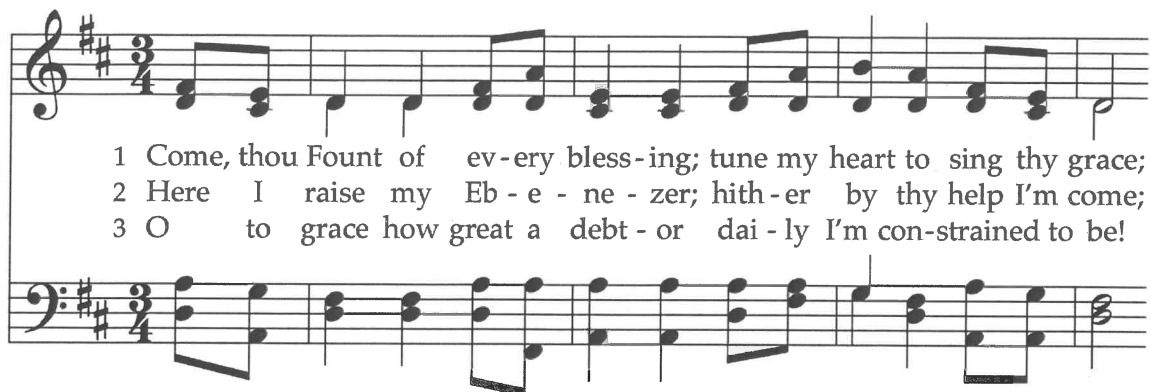
Thursday, November 3, 2022

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

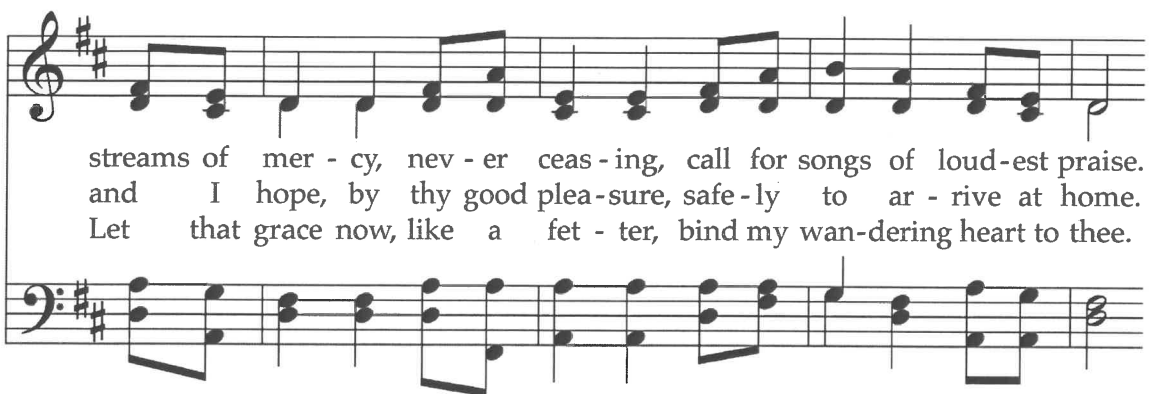
FPC in Watts-Hill Hall – open to the community

Go online at RedCrossBlood.org using code **firstpres** to schedule your appointment.

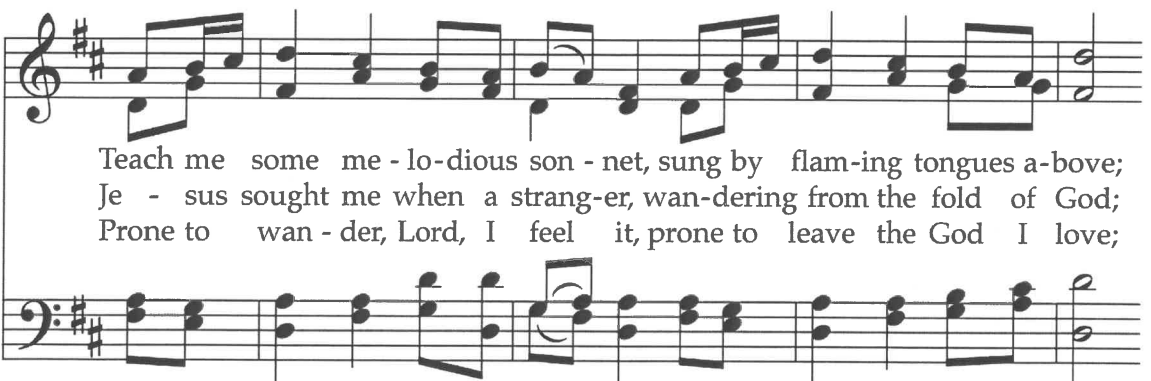
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



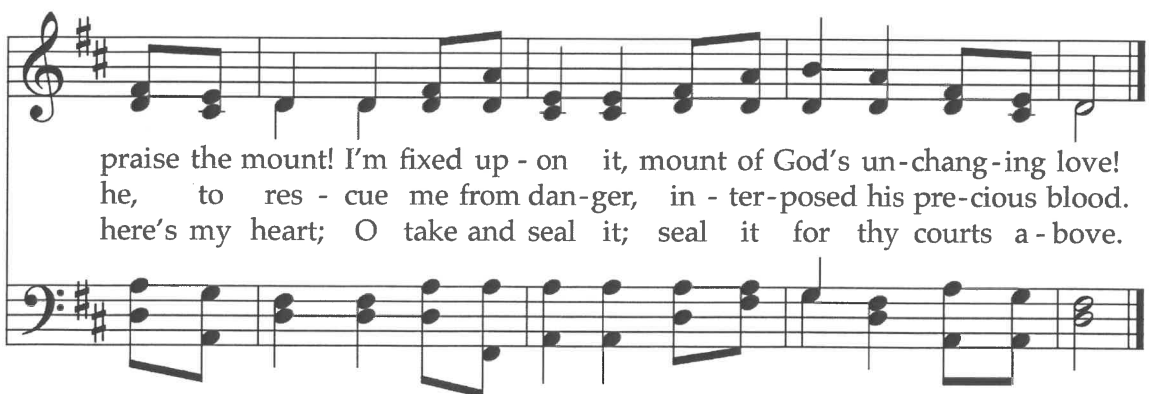
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
B \flat F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
E \flat B \flat Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
B \flat F E \flat Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
B \flat E \flat B \flat Cm F7 B \flat

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

God, We Honor You

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,

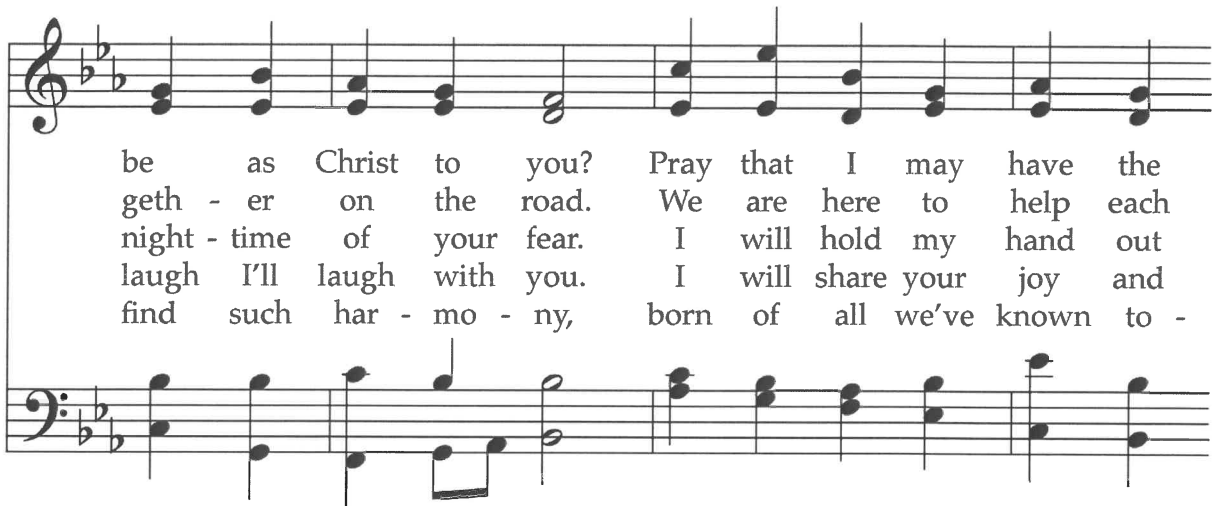
al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -




grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM Youth Group Lunch</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, October 10</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>6:00 PM CE Committee Property Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission</p> <p>The Worship Committee will meet on October 17.</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 11</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, October 12</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, October 13</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, October 14</p>	<p>Saturday, October 15</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Sunday, October 16</p> <p>National Children's Sabbath</p> <p>8:45 AM High Schoolers visit Farm Church</p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation (classes for all ages)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (Sam Miglarese, preaching)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Awesome Autumn All- Church Fellowship at Croasdaile Picnic Shelter</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

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