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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD AND THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Christ, the Light of All the Living

George Telemann

*INTROIT

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Jim Strathdee

What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

*OPENING SENTENCES

Mindy Douglas

Leader: People of God, God has called us into this moment of worship.

People: **We are called to remember the promise of God's love.**

Leader: To wonder at the goodness God has done—

the rain sent for Israel,

the threshing floors full of grain,

the abundance of wine and oil.

People: **God will always deal wondrously with us;**

God dreams dreams of wonder for our lives.

Leader: Just as God was in the midst of Israel, God is with us in this space,

in this moment of praise and adoration.

People: **God is with us, God is for us, God loves us.**

Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Lord, we confess to you our sin.

You call us to unity as a human family,

yet we exclude others and reject those we deem different or difficult.

We follow easy pathways through the world which yield harm and pain,

instead of forging avenues for repair and reconciliation.

You have shown us a great love;

a love that shatters the power of sin

and makes possible a world

where redemption and renewal are within reach.

Yet we succumb to the status quo in our habits and imaginations.

(Prayer continues next page.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

(in unison)

Redeeming God, forgive us.

**Help us to hear your call more clearly,
to reflect with intention and to repent.**

**Heal and transform us into agents of hope,
moving in this world as our Savior once moved.**

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy are you O Lord, God of our thoughts, Maker of our days.
Be with us in this morning hour, as we turn our hearts and minds to you—
as we seek your word and wisdom for our lives. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

(Pew Bible, OT Page 866)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Jennie Alwood

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT Page 4)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Esther Hethcox

SERMON

"Arms Wide Open"

Esther Hethcox

***HYMN NO. 174**

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Madeleine

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Mindy Douglas

Healy Willan

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till thou inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

**Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Mindy Douglas and Esther Hethcox

Ruling Elders

Art Baker

Ruby Gentithes

Mary Ellis Merritt

Keith Merritt

Deacon

Thilo Fullenkamp

Statement on Ordination

Presentation of Elder and Deacon Candidates

Johanna Bernhardt

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Welcome and Charge

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

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.

(If you do not wish to stay for the Congregational Meeting, you may leave during the hymn.)

***HYMN NO. 70**

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Moon

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Establishment of a Designated Associate Pastor position

***BENEDICTION**

Esther Hethcox

***POSTLUDE**

O Christ, Thou Art the Light and Day

Georg Boehm

WORSHIP NOTES AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this **QR code**. First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

Today's **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Maxie Honeycutt** on her 98th birthday and in appreciation of her FPC friends who are so generous in their care and love for her.

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 to use during worship.

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.

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.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Congratulations to **Joe Harvard** who received the Haywood Holderness Distinguished Service Award from Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) at their annual banquet held January 26, 2023. **Rebecca Harvard** was also thanked for her service as interim executive director of DCIA.

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **John and Dawn Carsey Shelton** on the death of John's mother, **Karen Shelton**, who died January 22 in South Boston, VA.

Added this week: **Michelle Goette Greenberg**, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Paul Cornsweet
George Kafula
Andy Widmark

Susan Cyr
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas
Carol Wills

Kerry Holbrook
Parker Morton

Lee House
Franzi Rokoske

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**

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Blaine Ballantyne, friend of Jane Brown

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Brooke, friend of Heidi Biermann

Pam Hanson, mother of Laura Hanson

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss



Community Blood Drive

Thursday, February 2, 2023

1:00-6:00 p.m. at FPC in Watts-Hill Hall

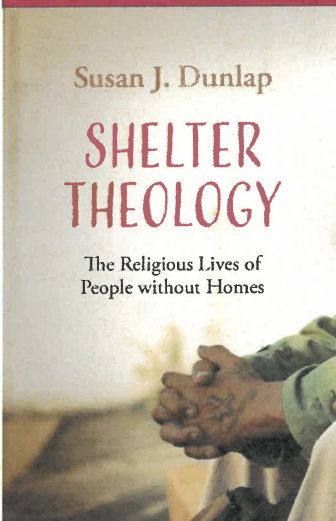
The Red Cross is in urgent need of all types of blood and has nice incentives for donors in February. All donors will receive a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email. Plus, those who come to give will automatically be

entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Florida, \$750 gift card, and 3-night stay at the Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach.

Sign up online to donate blood at RedCrossBlood.org using code: *firstpres*. For more information on donating blood, pick up a brochure from the table in the church foyer. This blood drive is open to the public.

FPC's organizer: *Julie Whiddon* (foxylady2642@yahoo.com; 919-730-6673)

Faith Formation at First Presbyterian Church



Come hear
Dr. Susan J. Dunlap
discuss her new book

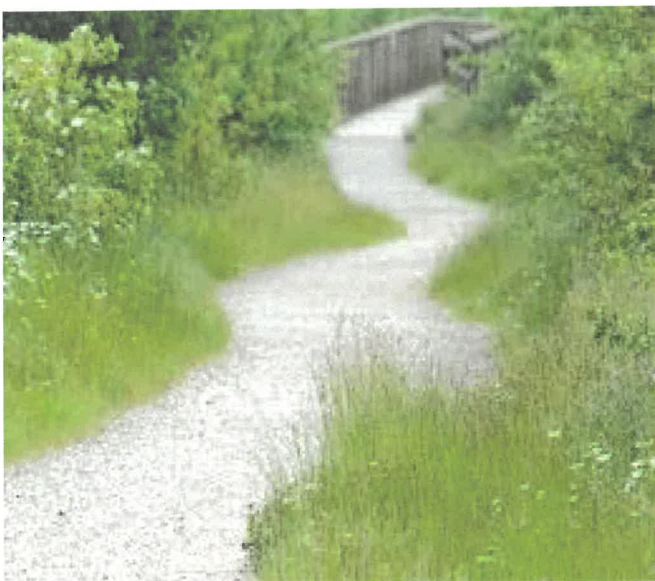
Sundays
February 5, 2023
February 12, 2023

9:45-10:45 AM
in Watts-Hill Hall



NOTICE OF CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, February 12**. At this meeting, the Associate Pastor Search Committee will present *Esther Hethcox* as their candidate for the Designated Associate Pastor position. The Designated Associate Pastor position will be for two years. Esther will be ordained to the Designated Associate pastor role and will then be eligible to apply for the future permanent Associate Pastor position.



WINTER POP-UP ACTIVITIES JOIN US!

FPC's Fellowship Committee has scheduled three POP-UP activities for the month of February:

February 11 - Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield will lead a hike at Brumley North in Hillsborough.

February 18 - Brent Curtis will lead a tour at Duke's Nasser Museum (\$5 admission fee).

February 25 - Ellie Meade will lead a tour of the woodlands (estate) of Montrose Gardens in Hillsborough.

To join us, sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-fellowship#/>.

Activities are kid-friendly but may not be appropriate for the incredibly young.

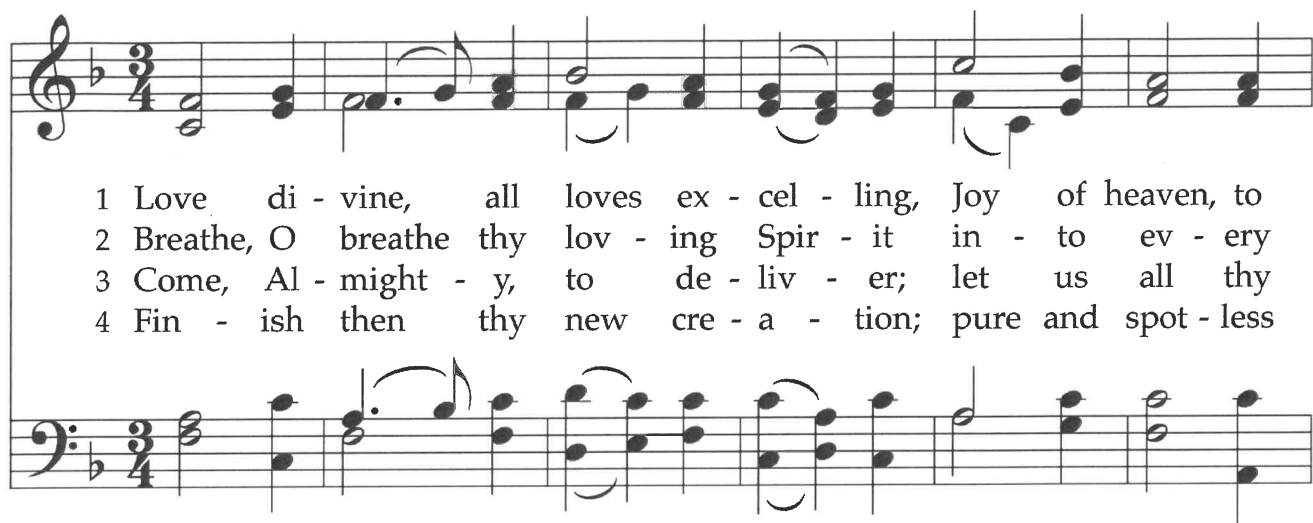
For more information contact Jancy Johnstone: 919-824-6489 or JancyJohnstone@gmail.com.

RIP MEDICAL DEBT

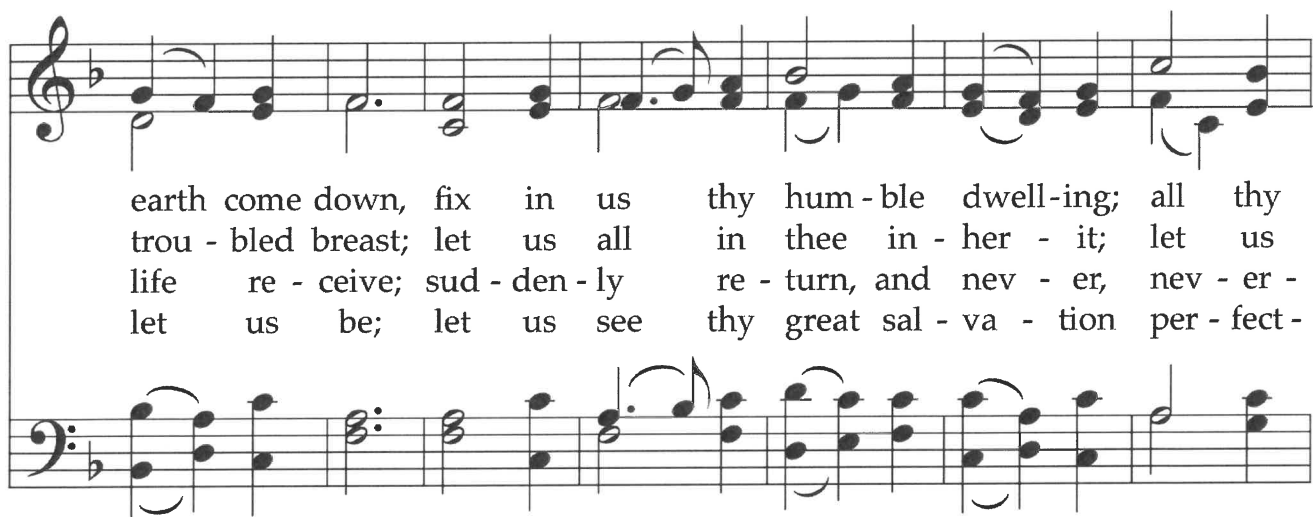
THE CURE FOR MEDICAL DEBT

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 led a campaign as one reparations strategy in 2022. The potential to WIPE OUT DEBT for pennies on the dollar is amazing! **SEE OUR PHASE ONE RESULTS on the bulletin board in the foyer.** 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! We invite you, your family, and friends to add to the amount we have already received to relieve medical debt. Our Phase Two campaign will begin soon.

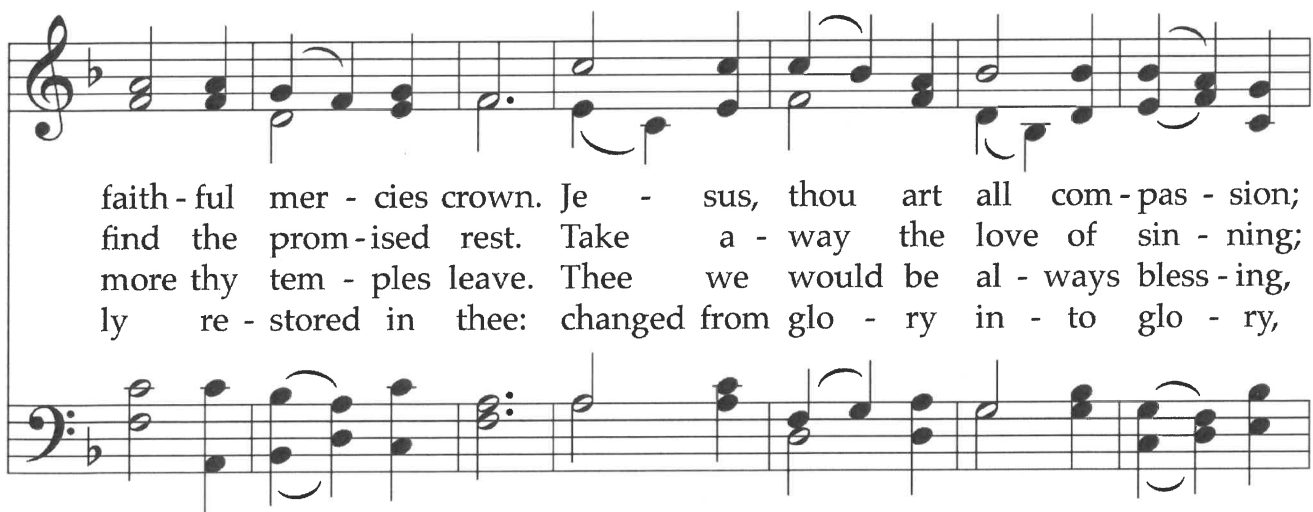
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



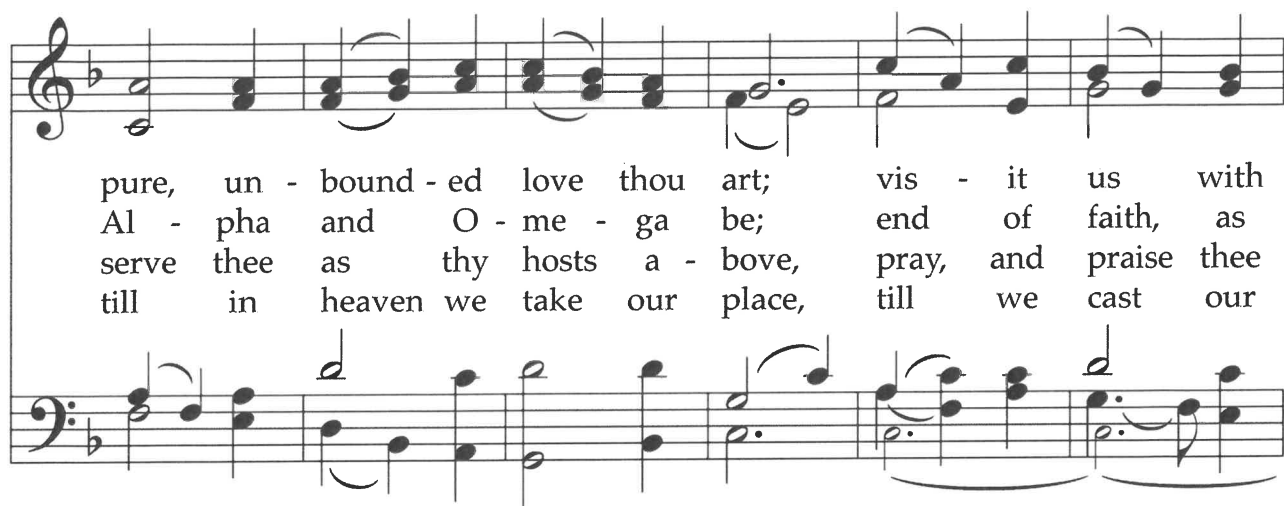
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket-place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

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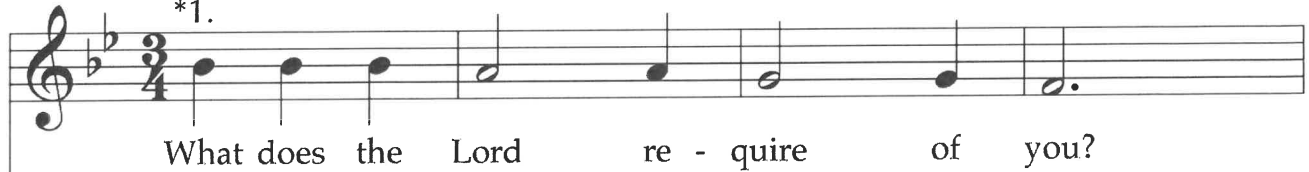
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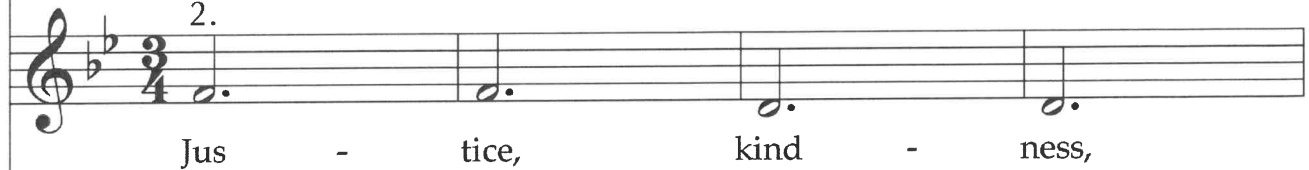
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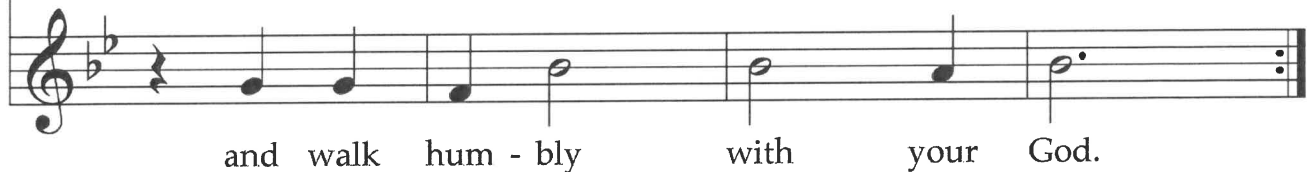
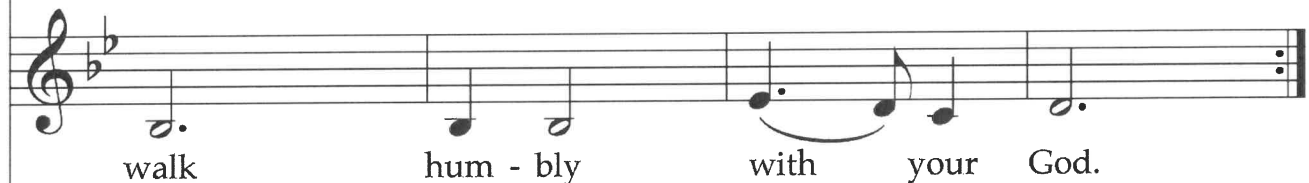
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This Week at a Glance!

After Worship: Membership Committee (Robert Daye Meeting Room) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Wilson Parlor) 1:00 PM High School and Middle School Youth return from Winter Beach Retreat 8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnM's Fellowship	Monday, January 30 1:30 PM Worship Planning	Tuesday, January 31 6:15 PM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>This Here Flesh</i>	Wednesday, February 1 11:00 AM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>This Here Flesh</i> 11:30 AM Legacy Society Luncheon (Croasdaile Country Club) 1:00 PM All Staff 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 2 1:00-6:00 PM Red Cross Community Blood Drive (Watts-Hill Hall)	Friday, February 3 8:00 AM FPC Men of Faith Breakfast Gathering (at Nosh's Café)	Saturday, February 4	Sunday, Saturday, 5 <i>Fourth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i> 9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for all ages 11:00 AM Worship and Communion Mindy Douglas, Preaching 5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnM's Fellowship

Today's bulletin cover was created by *Mason Armstrong*, a youth of the church.

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, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Bowers Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Pastoral Associate
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
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