

First Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina

April 30, 2023

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: Red Cross Blood Drive

Mindy Douglas

Julie Whiddon

PRELUDE

We Shall Overcome

Adolphus Hailstork

INTROIT

O Holy City, Seen of John

Morning Song

*O holy city, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
within whose four-square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep again!*

Already in the mind of God that city rises fair.

*Lo, how its splendor challenges the souls that greatly dare,
and bids us seize the whole of life and build its glory there.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: O God who called all life into being,

People: The earth, sea, and sky are yours.

Leader: Your presence is all around us.

People: Every atom is full of your energy.

Leader: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth.

People: With her we yearn for justice to be done.

Leader: For creation to be freed from bondage.

People: For the hungry to be fed.

Leader: For captives to be released.

People: For your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

***HYMN NO. 342**

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Rhuddlan

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.

**Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory,
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:**

around us in the earth, sea, and sky,

the abuse of matter;

beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,

the betrayal of one another;

and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.

*Those who are able, please stand.

(Confession continues, in unison)

Trinity of love,

forgive us that we may forgive one another,

heal us that we may be people of healing,

and renew us that we also may be makers of peace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response (Hymn No. 587, sung twice)

Celtic Alleluia



***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: O God, lead us from death to life,
from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope,
from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love,
from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts,
our world, our universe. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 4:1-16

(Pew Bible, OT Page 3)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jennie Alwood

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:47-56

(Pew Bible, NT Page 30)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jimmie Hawkins

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What Have We Done?"

Jimmie Hawkins

(Silent reflection)

HYMN NO. 373

O Day of Peace

Jerusalem

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

John Weicher

**I believe in God,
who is love and who has given the earth to all people.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal us, and to free us from all forms of oppression.
I believe in the Spirit of God,
who works in and through all who are turned towards the truth.
I believe in the community of faith,
which is called to be at the service of all people.
I believe in God's power to transform and transfigure,
fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth
where justice and peace will flourish. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

**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!***

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Esther Hethcox

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Esther Hethcox

**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. 379**

We Shall Overcome

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***BENEDICTION**

Jimmie R. Hawkins

***POSTLUDE**

Later Today . . .

Women's Voices Chorus in Concert – 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

(Comp tickets are available for church members. See Kathy Parkins following worship.)

Durham CAN Refounding Day Event – 6:00 p.m. at Duke Memorial UMC



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.

We welcome to the pulpit Jimmie Hawkins, the director of the PCUSA Office of Public Witness in Washington DC. Jimmie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies from North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC); a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Richmond, VA); and a Master of Divinity from the /Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (Atlanta, GA). For 20 years he served as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham. He has chaired several interfaith and ecumenical and non-profit boards. He has been active in justice advocacy throughout his ministry. His book, *Unbroken and Unbowed: A History of Black Protest in America*, was published by Westminster John Knox in February 2022, and will be the focus of a Lunch and Learn event tomorrow at noon in Watts-Hill Hall.

Thanks to Gordon Campbell and Dan Huff with the preparation of the anthem today.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God by **Susan Spratt** and in memory of her grandmother, **Ruby Paxton Stacy**.

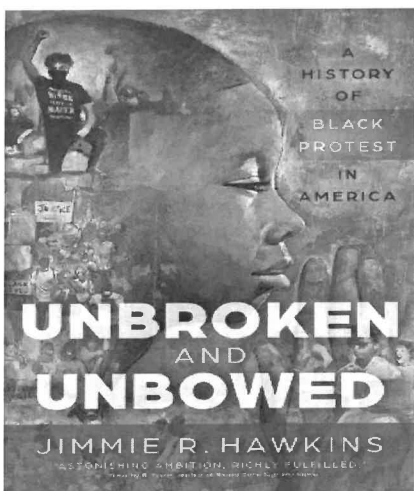
Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

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.

Media volunteers: The audio and video streaming consoles at the back of the sanctuary are operated by volunteers, and we need more. The equipment may look intimidating, but training and mentoring is provided. If you're not afraid of technology and are interested, please speak to one of the operators on any Sunday. Middle school and high school youth are particularly welcome.

Portions of today's worship texts come from *The Iona Community Worship Book*.



Monday, May 1

A Lunch and Learn with Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins **12 Noon – 2:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall**

Jimmie will discuss his new book:

Unbroken and Unbowed: A History of Black Protest in America.

Books can be purchased for \$25 each
and autographed by Rev. Hawkins at the end of the discussion.

Jimmie will be speaking about his book at Covenant Presbyterian Church (2620 Weaver St) at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Joys and Concerns

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to *Sybil King* on the birth of a second grandson. *Caysen Rodney Williams* was born April 24 to *Caronica Williams* and Sybil's son *Darius Williams*. Caysen joins older brother *Darius Jr.* They reside in Arkansas.

Concerns:

Lee House, undergoing tests at Philadelphia Children's Hospital through May 2.

<i>Stephen Berry</i>	<i>Wes Carson</i>
<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Susan Cyr</i>
<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>George Kafula</i>
<i>Mitzi Leshner-Thomas</i>	<i>Franzi Rokoske</i>
<i>Jim Seitzer</i>	<i>Carol Wills</i>

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 & Wellness Center: *Joe & Carlisle Harvard*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Jane Austin, friend of the congregation

Sylvia Elder, grandmother of Esther Hethcox

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Alfred Tisdale, husband of Nora Tisdale

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Father of Andres, friend of the congregation

Pam Hanson, mother of Laura Hanson

Clem O'Brien, father-in-law of Mindy Douglas

Pam Tabb, friend of Mindy Douglas

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss



Membership classes for new members and anyone wanting to learn more about First Presbyterian Church will be held at 9:45 a.m. in Room 205.

May 7 - Church Mission

May 14 - Polity and Theology

May 21 – Worship.

Thursday, May 4

Community Blood Drive

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

For more information about this drive, contact FPC's organizer, Julie Whiddon, at foxylady2642@yahoo.com or 919-730-6673.



Friday, May 5

FPC invited to participate in Durham Habitat Interfaith Build

Two shifts: 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m.

1. Each individual volunteer will use this direct link to register: <http://vhub.at/interfaithbulddh>
 - a. They will click on the shift from the calendar and select "Sign Up" from the pop-up box.
 - b. They will be prompted to sign-in to an existing account or select "Create New Account."
 - i. As a reminder all volunteers on-site are required to be fully vaccinated.
 - ii. They will be required to complete the volunteer waiver.
2. This will complete registration, they will receive an email confirmation (if they don't see one, they should check their spam for emails from "VolunteerHub").
3. Volunteers will receive a reminder email with the location confirmation and parking information 24 hours before the shift.
4. The location is currently TBD but will be updated as soon as we have one assigned. Please note: volunteers need to complete their registration by midnight on Wednesday, May 3.

Friday, May 5

Lincoln Legacy Luncheon (fundraiser)

Chuck Wilson will be one of the honorees.

11:30 a.m. at Sheraton Imperial Hotel (RTP)

Questions and RSVP to Diane Faricy

919-956-4004

Sunday, May 7

FPC's Racial Equity Task Force to discuss a summer literacy project with Freedom School.

Anyone interested is invited to the Racial Equity Task Force meeting on **Sunday, May 7** after worship (12:15 p.m.) in the Wilson Parlor. Denise Rowson will join us; she has long been associated with the Freedom School in Durham. It offers a six-week summer literacy and cultural enrichment program designed to serve children and youth in grades K–12. We plan to talk with Denise about how individuals and FPC might be involved with activities of service during the summer at the school.

May Schedule for New Officers

May 7 – New Officers Training 12:30-2:00 PM in Watts-Hill Hall

May 15 – New Officers Examination by Session (time and location, TBA)

May 21 – New Officers Ordination and Installation during worship

Faith Formation Calendar for May – August

May 21 – End of Faith Formation classes for Spring 2023 program year

May 28 – No Faith Formation classes for children, youth, or Faith & Community.
Other adult classes TBA.

June 4 - August 20 – Faith Formation class for children meeting as a one-room schoolhouse.

June 4 - July 30 – Faith & Community class and Lectionary class for adults meet.
Other adult classes TBA.

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We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

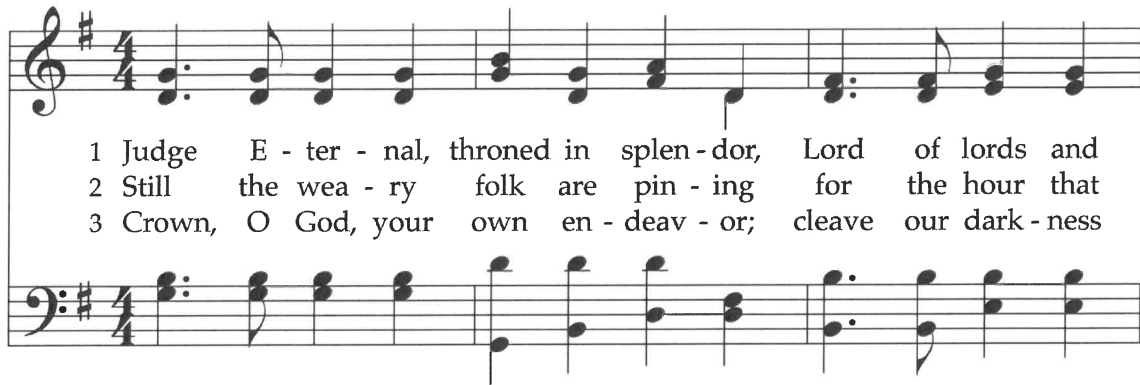
we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

Refrain

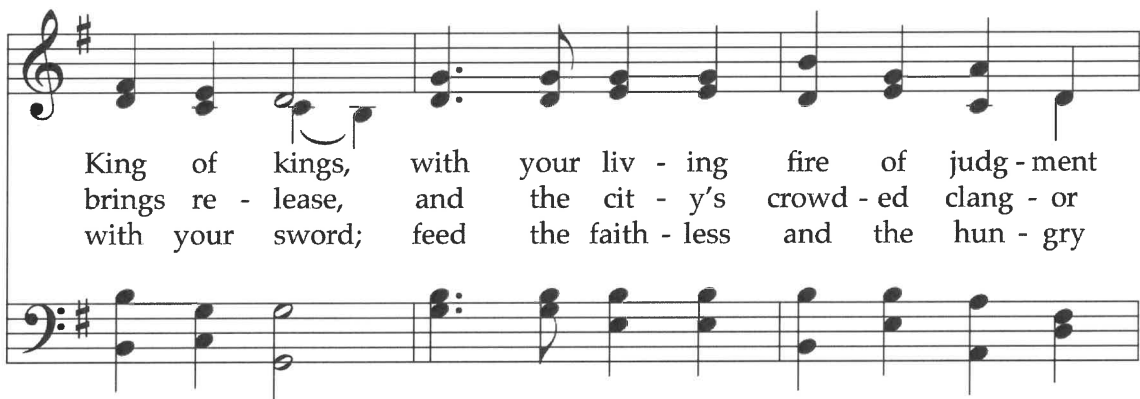
O, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

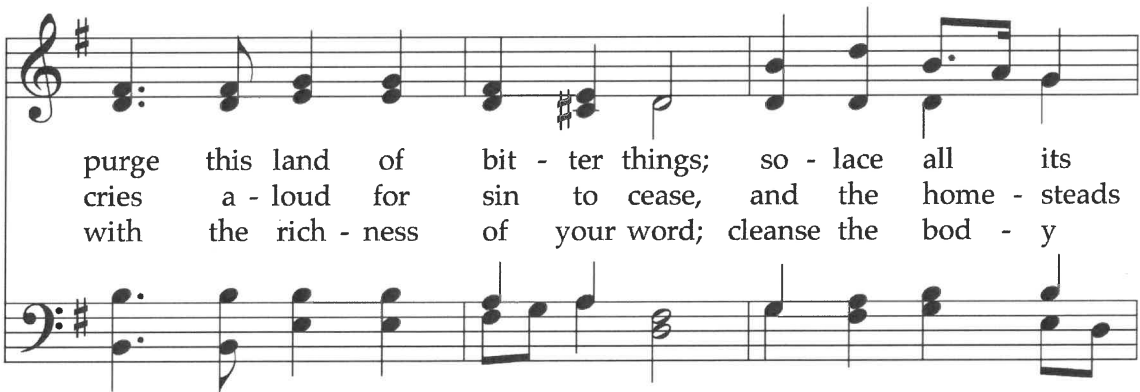
342 Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor



1 Judge E - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, your own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness



King of kings, with your liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the cit - y's crowd - ed clang - or
with your sword; feed the faith - less and the hun - gry



purge this land of bit - ter things; so - lace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease, and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of your word; cleanse the bod - y



wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of your wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

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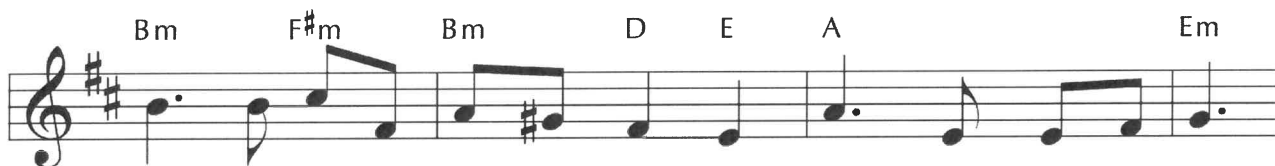
O Day of Peace



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



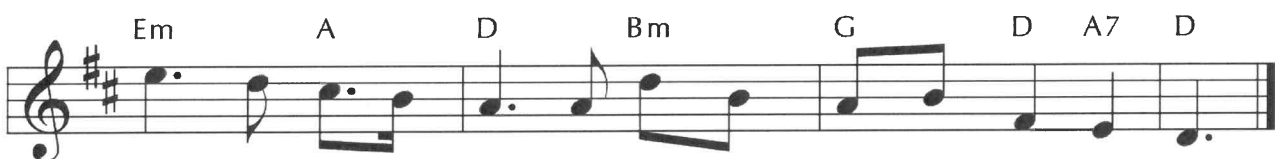
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



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.

This Week at a Glance!

Later Today . . .

3:00 PM

Women's Voices Chorus Concert
"My Soul is Awakened"
(Ticket required for admission)

6:00-7:30 PM

Durham CAN Refounding Day Event
(at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church)
https://www.durhamcan.org/durham_can_refounding_day

5:00-7:00 PM

Youth Group- Seniors Blessing

8:00 PM (via Zoom)

MnM Fellowship

Monday, May 1

9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Walk-in Ministry
Interviews

10:30 AM-12 Noon

Presbyterian Women
Circle and Bible Study
at the home of Linn Lopez

12 Noon-2:00 PM

Lunch and Learn with
Jimmie Hawkins
(Watts-Hill Hall &
sanctuary)

2:30 PM

Worship Planning

Tuesday, May 2

6:15 PM (via Zoom)

Book Study: *Way of Love*

Wednesday, May 3

11:00 AM (via Zoom)

Book Study: *Way of Love*

1:00 PM

Program Staff

7:00 PM

Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 4

9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Walk-in Ministry
Interviews

1:00-6:00 PM

Red Cross Blood Drive
(Watts-Hill Hall)

Friday, May 5

8:30 – 11:30 AM

12:30-3:30 PM

Interfaith Habitat Build
(<http://vhub.at/interfaithbuild>)

11:30 AM

Lincoln Legacy
Luncheon
(fundraiser at the
Sheraton Imperial
Hotel in RTP)

Saturday, May 6

5:00-7:00 PM

Spring Fling & Potluck
at Croasdaile's Retirement
Community Sparks Park
shelter and grounds

Sunday, May 7 5th Sunday in Eastertide

9:45 AM

Faith Formation Classes for all ages
Membership Class (Room 205) in CE building)

11:00 AM Worship and Communion

12:15 PM

Racial Equity Task Force
(Wilson Parlor)

Prayer Shawl Ministry
(Daye Meeting Room)

12:30-2:00 PM

New Officers Training
(Watts-Hill Hall) and Room 205 in CE Building)

4:30-6:30 PM

Youth Group – Flour War
(2927 Tavistock Dr.)

8:00 PM (via Zoom)

MnMs Fellowship

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

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