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First Presbyterian Church

Durham, North Carolina

May 21, 2023

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

7th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Esther Hethcox

PRELUDE

Swing Low

Dan Locklair

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 68:32-35)**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

**People: O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, God sends out God's voice, God's mighty voice.**

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.

**People: Awesome is God in God's sanctuary, the God of Israel;
God gives power and strength to God's people. Blessed be God!**

All: Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 321**

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you do not change.

You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.

You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

But we confess that we often worship

not your true self but whom we wish you to be.

We too often ask you to bless what we do

rather than seeking to do what you bless.

Forgive us for seeking concessions

when we should be seeking guidance.

Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want

instead of shaping us into what you want.

Help us to meet you here, that we might bow

before your unspeakable majesty

and so live for you now and ever, in Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

**Those who are able, please stand.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength,
now and always. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

(Pew Bible, OT Page 674)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Michael Honeycutt

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:6-14

(Pew Bible, NT Page 118)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

John Weicher

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"When & Where"

John Weicher

(Silent reflection)

*HYMN NO. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am (Schutte)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

† *Candidate for Ordination*

Elder Candidates

Jon Abels

† Jennie Alwood

† Gordon Campbell

Conrad Carter

† Amy Dillon

Alice Raney

Katharine Whitmore

Deacon Candidates

† Rachel Bethune

Theodora (Teddie) Brown

Andy Henry

Elizabeth Jones

Kathryn Murchison

† Mary Ashley Rose

Eric Wiebe

Statement on Ordination

Mindy Douglas

Presentation of Elder and Deacon Candidates

Johanna Bernhardt

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Esther Hethcox

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

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox
Esther Hethcox
Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Music

Newbury

Healey Willan

**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!

JOYS AND 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. 295**

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

***BENEDICTION**

John Weicher

***POSTLUDE**

Intermezzo

Paul Ayres



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.

Special thanks to **Gordon Campbell** for providing music for today's worship while **Kathy Parkins** is away attending a reunion at Oberlin.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Jane Z. Buckley** from **Dennis Buckley, Barbara Buckley, Betsy McKeegan, and Bill Buckley**.

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.

Portions of today's worship texts are taken from *The Worship Sourcebook* and *Book of Common Worship* (1995).



Sunday, May 28, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

Esther Hethcox, preaching

Celebrate Pentecost by wearing red, orange, yellow!

The **Pentecost Offering**, which supports at-risk children, youth, and young adults, will be received. Special offering envelopes will be included in the bulletins. The local portion of this offering will go to Epworth Freedom School.

The **Hunger for Change Offering** will also be received May 28.

Our Concerns

Stephen Berry
Kerry Holbrook
Franzi Rokoske

Bob Breitweiser
Lee House
Carol Wills

Wes Carson
George Kafula

Paul Cornsweet
Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Susan Cyr

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

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

It's graduation season!



We will acknowledge Class of 2023 graduates on Sunday, June 4. Is someone in your family graduating in the Class of 2023? Email their name and degree, major, and school to Valerie in the church office: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org by May 28. Thank you.

Help retire medical debt in North Carolina

In 2022, the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC voted to set aside \$50,000 from our capital campaign to help eliminate debt for our neighbors in NC who have been saddled with overwhelming medical bills. Our first of three campaigns raised \$26,000 and paid off \$5 million in medical debt in NC in Durham and other counties in NC. On May 1, 2023, we launched a second campaign which targets the counties with the greatest number of people of color in their boundaries (including Wake, Guilford, Forsyth, and Mecklenburg). Please share the link below with anyone who wants to eliminate medical debt for our eligible neighbors in NC.

Link to give: <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/building-beloved-community/>

Want to join a small group dinner fellowship?

In response to our recent fellowship survey, FPC is forming dinner small groups. Dinner small groups are intergenerational, and all are welcome. The groups will meet six times a year, approximately, and we are hoping participants will commit to the group for one year. This will be a time for fun and fellowship. We will gather in homes or at church for potlucks or at restaurants. Please sign up (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4ca5ab2dab9-first2#/>) for the times that you are interested in gathering and indicate the number of people. Groups will be formed and notified in the next few weeks. **Sign up by May 28th**. If you are willing to serve as a group coordinator for scheduling, please indicate in the comments. Contact Deborah Momsen-Hudson: dmomsenhudson@gmail.com for more information.

Looking for a place to serve?

- **Grounds & Landscaping Workdays:**

Contact Barbara Buckley (barbjbuckley@gmail.com or 919-210-0482)

Next workday is Saturday, May 27 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

- **Church Office** (First floor weekday desk receptionist):

Contact Sarah Wright (swright1951@gmail.com or 919-218-7890)

See opportunities at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca28aafac61-first/1438266#/>

- **Communion servers:**

Sign up online or contact Mary Ann Compton (maryannmac@bellsouth.net or 919-363-8822)

Sundays, May 28, June 4 (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion1#/>)

Sundays, July-December (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion2#/>)

- **Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry/Summer tutoring program:**

Contact Margaret Rubiera (rubieramargaretmr29@gmail.com or 919-358-2346)

- **Durham Urban Ministries community café:**

Contact Jen McGonigle (jlmcg3@juno.com or 202-421-5870)

Sign up at: <https://umdurham.org/volunteer/>

- **Media techs needed:** The audio and video streaming consoles at the back of the sanctuary are operated by volunteers, and we need more. 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. Interested persons should send an email to: mediatech@firstpres-durham.org.

Support the CSA Project with Sankofa Farms

First Presbyterian, through the Creation Care Committee, is once again participating in a community supported agriculture (CSA) project with Sankofa Farms in Orange County. The boxes of vegetables will be delivered to First Pres every **Thursday** afternoon, **beginning May 18**, and be available for pickup between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. in the church foyer. This cycle will run for six weeks, from **May 18-June 22**. Other pickup options include **Thursday** evenings at Westminster Presbyterian from 6:00-7:30, and **Saturday** mornings at the Hillsborough Farmers Market from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The cost is **\$35 per week for a full share** and **\$25 for a half share**. For the **full six weeks it is \$210 for a full share** and **\$150 for a half share**.

IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE:

Go now to the Sankofa Farms website, and once there, click on “**Shop.**” Pay at checkout. The website is www.sankofafarms.com.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, feel free to contact Tom Bacon, George or Johanna Bernhardt, Cris Rivera, or Larry Brockman.

Share your insights with the Thriving Congregations Committee

Sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-sign>

First off, there is no ‘ask’. You will not be asked to do or volunteer for anything beyond attending this session. This campaign is only interested in collecting your perspective and insight. If you are not able to make any of the available dates, please email Jane francesbrown@gmail.com to let her know. We are going to be scheduling more sessions in the Fall and want to gauge interest.

We will take notes at each session and analyze contributions to hear from many voices to:

- reflect on our current work and priorities
- discern any needed information
- inform our next long-range plan.

It is important that our leaders, staff, and planners hear from our beloved community as they consider our next steps. We will send a short list of questions for reflection for anyone who signs up and we will also review them at the listening session. Don't let not being able to do “homework” keep you from signing up.

You should voice anything you think is vital to take First Presbyterian into God’s work for us, your insights, what you see, and are called to in your heart.

NOTE: We do want to avoid using this time to bring up complaints, list what other churches are doing, all potential options for ministry or random suggestions. If you have ideas, concerns or complaints please do arrange an appointment with a person associated with that area. After the session we can help you identify the right person.



Join us for an afternoon of
education, collective preparation,
distribution, and all around
celebration of Collard Greens

When: Sunday, May 21st | 2-4pm

Where: SEEDS (706 Gilbert Street, Durham, NC 27701)

Bring Collards to contribute to our preparation and distribution. Participants will be given the option to take home some of the bounty we prepare, the bulk of which will be donated to our neighbors.

The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

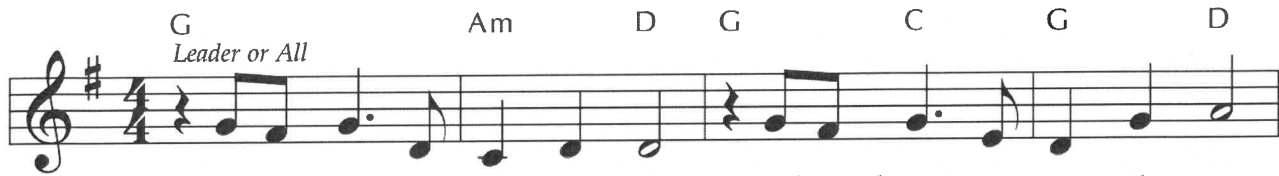


With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.



I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



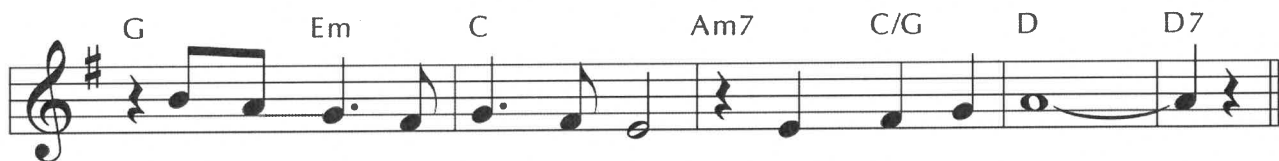
1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

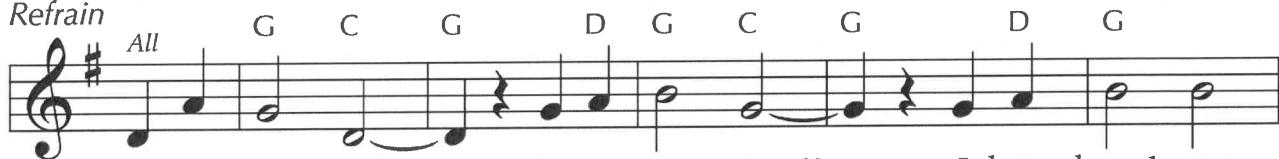


made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



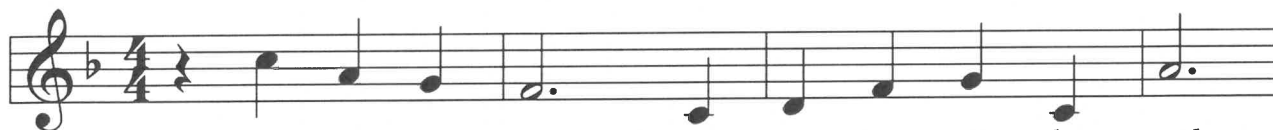
call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,




bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

This Week at a Glance!

Later Today . . . 12:15 – 1:15 PM 5 th & 6 th grade Lunch 8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnM Fellowship	Monday, May 22 9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews 1:30 PM Worship Planning	Tuesday, May 23	Wednesday, May 24 1:00 PM All Staff 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 25 9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews	Friday, May 26	Saturday, May 27 8:00-11:00 AM Landscaping and Grounds Workday	Sunday, May 28  9:45 AM Lectionary Class 11:00 AM Worship and Communion 2:00-4:00 PM Collard Church Community event at SEEDS 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

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