



First Presbyterian Church

Durham, North Carolina

June 18, 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

June 18, 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

"Te Deum"

Jean Langlais

INTROIT

Glory to God

Taizé Community

Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God, alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: On an ordinary Sunday,
we come to worship God:

People: **we come, trusting God will speak to us;
we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

Leader: On this day, like every other day,
we seek to follow Jesus:

People: **we follow, believing Jesus will be with us;
we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

Leader: On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

People: **we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;
we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.**

*HYMN NO. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Loving God, without your grace
we are like sheep without a shepherd.**

**Sometimes we are harassed by sin
and feel helpless against its power.**

**Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power
to harass the helpless.**

**We are wolves in sheep's clothing,
innocent as serpents and wise as doves.**

Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home.

(Confession continues next page.)

*All who are able, please stand.

**Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray;
through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd.**

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Listen to the good news - the kingdom of God is very near,
as close as a child's laughter,
as embracing as a father's love,
as enfolding as a mother's caress.

All: **We are God's people:**
called, that we may follow;
gifted, that we may serve;
forgiven, that we might bring hope.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

John Weicher

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*All, sung twice*)

Listen

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the

One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -

gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-8

(Pew Bible, NT page 155)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jennie Alwood

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

(Pew Bible, NT page 10)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Mindy Douglas

(*Silent reflection*)

***HYMN**

I Walk the Lord's Highway

Sung to Forest Green

*I know not where the road will lead I follow day by day,
or where it ends: I only know I walk the Lord's highway.*

Words by Evelyn Atwater Cummins

I know not if the way is long, and no one else can say;

but rough or smooth, uphill or down, I walk the Lord's highway. (Verses continue next page.)

*And some I love have reached the end, but some with me may stay,
their faith and hope still guiding me: I walk the Lord's highway.
The way is truth, the way is love, for light and strength I pray,
and through the years of life, to God I walk the Lord's highway.*

*The countless hosts lead on before, I must not fear nor stray;
with them, the pilgrims of the faith, I walk the Lord's highway.
Through light and dark the road leads on till dawns the endless day,
when I shall know why in this life I walk the Lord's highway.*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Anthem

Glory to God in the Highest

John Bell (Iona Community)

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen!*

**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

Conrad Carter (Ruling Elder)

† Evelyn Walters (Deacon)

Eric Wiebe (Deacon)

† *Candidate for Ordination*

Statement on Ordination

Presentation of Candidates

Jane Wettach

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 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. 727**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

"Prelude in D Major"

Franz Schmidt



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.

Our thanks to **Gordon Campbell**, organist, and **Dan Huff**, choral conductor, for leading our music this morning while **Kathy Parkins** is in Eastern Kentucky attending her family reunion.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Martha Rimmer** by her husband **Steve Rimmer** and daughter **Lyn Williams** and her husband **John Williams**.

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 liturgy are taken from Feasting on the Word (Year A, Volume 2).

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These Days devotional books for July-September 2023 have arrived. Pick up a free copy in the foyer or narthex while supplies last.

Our Joys and Concerns

Happy Father's Day

Congratulations to **Robert and Jane Brawley** who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 22, 2023.

Concerns:

Michelle Cantrell, niece of Conrad Carter, recovering from emergency quadruple bypass surgery.
Marilyn Hedgpeth fell recently and has a broken wrist and knee cap.

Bob Breitweiser	Wes Carson	Paul Cornsweet	Susan Cyr
Cathy Guajardo	Kerry Holbrook	Jenni James	Lee House
George Kafala	Bet Lawson	Mitzi Leshner-Thomas	Franzi Rokoske
Alfred Tisdale	Carol Wills		

Care Communities

Atria at Southpoint (Independent Living): **Joe & Carlisle Harvard**

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

Jane Austin, friend of the congregation

Father of Andres, friend of the congregation

Pam Hanson, mother of Laura Hanson

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

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Looking for a place to volunteer?

- **Church Office** (First floor weekday receptionist):
Contact Sarah Wright (swright1951@gmail.com or 919-218-7890)
See opportunities at: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca28aafac61-first/1438266#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca28aafac61-first/1438266#/)
- **Communion servers needed:**
Contact Mary Ann Compton (maryannmac@bellsouth.net or 919-363-8822)
Sign up July-December ([https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion2#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion2#/))
- **Ushering:** We are in need of ushers on Sunday mornings, especially on the second Sunday of the month. Please contact Esther Hethcox if you would like to serve. Training is available if you have not ushered recently or at FPC.
- **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 and high school youth are particularly welcome. Interested persons should send an email to: mediatech@firstpres-durham.org.

Sharing Worship Flowers Following Worship

Visiting someone after worship? Please take them a bouquet, courtesy of the FPC Diaconate! About 10 minutes after worship--after you're done shaking the preacher's hand!--please head to the kitchen to pick up a beautiful bouquet of flowers arranged by a Deacon. Please tell the Deacon who arranged the flowers the recipient's name. Thank you for spreading the beauty of God's creation--these flowers bring joy to those unable to attend worship, recovering from illnesses, grieving, celebrating or simply in need of the reminder they are loved by their church and God. Please email Brianna Bennett or Esther Hethcox with any questions. Thank you!

Share your insights with the Thriving Congregations Committee

This campaign is only interested in collecting your perspective and insight. Remaining dates: **June 25** and **July 16**. If you are not able to make one of these remaining dates, please email Jane Brown at janefrancesbrown@gmail.com to let her know. We are going to be scheduling more sessions in the fall and want to gauge interest. 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 to anyone who signs up, and we will also review them at the listening session.

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

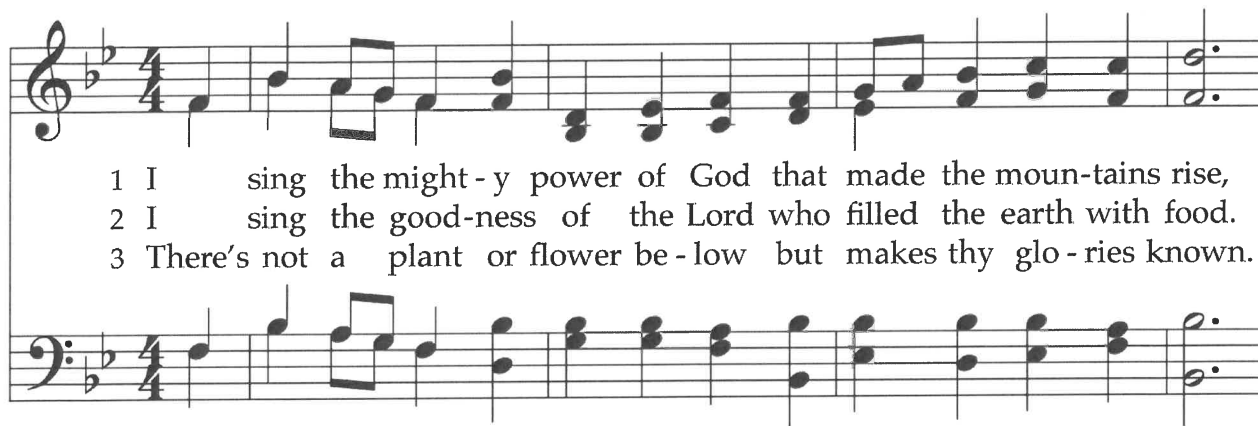
Help retire medical debt in North Carolina

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 this link with anyone who wants to support this campaign: <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/building-beloved-community/>.

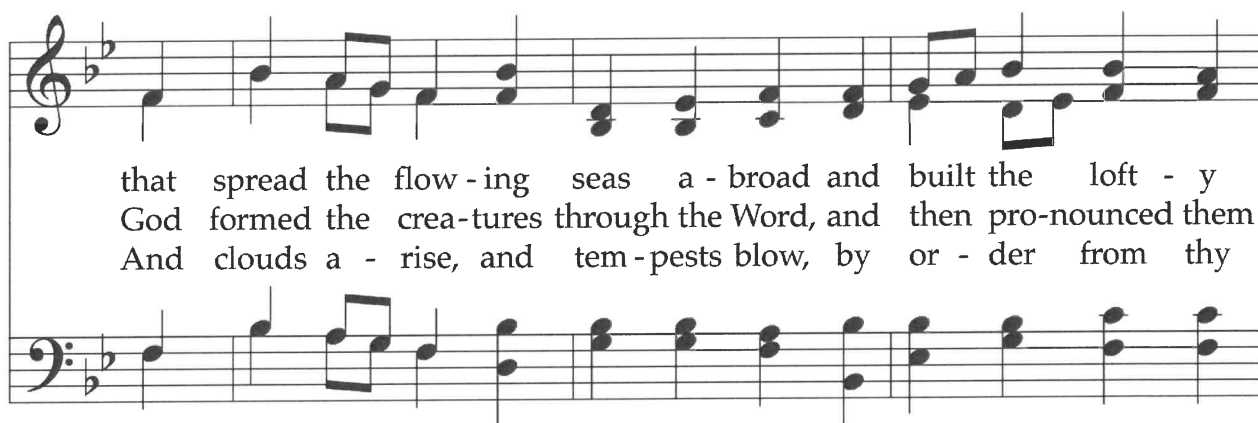
Support the CSA Project with Sankofa Farms

First Presbyterian, through the Creation Care Committee, is once again participating in a community supported agriculture (CSA) project with Sankofa Farms in Orange County. If you wish to participate, go to the Sankofa Farms website, and once there, click "**Shop.**" Pay at checkout. The website is www.sankofafarms.com. Boxes of vegetables are delivered to FPC every **Thursday** afternoon and will be available for pickup between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. in the church foyer. This cycle will run until **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. Contact Tom Bacon, George or Johanna Bernhardt, Cris Rivera, or Larry Brockman if you have questions.

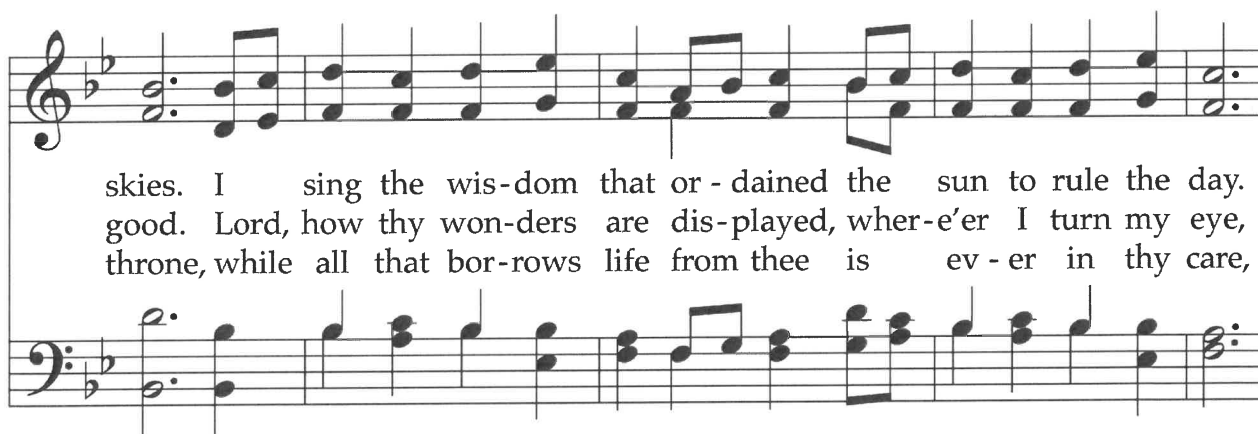
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



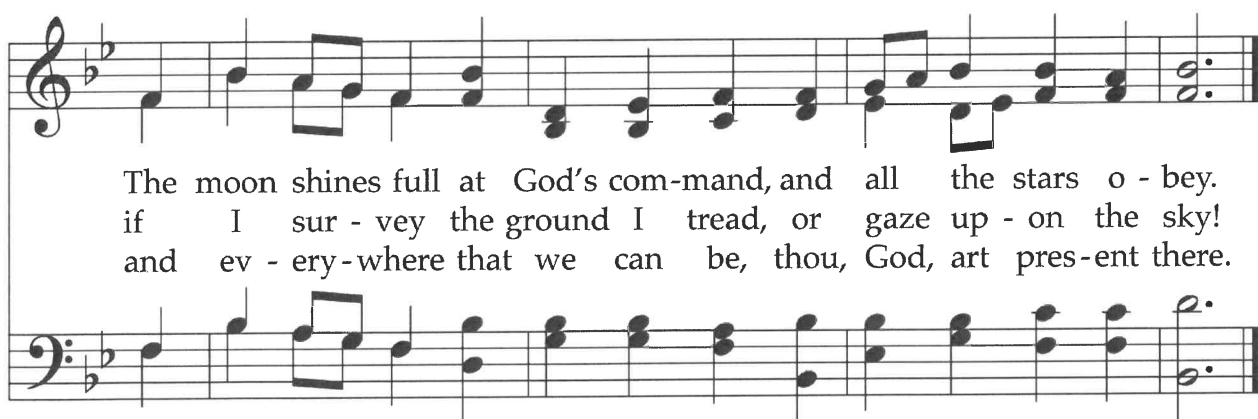
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



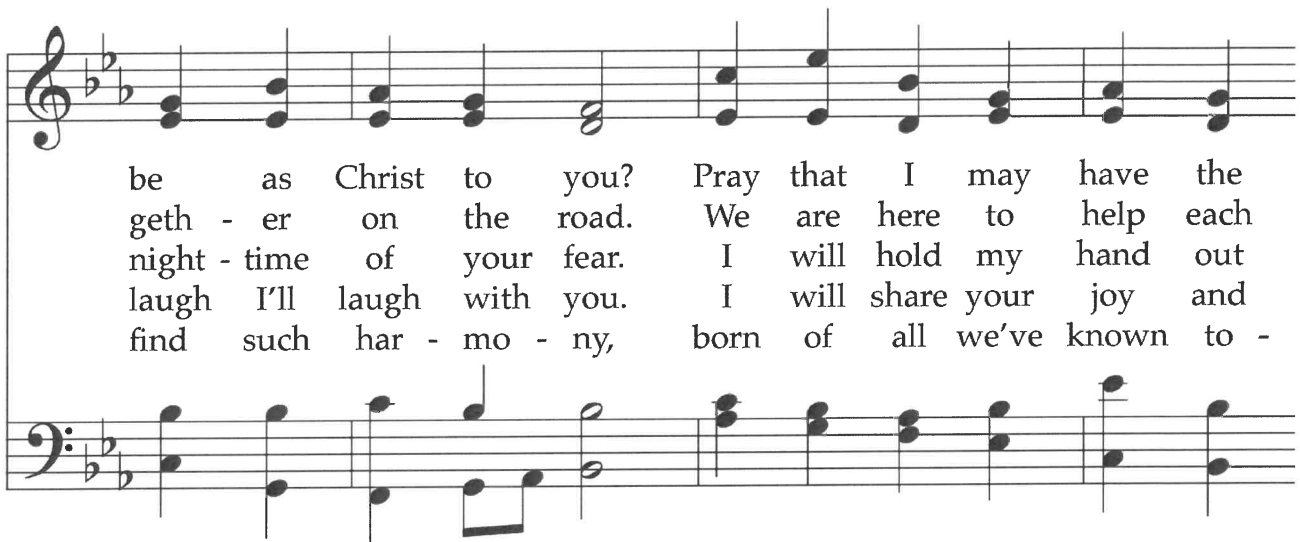
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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)

Juneteenth: A History¹

First Presbyterian Church's Racial Equity Task Force invites the whole congregation to embrace and join in the commemoration and celebration of Juneteenth. To widen and deepen the celebration of this day by all members of First Church, the Racial Equity Task Force presents this brief history and reflection.

Though the Civil War ended on April 9, 1865, it was not until more than two months later that the people of Texas, the most remote state of the former Confederacy, first learned of the war ending, which they did when Union soldiers traveled to Galveston where the pronouncement was publicly read on June 19. Celebrations of Juneteenth started in Texas, which declared Juneteenth a state holiday starting in 1980. By 2019, forty-seven states recognized Juneteenth, and it became a federal holiday in 2021. In the immediate post-Civil War era, there was much hope that the formerly enslaved people would finally have peaceful and free lives. Families tried to reunite. The granting of land by the federal government promised to provide a means to live, and African American men were given the right to vote. During Reconstruction, 16 African Americans were elected to the U.S. Congress, 600 to state legislatures, and hundreds more to local offices. However, the backlash against these changes was swift, widespread, and ruthless. The land grants were taken back within a year. African Americans were depicted as little more than savages while Ku Klux Klansmen were depicted as saviors, as famously portrayed in the 1915 film *The Birth of a Nation*. Lynchings, Black Codes, and Jim Crow laws that only applied or were only enforced against Black people kept the formerly enslaved people subservient. One example was the practice of imprisoning formerly enslaved people for violations of vagrancy laws and using the resulting prison labor for profit.

First Presbyterian Church is committed to racial equity, the purposeful inclusion of all people, the striving for radical hospitality, and the modeling of anti-racism. As we strive to be an anti-racist church, our observance of Juneteenth comes with the sobering recognition that racism today bears a striking resemblance to the Jim Crow era. Examples of this include voter suppression laws, disproportionate incarceration and killing of Black people, hate-filled lies, and inflammatory rhetoric. Indeed, white majority institutions of today unfortunately reflect the white supremacy values that have been embedded for centuries and passed down through the generations. Anti-racism goes beyond diversity. It is a spiritual practice of self-reflection that examines how we individually live out the truth that God created humanity in God's own image. It examines the structures that comprise our processes and practices to understand their impact on persons who are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and works to identify and remove structural obstacles to full participation by all in the life of the church.

While this is a time for reflection, Juneteenth is also a time for celebration. Many people celebrate with family reunions and backyard parties. Many cities hold street fairs

¹ This history was written by the Racial Equity Council of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. Used with permission.

with music and dancing. Museums have special exhibits. The Racial Equity Task Force invites everyone to mark this holiday in their own way, which could be by visiting the websites of museums to learn more about African American history or by shopping at Black owned businesses. The National Museum of African American History and Culture and the International African American Museum are two good places to start.

The links below are to Durham Juneteenth events being held today and tomorrow, Monday, June 19.

<https://www.discoverdurham.com/events/bragtown-juneteenth-celebration/>

Date: Sunday, June 18, 2023, 2-7 p.m.

Location: Lakeview Park, 3500 Dearborn Dr.

The Bragtown Community Association presents the third-annual Juneteenth, an afternoon of healing, inspiration and celebration featuring DJ Pitty Pat, food trucks, a kids' fun zone, community resources, spoken word and a gospel fest.

<https://www.discoverdurham.com/events/west-end-neighborhood-juneteenth-event/>

Date: Monday, June 19, 2023, 2-6 p.m.

Location: Carroll Street Park, 815 Carroll St.

The West End neighborhood's Juneteenth Event kicks off at Carroll Street Park, and celebrations include an afternoon of vendors, giveaways, live entertainment, and gospel singing with fun activities for all ages.

<https://spectacularmag.com/juneteenth/>

Date: Saturday & Sunday, June 17-18, 2023

Location: Golden Belt Campus; other locations

Mark your calendars for North Carolina's Juneteenth Celebration in Durham: two days of festivities including national recording artists, local performers, food and merch, a health fair, a kids' zone, a fashion show and more – hosted by Spectacular Magazine. The celebration kicks off at Golden Belt Campus on Saturday with a drum and dance procession, followed by presentations on the origin and significance of Juneteenth. Things heat up in downtown Durham on Sunday with a barbecue cook-off and more fun and games. The cook-off winner will represent North Carolina in the national Juneteenth cookoff in Galveston, Texas later this year.


<https://www.discoverdurham.com/events/party-in-the-park-juneteenth-edition-2/>

Date: Monday, June 19, 2023, 12-2 p.m.

Location: Hub RTP Experience Center, 300 Park Offices Dr.

Celebrate Juneteenth in the Research Triangle Park, RTP, with lawn games, food trucks, live entertainment, and giveaways.

For more ideas about how you and your family can celebrate Juneteenth, go to <https://www.discoverdurham.com/blog/celebrate-juneteenth-in-durham/>

Father's Day 8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (Meet via Zoom)	Monday, June 19  The church office is closed in observance of the Juneteenth Day holiday. See the bulletin insert for events and celebrations in the area.	Tuesday, June 20 6:30 PM Book Discussion Potluck at the home of Jim & Christy Gudaitis	Wednesday, June 21 1:00 PM All Staff The Chancel Choir is on summer break.
Thursday, June 22 9:00-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews 3:30-5:30 PM Sankofa Farms CSA project vegetables distribution Robert & Jane Brawley 60 th Wedding Anniversary	Friday, June 23	Saturday, June 24 8:00-11:00 AM Grounds and Landscaping Workday	Sunday, June 25 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation class for children Faith & Community and Lectionary classes 11:00 AM Worship Hunger for Change Offering received 8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (Meet via Zoom)

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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