

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Stewardship – Service and Mission

Teddie Brown

PRELUDE

Variations on “All the Heavens Tell God’s Glory” (Glorious Sovereign)

John Barr

INTROIT

Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord

Taizé Community

Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12)

John Weicher

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful, and all that is therein.

**People: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,
for you come to judge the earth.**

All: Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

What a debt we owe to you, O God.

**You have given us all things in Christ
and yet we withhold from you
the honor and glory that are yours.**

**Instead, we pay tribute to empire,
plot to entrap the innocent,
mock your truth with empty praise,
and put your patience to the test.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your grace
Restore in us the image of your face;
Through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung) *Be Thou My Vision*

Hymn No. 450 (verse 1) *Slane*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

(Pew Bible, OT page 674)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Annie Gentithes

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

(Pew Bible, NT page 24)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Jackie Rodriguez

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Jackie Rodriguez

(Silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 708**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Sung to Festal Song

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

Awake, My Heart, and Render

Jane Marshall

*Awake, my heart and render to God Thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me,
beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word, my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.
Awake, my heart....*

(The **Hunger for Change Offering** is received following the anthem.)

*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

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.**

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

The 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.**

Reaffirmation of Faith

Prayer

Sung Response

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

***HYMN**

Sing a New World into Being

Sung to Hyfrydol

Sing a new world into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme.

Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.

Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.

Sing a new world into being, sing as Christ inspires your song!

Sing a new world into being, where each gender, class, and race.

Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace.

Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.

Sing a new world into being, risk transforming heart and mind.

Sing a new world into being, where the homeless find a home.

Where no children ever hunger but are filled in God's shalom.

Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.

Sing a new world into being, raise the harmonies of peace.

(Final verse next page.)

*Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets' cry.
For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry.
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being, live the promise you believe.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jackie Rodriguez

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F

Vincent Luebeck



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.

We welcome the Rev. Jackie Rodriguez to the pulpit this morning. Jackie is the current pastor for the Duke Presbyterian Campus Ministry. She is a graduate of Princeton Seminary with a call to tend to the spiritual formation of college students. Though born and raised in Florida, Jackie has had the opportunity to live, learn, and do ministry in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, DC, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Israel, and England. With a love for storytelling and carefully holding the stories of others, one of Jackie's greatest joys is having rich conversations with people of all different backgrounds about life and faith, while encouraging their hearts along whatever journeys they are on with God.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God and in memory of ***Wes Carson*** by ***Carol Carson*** and daughters ***Cathryn and Caryn***.

New Members: The following were received into membership by the Session earlier today:

Daniel Dziuban and ***Kati Ruark*** are married and live in Durham with their 11-month-old son, ***Samuel***. Daniel is an attorney with Mann, McGibney, & Jordan in Raleigh. He enjoys spending time with his family, cycling, and playing guitar. Kati works as a church administrator at United Church of Chapel Hill. She enjoys gardening, British mystery TV shows, and going for walks. Daniel and Kati join FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

Antionette Kabasu lives in Durham and is a native of Congo where she attended a Presbyterian church. She joins FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

Claire Su lives in Carrboro and is a PhD student at UNC (Chapel Hill) Gillings School of Global Public Health. She enjoys reading, cooking, spinning, yoga barre, hiking, and theater. Claire joins FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

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 the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary. 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. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

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: *Feasting on the Word (Year A, Volume 2)* and *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

These Days daily devotional booklets for *October – December 2023* are available from the table in the church foyer. Pick up a free copy while supplies last.

Copies of recent sermons are available from the table in the foyer. Please feel free to take a copy for yourself and to share copies with our homebound members and friends of the church.

~ Our Concerns ~

Andy Widmark, recovering at home from a stress fracture in his spine.

Bob Breitweiser	Paul Cornsweet	Susan Cyr	George Danser	Jean Estes
Kerry Holbrook	Lee House	Jenni James	Mitzi Lesher-Thomas	Richard Mangeot
Franzi Rokoske	Alfred Tisdale			

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills, Jim Wolfe**

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Jasper Yeatts Gunn, child of Wilson Gunn

Kelley Keller, friend of Kerry Holbrook

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Dennis Tiede, nephew of Mary-Jo Keenan

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Sylvia Elder, grandmother of Esther Hethcox

Larry Hethcox, father of Esther Hethcox

Gabe Lamazares, assoc. rector, St. Philip's EC

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Calvin Rogers, friend of Steve Rimmer

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Please remember to update the pastoral staff on the progress of your family and friends.

Membership Class: FPC 101

FPC 101 - a class for new folks, new members, wanna-be members, recent members, and really anyone. **The final session in this current series will be next Sunday, October 29.** The topic is theology and polity. Heidi Biermann and Wilson Gunn will lead the class during the faith formation hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) in Room 205 (Christian Education building, second floor).

The Hunger for Change Offering

First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world. The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

40% - Local Hunger Programs

10% - Administration.

Locally, funds are dispersed through grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham and Iglesia Emanuel are frequent recipients.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering today.

First Presbyterian Church of Durham's
COMMUNITY-WIDE TRUNK OR TREAT!
PARA TODA LA COMUNIDAD

5-7 pm
the Sunday before Halloween
el Domingo antes de Halloween

In the parking lot of FPC, @ the corner of Liberty & N. Roxboro, downtown Durham.
En el estacionamiento de FPC, en la esquina de Liberty y N. Roxboro, en el Centro de Durham.

LOVE IN THE HEART OF DURHAM • AMOR EN EL CORAZON DE DURHAM

COMMUNITY-WIDE TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29

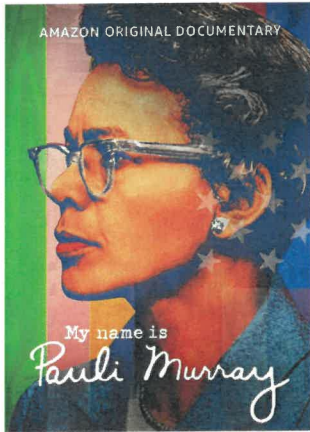
5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church's parking lot

Families can decorate and host a TRUNK. Sign up with Stephen Berry. Families can also dress in costumes and kids can go for TREATS! Face-painting and refreshments will be available.

Opportunities Galore for Serving our Community!

We have multiple options for you at **Iglesia Emanuel**, so read on, and respond with joy!

- **The Emanuel Learning Center** offers one-on-one tutoring two evenings a week, on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.** We welcome new tutors who are willing to make a consistent commitment for one evening a week. We provide the tools and training you might need. Contact Mimi Dunn for more information.
- **The Emanuel Food Pantry** always has room for more volunteers and supporters. We continue to provide healthy food to over 600 families a week. Find a spot for yourself on one of our shifts. Sign up at this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAD23A6FA7-iglesia#.
- **English as a Second Language** classes for adults! Classes are scheduled to begin on November 2. Classes for women will be held on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., and for men on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Lead teachers and assistant teachers are needed. Please contact Alicia Baucom by email at baudomalicia@yahoo.com, or call 910-545-2640 to learn more.



Pauli Murray Video Showings

Pauli Murray is the unofficial saint of Durham, and we all now have the special opportunity to view the award-winning film “My Name is Pauli Murray” at the homes of FPC members on dates in October and November. The 91-minute film won the Peabody Award in 2022. It depicts Pauli’s life and struggles and influence on Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Thurgood Marshall. Our friends at Covenant PC have been invited to join us at these showings. Seating is limited. Remember to reserve a seat!

You can sign up for a showing at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-44740033-pauli#



**THE TIME TO
GIVE BLOOD
IS NOW**

Thursday, November 2, 2023

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

Go online to RedCrossBlood.org and use code *firstpres* to schedule your appointment.

The Red Cross has been facing dire blood inventory for several months post-COVID. As a result, too often, treating physicians must make difficult decisions between who will receive a blood product and who will have to wait.

If you are healthy and it has been over 50 days since your last blood donation, please sign up to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment today. For more information, contact **Julie Whiddon** (919-730-6673), FPC’s organizer and Red Cross volunteer.

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

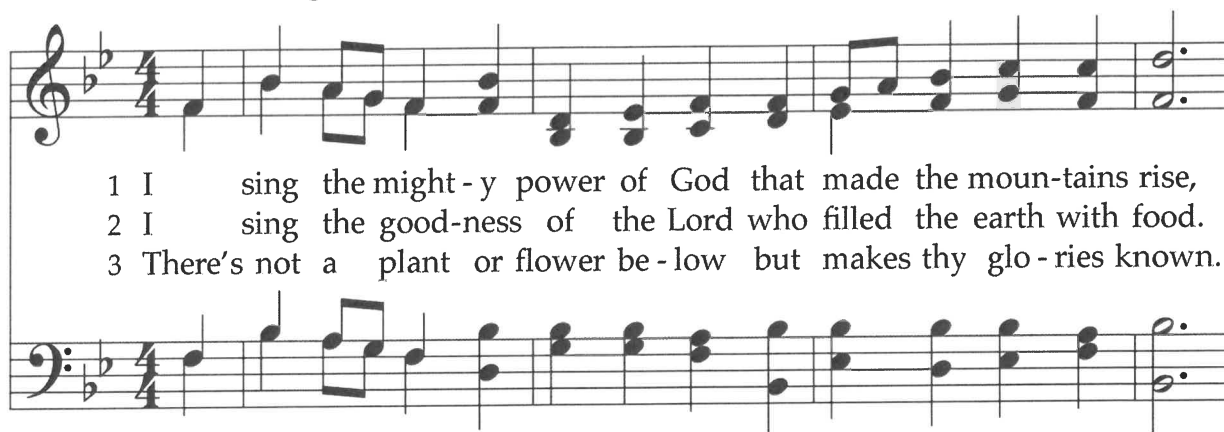
Sung to *Festal Song*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

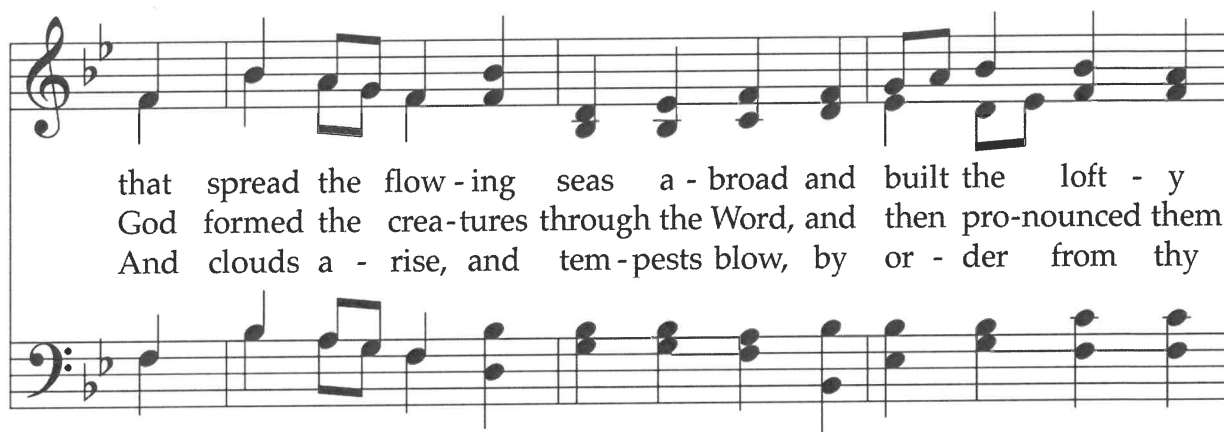
1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as ste - wards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
what - ever we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

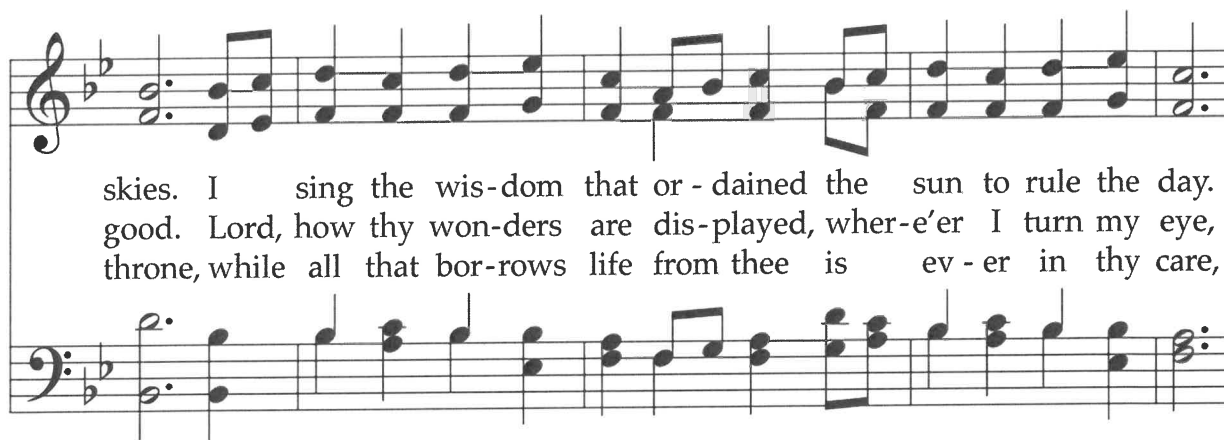
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



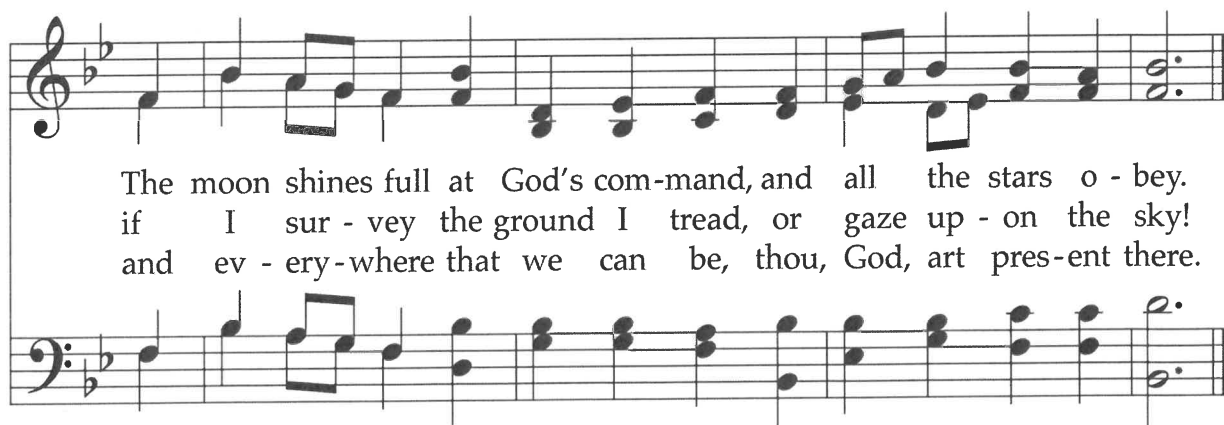
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



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.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Robert Daye Meeting Room)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, October 23</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>1:00 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday, October 24</p> <p>11:30 AM Day Timers Luncheon a Neo China Restaurant</p> <p>5:45-7:00 PM Tutoring (at Iglesia Emanuel)</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 25</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Potluck (home of Mac & Wendy McCorkle)</p>
<p>Thursday, October 26</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>5:45-7:00 PM Tutoring (at Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <hr/> <p>Friday, October 27</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday, October 28</p> <p>9:00 AM New Hope Presbytery at FPC, Goldsboro</p>	<p>Sunday, October 29 Dedication Sunday</p> <p>9:45 AM Intergenerational Faith Formation Event (Children and adult classes combined in Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Community-Wide Trunk or Treat (church parking lot)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p> <div></div>	

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