

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
Reformation/Dedication Sunday

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Stewardship – Worship/Christian Education

Mindy Douglas
Drew Cummings

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “Beach Spring”

*Early American Hymn Tune,
arr. Don Hustad*

INTROIT

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
Anna Blair, percussion

South African tune

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said; I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.**

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit;

People: **there is one hope in God’s call to us;**

Leader: one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

People: **one God and Parent of all.**

Leader: Blessed be God who sustains and protects the holy church.

People: **And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith.**

All: **Amen. Alleluia!**

*HYMN NO. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of the ages, you have been faithful to us,
but we have not been faithful to you.**

**You have established covenants with us,
but we have not upheld our part.**

We have distorted your word for our own gain.

We have claimed you as exclusively ours.

We have focused on power more than discipleship.

We beg your forgiveness.

Reform us again and make us into the image of your true church.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Esther Hethcox

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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

(Pew Bible, OT page 106)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Ellie Everett

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-40

(Pew Bible, NT page 25)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"How Shall We Be Holy?"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***HYMN**

Sing a New World into Being

Sung to Beach Spring

*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.
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.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

Esther Hethcox

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

(Affirmation continues next page.)

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls a variety of people to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Brent Curtis

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

Dedication Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!



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Sharing of gifts

*Following the anthem, you are invited to come forward to lay your hand on the basket as a symbol of your dedication to Christ and his work through the church. As you come, you may place your completed **2024 pledge card** and/or your **offerings** for today in one of the baskets. Come with your hands empty or full. Come with hearts gladdened by God's grace and your own gratitude.*

Prayer (in unison)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Weicher

... 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. 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

James Biery

Community-Wide Trunk or Treat!

Join us today from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church's parking lot.

Families, you can dress in costumes and your kids can go from trunk to trunk for treats!

Face-painting and grilled hotdogs will be available. Bring a f(r)iend!



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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.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by *Mac and Wendy McCorkle* and in memory of their parents, *Sally & Lewis Johnson* and *Elinor & Pope McCorkle*.

Liturgy Notes: Luther's hymn of the Reformation, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, has become one of the great pillars of hymnody of all time and is found in every mainline denomination hymnal. Both text and tune are Luther's and were composed between 1527 and 1529. Luther was a prolific hymn writer who knew the power of music not only to inspire people, but also to teach people the tenets of Reformation theology: that we are saved, pure and simple, by the grace of God alone and not through any works that we might do. This tune (*Ein Feste Burg*) has been set hundreds of times for organ, orchestra, chamber groups, and choirs.

Paraments: We use red paraments today (the traditional color for the Reformation) to signify the wind and flames that the Holy Spirit blows upon the church (just like at Pentecost) to always make something new and to remember the blood of martyrs who died in the reforming of the church.

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.

Today's **Call to Worship** is written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel and can be found at *Liturgy of God's Word for Reformation Sunday*. The other resource for today's liturgy is *Call to Worship (Lectionary Aids for 2022-2023, Year A)*.

SAVE the DATE

All-Church Potluck following worship on Sunday, November 12. Details forthcoming.

~ Joys and Concerns ~

Congratulations to *Taylor King* and *Mary Ashley Rose* who just got engaged.

Congratulations to *Jane Carsey* and *Kevin Talbot* who were married October 21st in Cincinnati. Jane is the daughter of *Dawn Shelton* and grew up in FPC.

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Mary-Jo Keenan and Larry Reed* on the death of Mary-Jo's nephew. *Dennis Tiede* died October 20th in Boston.

Tony Brown had outpatient surgery on his hand and elbow this past week.

Bob Breitweiser *Paul Cornsweet* *Susan Cyr* *Kerry Holbrook* *Lee House* *Jenni James*
Mitzi Lesher-Thomas *Franzi Rokoske* *Alfred Tisdale* *Andy Widmark* *Emily Wilson*

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:

Sylvia Elder, grandmother of Esther Hethcox

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Kelley Keller, friend of Kerry Holbrook

Larry Hethcox, father of Esther Hethcox

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

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

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Calvin Rogers, friend of Steve Rimmer

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Pauli Murray Video Showings

Pauli Murray is the unofficial saint of Durham, and we have the special opportunity to view the award-winning film "My Name is Pauli Murray" at the homes of FPC members on dates in November. The 91-minute film depicts Pauli's life and struggles and influence on Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Thurgood Marshall. **Sign up to view a showing at:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-44740033-pauli#/>

Red Cross Community Blood Drive

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. 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. For more information, contact *Julie Whiddon* (919-730-6673), FPC's organizer and a Red Cross volunteer.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many chords and some melodic lines. The lyrics are: "armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er."

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Community-wide Trunk or Treat (parking lot)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, October 30</p> <p>9:00 AM-12:00 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>12 Noon-2:00 PM Presbyterian Foundation Luncheon (Daye meeting room)</p> <p>5:00 PM Finance and Stewardship Committees meet with Presbyterian Foundation (Daye meeting room)</p> <p>1:00 PM Worship Planning</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 31</p> <p>5:45-7:00 PM Tutoring (at Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <hr/> <p>Wednesday, November 1</p> <p>1:00 PM Program Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 2</p> <p>9:00 AM-12:00 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>1:00-6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>5:45-7:00 PM Tutoring (at Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <p>6:00-7:00 PM ESL for women (Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <p>7:00-8:30 PM ESL for men (Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <hr/> <p>Friday, November 3</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday, November 4</p> <p>Remember to set your manual clocks back one hour before going to bed. Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.</p>		<p>Sunday, November 5</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation classes for all ages</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship, Communion, and a roll call of members and loved ones who died in the last 12 months</p> <p>12:15 PM Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group – Mental Health (w/parents)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>



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