

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Stewardship: Durham CAN

Esther Hethcox

Sharon Hirsch

PRELUDE

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

J.S. Bach

INTROIT

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Georg Christian Neumark

*If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him,
you'll find him always there beside you to give you hope and strength within;
for those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Together, we choose to serve God, which means:

People: We choose love.

Leader: We choose hope.

People: We choose peace.

Leader: We choose kindness.

People: We choose welcome.

Leader: We choose justice.

People: We choose to serve God.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN NO. 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Pleading Savior

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

It is never easy to admit how foolish we are, O God.

**You have chosen us for yourself,
and we continue to shelter false gods in our hearts.**

**You promise to be with us in every moment,
but we can find little time for you.**

**You send your Word to us,
but we are too busy listening to the noise of our culture to pay attention.**

Have mercy, Eternal One, and forgive us.

**Speak to us, so we might listen,
and in hearing be transformed into your people.**

Fill us with holiness, so we might give ourselves wholly to others.

**Enable us to serve you faithfully and completely,
even as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

Esther Hethcox

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will,
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PSALTER READING

Psalm 78:1-7

(Pew Bible, OT page 537)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Cris Rivera

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:1-18

(Pew Bible, OT page 215)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

John Weicher

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"A Toboggan Full of Buck-A-Roonies"

John Weicher

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from *Westminster Larger Catechism*)

Amy Heit

Leader: Q 1. What is our chief and highest end?

People: A. **Our chief and highest end is to glorify God,
and fully to enjoy God forever.**

Leader: Q 2. How does it appear that there is a God?

People: A. **The very light of nature in humans, and the works of God,
declare plainly that there is a God;
but God's Word and Spirit only,
do sufficiently and effectually reveal God
to humans for their salvation.**

***HYMN NO. 175**

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Kim Abels

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Amy Heit

Offertory Anthem *It Is Good to Give Thanks* (from Psalm 92) Jane Marshall
*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O most high.
 To declare thy love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night,
 to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad by thy work.
 It is good...*

*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 Amy Heit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Amy Heit
 . . . 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. 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* Green Tyler

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION John Weicher

*POSTLUDE *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* J.S. Bach

All-congregation potluck today immediately following worship.
 Everyone (children included) is invited to this lunch in Watts-Hill Hall
 even if you did not bring a dish to share.



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 and in honor of *John Weicher’s* five years at FPC.

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: *Call to Worship* (2022-2023 Year A, Volume 56.1), *Lectionary Liturgies*, and *Book of Common Prayer*.

~ Our Concerns ~

Memorial Service for Andy Widmark: Monday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Air Force Capt. Brian Knowles, son of Sheila Miglarese and Sam's stepson, has been deployed to an undisclosed location and the family requests prayers for him.

Paul Cornsweet	Susan Cyr	Kerry Holbrook	Lee House	Jenni James
Mitzi Lesher-Thomas	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

Larry Hethcox, father of Esther Hethcox

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Terri, friend of Kerry Holbrook

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Sylvia Elder, grandmother 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

Emily Wilson, daughter-in-law of Chuck & Jean Wilson

Durham Habitat dedicates home in honor of Sam Miglarese

The Duke-Congregation at Duke Chapel and First Presbyterian sponsored a habitat home-build that is now ready for occupancy. The home dedication will take place on **Saturday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m. at 106 N. Plum Street**. Join us there as we celebrate with Sam and the Abdus-Salaam family.

A Wonderful Idea for First Presbyterian Church Members

Here is an opportunity to get some holiday shopping started, to help provide a living wage to people living in over 40 different countries and support the work of our Walk-in Ministry. **On Sunday, November 19, from 12 PM – 5 PM, Bull City Fair Trade will be open to members and friends of First Presbyterian Church (FPC) to shop and enjoy light refreshments. Ten percent of the intake during that time will be donated to our church to be used for the Walk-in Ministry.**

Please mention our church when you check out. The store's address is 811 9th Street, about 10 minutes from FPC. There is a parking lot next to the store as well as on-street parking.

Bull City Fair Trade (originally named One World Market) has been in Durham for 31 years as the only store that adheres to fair trade principles. Learn more about Bull City Fair Trade at:

Bulldcityfairtrade.com.

FPC's Thriving Congregations Committee presents . . .

November 19

River of Life Gallery Walk

What

Gallery Walk to explore and reflect on FPC's recent history

When

Kickoff on November 19th, will remain available through December 3rd

Where

Fellowship Hall

Several groups from our church family worked together to create Rivers of Life. These are visual depictions of First Presbyterian Church in Durham's history, spanning the last 20 years. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on November 19 to reflect on the art and grab a cup of coffee. The gallery will be open until December 3rd.

There will be some questions to prompt your reflection and insights to share either written in space provided at the gallery walk. We also encourage you to take these ideas into a listening session, if you choose to participate. Autumn inspires reflection, let's do it together.

The Piano Performance Team



IN CONCERT

The Piano Performance Team is a unique group of 3-6 piano students from North Carolina selected by audition each year. It was created to give talented young pianists various opportunities to perform as well as to provide a community outreach program in the arts. The group has performed for our military troops, colleges, churches, arts series, retirement communities, etc. as well as having provided educational programs for over 40,000 elementary children in North & South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, and Washington DC.

The program will last about an hour. It will be varied enough that everyone in the audience is sure to have a favorite piece. It will be memorable!
Come see what a little practice can do!

Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m.
in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church
Free and open to the public!



WHEN PROPHETS PREACH

Leadership and the Politics of the Pulpit



Jonathan C. Augustine

Speaking on social justice as faith leaders in today's times.

WHEN PROPHETS PREACH



REV. DR. JAY AUGUSTINE

Pastor of St. Joseph AME, professor, and author of *When Prophets Preach* and other works.

Book signing to follow lunch and discussion!

**MONTHLY
ASSEMBLY:
TUESDAY, NOV. 14,
11:45AM**

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Reality
ministries

TALENT Show

at the

DPAC
DURHAM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

THURSDAY, NOV 16
Art Gallery: 5:30pm Show: 6:30pm

An extraordinary community event featuring artists and performers of all abilities

**GENERAL ADMISSION
Free Tickets Available at the Door!**

Find out more information about the show here.



The church office and day school will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, 2023.

Sunday, November 26
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion



Reign of Christ Sunday



The Season of Advent begins!

Sunday, December 3

ADVENT FESTIVAL & ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FAIR

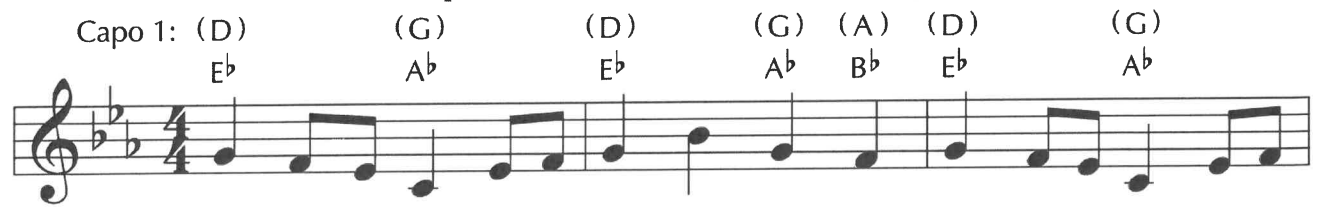
9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall for children and youth
and following worship for everyone else

- ✓ Advent devotional materials can be picked up
- ✓ Advent activities provided for children and youth
- ✓ Purchase alternative gifts from mission partners
- ✓ Enjoy light refreshments

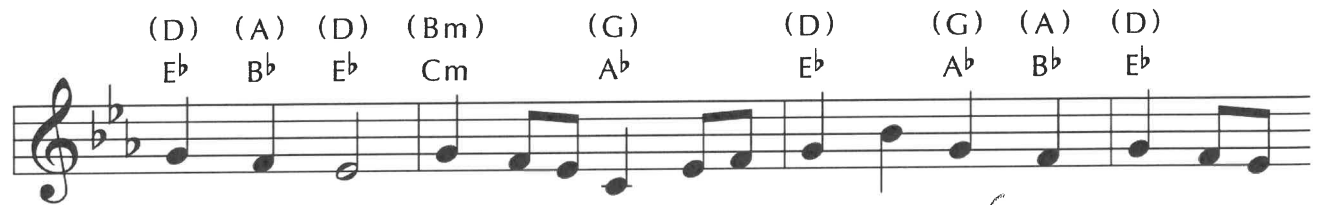
ADVENT ACTIVITIES

December 8 Vocal Arts Ensemble in Concert (sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.)
December 9 Durham Holiday Parade (Watch from sanctuary steps, 10:00 a.m.)
December 17 Advent Lessons & Carols (sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.)
Children's Christmas Pageant (sanctuary, Time TBA)
All-Church Potluck (Watts-Hill Hall, Time TBA)
followed by Carols Sing-Along

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23



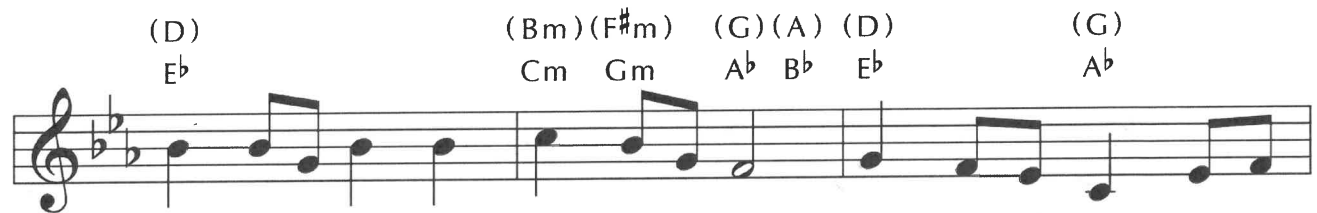
1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to



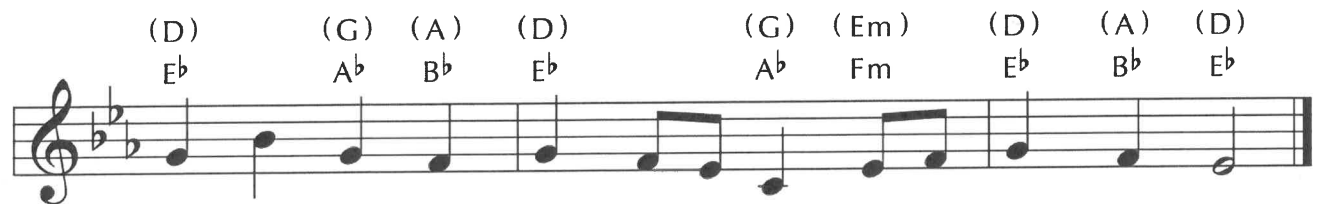
spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor-tion.



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God;
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,


al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its and righ - teous - ness,
 but by you shall find;
 ev - ery word



al - le - lu - ia,

and knock, that all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



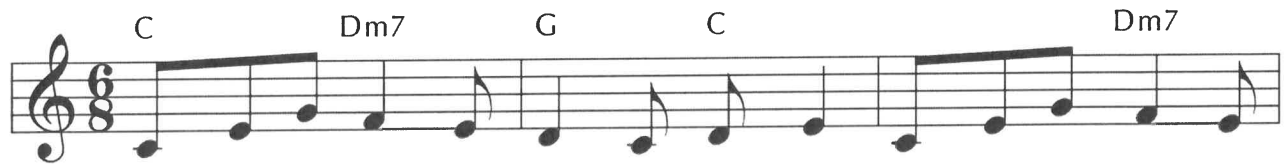
al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

The Week at a Glance!

<div>Later Today</div> <div>12:15 PM All-Congregation Potluck (Watts-Hill Hall)</div> <div>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group</div> <div>5:00 PM The Somethings Gathering (home of Mary Ashley Rose & Taylor King)</div> <div>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</div> <div>Monday, November 13</div> <div>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</div> <div>10:00 AM Memorial Service for Andy Widmark (sanctuary); family will greet friends afterwards in the foyer</div> <div>1:30 PM Worship Planning</div> <div>6:00 PM Christian Education and Property Committees</div> <div>6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee</div> <div>7:00 PM Worship & the Arts Committee</div>	<div>Tuesday, November 14</div> <div>Newsletter Today</div> <div>11:45 AM FPC hosting DCIA Assembly (Watts-Hill Hall)</div> <div>3:00 PM The Things That Matter Book Group (home of Barbara Buckley)</div> <div>6:00-7:00 PM Tutoring (Iglesia Emanuel)</div> <div>6:00-7:00 PM ESL for women (Iglesia Emanuel)</div> <div>7:00-8:30 PM ESL for men (Iglesia Emanuel)</div>	<div>Wednesday, November 15</div> <div>1:00 PM Program Staff</div> <div>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</div> <div>Thursday, November 16</div> <div>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</div> <div>6:00-7:00 PM Tutoring (Iglesia Emanuel)</div> <div>6:00-7:00 PM ESL for women (Iglesia Emanuel)</div> <div>7:00-8:30 PM ESL for men (Iglesia Emanuel)</div> <div>Friday, November 17</div> <div>KEEP AWAKE High School Retreat (ends November 19)</div>
<div>Saturday, November 18</div> <div>8:00 AM Presbytery-sponsored Middle School Youth Retreat (ends November 19 at 12 noon)</div> <div>3:30 PM Dedication of Durham Habitat home built in honor of Sam Miglarese (106 N. Plum St.)</div>	<div>Sunday, November 19</div> <div>Rivers of Life Gallery Walk (Watts-Hill Hall)</div> <div>9:45 AM Faith Formation classes for children & adults</div> <div>11:00 AM Worship</div> <div>12 Noon-5:00 PM Shop Bull City Fair Trade Market to benefit FPC's Walk-in Ministry (811 9th Street)</div> <div>3:00 PM Free Concert: The Piano Performance Team</div> <div>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</div>	

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