

First Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina

April 14, 2024

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Wayne Wold

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Weicher

Leader: We gather from east and west, from north and south.
We come from places of hope that are tempered by fear.

People: **Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are looking for Jesus, searching for meaning, longing for answers.**

Leader: Here we will meet him, at font and table, in the lives of those around us.

People: **Here we will find our eyes opened and God's grace evident in our lives.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN NO. 233

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**We cut you to the heart, Loving God,
with the selfish choices we make.**

**We had hoped our lives would reflect your presence,
but those around us can see how empty we are.**

**We had hoped our words might bring healing,
but they end up hurting those we love the most.**

**We had hoped to find Jesus,
but cannot see him in all those you send to us.**

Oh, how foolish we are to think we can go on without your mercy, Lord God.

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you judge us impartially
from the depths of your heart, so we may be born anew by your grace,
to continue the journey into your future.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*THE PEACE

John Weicher

*RESPONSE (Hymn No. 232, verse 2)

Easter Hymn

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures
to the disciples on the road to Emmaus
and set their hearts ablaze.**

**By the power of your Spirit
kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed,
that we may receive you with joy. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:13-25

(Pew Bible, NT Page 232)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jennie Alwood

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

(Pew Bible, NT Page 90)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Emmaus”

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from Book of Common Worship)

John Weicher

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:**

**That Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the son of the living God.**

**Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 252**

Day of Arising

Raabe

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

Lesley Curtis, soprano

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son
that whoso believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*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

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heidi Biermann

SOLO

Sing, My Soul, When Hope Is Sleeping

John Bell

Drew Cummings, soloist

*Sing, my soul, when hope is sleeping,
sing when faith gives way to fears;
sing to melt the ice of sadness,
making way for joy through tears.*

*Sing, my soul, of him who shaped me,
let me wander far away,
ran with open arms to greet me,
Brought me home again to stay.*

*Sing, my soul, when sickness lingers,
sing to dull the sharpest pain;
sing to set the spirit leaping:
healing needs a glad refrain.*

*Sing, my soul, when light seems darkest,
sing when night refuses rest,
sing though death should mock the future:
what's to come by God is blessed.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Heidi Biermann

**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. 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

Lauda Anima

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in g minor

J.S Bach



Sign in

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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

We are grateful to Drew Cummings for providing special music for today's worship.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given by *Jean Cary and George Danser* to the glory of God and in memory of their longtime friend *Kathy World*, on what would have been her 75th birthday.

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 the audio/visual console. 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* were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word* (Year A Volume 1), *Book of Common Worship* (1993), and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

These Days devotional books for April-June are available at no cost from the table in the foyer.

*****Date Correction*****

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Red Cross Community Blood Drive

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

Sign up to donate blood to help save someone's life.

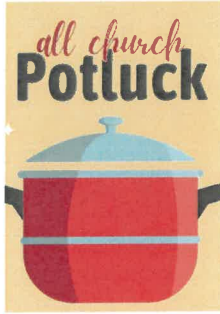
Go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: *firstpres*.

Joys and Concerns

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to *Allison and Chip McCorkle* on the birth of *Theodore (Teddy) William*, born April 8th. Teddy joins older siblings *Lucy* and *Finn*. The happy grandparents are *Wendy & Mac McCorkle*.

Congratulations to *Kayla Champion* and *Michael Atkins* on the birth of *Malani Atkins Champion*, born April 10th. Malani joins her older sibling *Kai*. The extended family members at FPC include *Lenore Champion & Susan Buck* (grandparents), *Megan Champion* (aunt), *Alex Buck* and *Jackson Buck* (uncles) and *Stephen* (cousin).



Congregational Fellowship Opportunity

Sunday, May 5

Mindy's Sabbatical Send-off and Spring Fling Potluck

5:00-7:30 p.m.

Croasdaile Village Retirement Community

More details forthcoming.



Mindy Douglas' Sabbatical

May 6 – August 5, 2024

Scheduled Plans

May 6-8 – Sprunts Lecture Series and Installation of President Jacqueline (Jacq) Lapsley, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA

May 24-31 – Montreat, NC (time to read, write, reflect, and plan)

June 19-22 – The Visions Conference of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, Chicago, IL

June 23-29 – The Presbyterian Association of Musicians Worship and Music Conference, Montreat

July 8-22 – London and Portugal

Pastoral Care

Amy Heit will return for 10-12 hours a week and will join *Esther Hethcox* and *Susan Dunlap* in caring for the congregation. *John Weicher* and *Esther Hethcox* will moderate Session meetings and congregation meetings, as scheduled and as needed.

Preaching Schedule at FPC During Mindy's Sabbatical

- **May 12 – Heidi Biermann**, ThD student at Duke, active at FPC since 2021. Heidi was ordained on April 7 to a validated ministry position in New Hope Presbytery as an associate pastor for teaching. She will carry out this role in two ways – at FPC as a teacher and worship leader, and in small, rural churches throughout our presbytery as a preacher and worship leader.
- **May 19 – John Weicher** (Confirmation Sunday)
- **May 26 – Esther Hethcox** (Congregational meeting)
- **June 2 – John Weicher** (Officer ordination/installation)
- **June 9 – Bob Dunham** (communion) – Bob is the *pastor emeritus* at University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill. He lives with his wife Marla at Carol Woods in Chapel Hill.
- **June 16 – Esther Hethcox** (New Member Sunday)
- **June 23 – Tim Verhey** – Tim is an ordained PC(USA) Minister of the Word and Sacrament and a professor at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC. He is the son of Phyllis Verhey and the late Allen Verhey and worships with us several times each year. Tim and I were in school together at Union in Richmond.
- **June 30 – Katherine Higgins** – Katherine was active at FPC when she lived in Durham. She now lives in Pittsboro and commutes to Duke to serve as a chaplain and certified educator in clinical pastoral education (CPE). She is an ordained Presbyterian (USA) minister who recently received her PhD in transformative learning at NCSU.
- **July 7 – John Weicher**
- **July 14 – Ian Vellenga** – Ian and his wife Jhanderys Dotel-Vellenga are PC (USA) mission co-workers in Nicaragua, serving with the Council of Protestant Churches. They have served there since 2018 and FPC supports their ministry. Ian's father, David Vellenga, is a retired pastor in our presbytery.
- **July 21 – Esther Hethcox**
- **July 28 – Bruce Grady** – Bruce is the Executive Presbyter of New Hope Presbytery. Before he started in this position a year ago, he served at Duke Divinity School as the director of NC Thrives at the Ormand Center.
- **August 4 – Susan Dunlap**

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

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Day of Arising

Capo 1: (Esus)

Fsus

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1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

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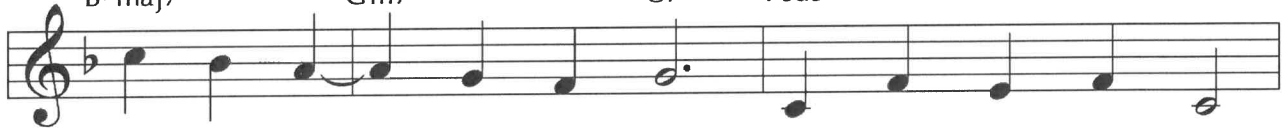
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pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

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as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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Jesus, Light of Joy

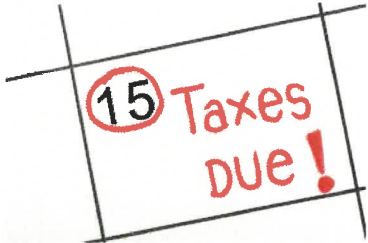
1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did
 2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning
 3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,

glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,
 has be - gun: still your gra - cious light is with us,
 God of might. All cre - a - tion shines with glo - ry,

heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,
 bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,
 sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, we a - dore you, light di - vine.
 al - le - lu - ia, God of glo - ry, Three - in - One.
 al - le - lu - ia, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly light.

The Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM Training for New Elders (Daye Meeting Room) Ushering Interest Meeting (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group at Farm Church</p> <p>8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 15</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 16</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 17</p> <p>1:00 PM Program Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 18</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 19</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 20</p> <p>9:00-11:00 AM Spring Pop-Up: Duke Gardens tour led by Ellie Meade</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 21 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for all ages</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>After Worship:</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group: Assemble College Student Care Packages</p> <p>8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

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



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