

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

Now Rejoice, Dear Christians

J. L. Krebs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Weicher

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

People: **Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the end of the earth.**

Leader: We consider your steadfast love, O God,

People: **in the midst of our worship.**

All: **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

*HYMN NO. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Lenore Champion

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Each one of us is made in your divine image, O Creator of the Universe,
and yet, we are rarely eager to listen to you.**

Isn't that strange?

You say, "Love your neighbor,"

and we quibble with who exactly that might be.

You say, "Come and follow me,"

and we remember just how busy we already are.

You say, "Thus says the Lord God,"

and we laugh at the old language, before going on our way.

Forgive us for such poor listening skills and rebellious behavior.

Give us ears that hear your Word, and hearts that embrace it.

Forgive us for the casual way we treat your divinity.

Give us a sense of awe in a consumer world.

Teach us to be your people, yet again.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

*THE PEACE

Lenore Champion

Those who are able, please stand.

***REGATHERING HYMN (No. 702, verse 3)**
*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

Bunessan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Candace Gunn

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
People: **You are a God who calls.
You call out to the waters, and land appears, then sky, then life.
You call disciples from among regular people.
You call us to account, then to faith, then to follow you.
Call to us through these old words of Scripture, O God. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-5

(Pew Bible, OT Page 770)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Candace Gunn

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

(Pew Bible, NT Page 40)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

John Weicher

SERMON

"Sayings"

John Weicher

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967

Esther Hethcox

We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ, God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

***HYMN NO. 770**

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Welcome Table

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Music

Air

Florence Price

***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!***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It was you, Imaginative God, who whispered,
and the rumble of creation shook the rafters of chaos.

Mighty trees graced valleys with shade,
stars glittered in moonless nights,
children splashed in the pools of hope.

Every delight was crafted so we might know of that love which would last forever.

When we could not have our way,
we took offense at your hopes for us,
throwing tantrums as we took flight to follow sin and death through the world.

Amazed at our crafty rebellion,
you continued to love us,
longing to shelter us in your heart.

When we continued to dishonor your prophets,
when we would not welcome their words,
you sent Jesus to become that weakness strong enough to destroy sin and death.

So, we join our voices with all who have wondered at your steadfast love,
singing your name to the edges of the universe:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Bless - ed is the one who comes



God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Holy are you, God of all goodness and truth,
 and blessed is Jesus, your Child, our Savior.
 It was he who came,
 bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,
 with words which could transform our foolishness,
 with weakness which could strengthen
 our fatigued faithfulness,
 with wisdom which could teach us
 the way of life in all its fullness.
 Yet, we were offended by
 his life, his ways, his humility.
 He continued to listen to you,
 going wherever you sent him -
 no glory, no wealth, no honor -
 even to that place called Calvary
 where sin's thorns crowned him.
 Your grace was enough for him,
 even in the cold shadows of the tomb,
 and he walked forth into your steadfast love,
 leaving death behind in the dust.
 As we remember his calling us to follow,
 as we seek to be sent forth to serve,
 we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

All (sung):

Land of Rest

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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Leader: So now, in this place where we have heard your promises,
 among these people in whom we have seen the Christ,
 pour your Spirit upon the gifts of your Table.
 The broken Bread of life
 is all we need of hope, for filled, we can go forth
 to anoint the lost and hopeless with the oil of your compassion.
 Your Cup of grace overflows,
 more than we will ever need,
 and more than enough to bring healing
 to those who have known only hardship, rejection, and loneliness.

(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

Leader: And when at the end of all time,
we discover that it was you who had led us all along the way
and brought us to the Table in glory,
we will join our voices as one,
singing our praise to you,
God in Community, Holy Three in One,
even as we unite in praying as we are taught,

All: *The Lord's Prayer* (Ecumenical version★)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Esther Hethcox, John Weicher

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The bread is gluten free, and the elements were prepared in a gluten-free area. Servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive communion. The bread server will dip a pre-cut piece of bread in the common cup for you and then pass it to you. After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **You have given us bread for the journey, dear Christ.**

This is just a foretaste of you kin-dom, but we have it in our sense memory now. Let it nourish us for road ahead. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I am (Schutte)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

John Weicher

*POSTLUDE

Intermezzo

Herman Schroeder



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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.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God in loving memory of *Dr. J. Lamar and Kay Callaway*, and in honor of Kay's birthday by their family, *Fred & Catharine Callaway and Stephanie Callaway Ellison*.

★ *The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated*: From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way.

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* are written by *John Weicher*; others are reprinted from *Call to Worship, Lectionary Liturgies, and Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

Annual Report Summaries: It is time for committee chairs to assemble their report which will cover the period of June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024. **The report deadline is July 31, 2024.** WORD documents are preferred (not a pdf) and should be emailed to v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org in the church office. Legible hand-written summaries may also be left in Valerie's church mailbox.

These Days devotional books for July-September 2024 are available (and free) from the table in the foyer while supplies last.

First Presbyterian Hosting Summer Blood Drive

**Thursday, August 1 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.
in Watts-Hill Hall**

If you are healthy and it will be over 50 days since your last blood donation, please sign up to give. Most donations take about an hour.

Donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card after they give.

Go online to schedule your appointment:
RedCrossBlood.org. FPC's code is *firstpres*.

Walk-ins are also welcome.





- *Judy Smith* is recovering from surgery.
- *Alfred Tisdale* is recovering from a recent surgery.
- *Donna Johnson*, mother of Ann Huff, is hospitalized with Covid.
- *Denisha Williams*, daughter of Sybil King, is recovering from a recent surgery for a broken leg. Denisha will begin another round of chemotherapy this week.
- The father of Madison, Schuyler, and Brian Knowles is undergoing treatment for cancer in Bellingham, WA.

Tony Chavez Paul Cornsweet Susan Cyr Kerry Holbrook Lee House Jenni James
Mal King Mitzi Lesher-Thomas Madge McKeithan Jo Ann Moore Vernon Neece
Ruth Roberson Franzi Rokoske Keith Rokoske

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

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

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Tim Boyer, cousin of Fred Moore

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Isla Foster, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Ford Holbrook, brother Kerry Holbrook

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Joe & Mary Kay Robinson, former members of FPC

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Francisca Cristobal, family of Al & Judy Arrowwood

Larry and Lynn Farrell, parents of Rachel Bethune

Andrew Holbrook, nephew of Kerry Holbrook

Katie Jackson, wife of Matt Hirsch

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Elizabeth Romska, daughter of Bob Lewis

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher



Ian Vellenga and his wife Jhanderys Dotel-Vellenga are PC(USA) mission co-workers in Nicaragua, serving with the Council of Protestant churches since 2018. FPC supports their ministry. Ian's father, David Vellenga, is a retired pastor in our presbytery. Ian will be our preacher on **Sunday, July 14**. He will also lead the Faith & Community class at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.



New members will be welcomed and introduced to the congregation on **Sunday, July 21**. Please let Esther Hethcox know if you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church so a date and time can be arranged for you to meet with the Session.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

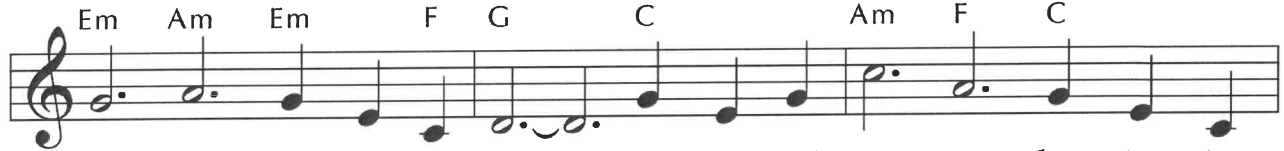
praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Christ Be Beside Me

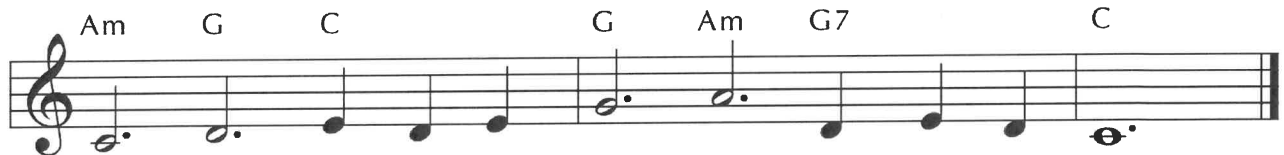
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1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
→ 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
→ all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
→ see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D

Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today

12:15 PM Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)
12:15 PM Church Apartment Committee (Daye Meeting Room)
7:00-8:30 PM Youth: Middle Schoolers Book Group (Watts-Hill Hall)

Monday, July 8

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews
6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 9

6:00 PM The Things That Matter Book Group (Home of Jane Williams)
7:00 PM Youth Hangout (Simon Says Dip This)

Wednesday, July 10

1:00 PM Program Staff
6:00 PM Stewardship Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

Middle Schoolers at Massanetta Springs Youth Conference July 11-14

Thursday, July 11

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

8:00-11:00 AM Landscaping and Grounds Workday (FPC grounds)

Sunday, July 14

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation Classes for children and adults
11:00 AM Worship (Ian Vellenga, PC(USA) mission co-worker, preaching)
12:15 PM Birthday reception for Mary Ann Ruegg (Watts-Hill Hall)

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff (Sabbatical)
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, 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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