

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Esther Hethcox

**PRELUDE**

*Toccata on "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

Matthew Corl

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 136)**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's love endures forever.**

Leader: God alone does great wonders,

**People: God's love endures forever.**

Leader: God made the heavens and the earth,

**People: God's love endures forever.**

Leader: God set the sun, moon and stars to govern the skies,

**People: God's love endures forever.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

**\*HYMN NO. 4**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

*Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Steve Rimmer

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Fountain of Love, you lavish us with gracious welcome.**

**Even when we spurn your love, you continue to reach out to us,**

**sending us every good and perfect gift,**

**calling us ever back into your embrace.**

**Yet we take your nearness for granted;**

**we are careless about the most precious treasures**

**while consumed with things that are trivial.**

**In your tender mercy, forgive us.**

**Melt our coldness of heart,**

**and give us a new heart of abiding and passionate love for one another,**

**as well as for you;**

**that our love may flourish in grateful response**

**to the treasures of love you have lavished upon us**

**through Jesus of Nazareth, your Son and our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Steve Rimmer

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**\*RESPONSE** (Hymn No. 673, verse 1)

*Lauda Anima*

*Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your splendid glory shine:  
source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.  
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.  
People: **Wondrous God, you are the One who fashioned this world into all that it is.  
In this hour, fashion our spirits toward you; so in hearing your Word,  
our hearts might hold the praise of the galaxies. Amen.**

**PSALM LESSON**

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

(Pew Bible, OT Page 516)

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

Cris Rivera

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

(Pew Bible, OT Page 623)

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

Esther Hethcox

**SERMON**

*"Listen. Look. Arise."*

Esther Hethcox

*(silent reflection)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Nicene Creed*

Mindy Douglas

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**\*HYMN NO. 366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Hyfrydol*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Mindy Douglas

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Mindy Douglas

Offertory

\*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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

**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. 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

*Festal Song*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Esther Hethcox

\*POSTLUDE

*Allegro (Toccata in A)*

Domenico Paradies



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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 by *Jane Williams*, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, *Roger Kalthoff*.

*Chancel Choir* rehearsals begin this Wednesday, September 4. If you are interested in singing, please contact *Kathy Parkins*. She would love to talk to you about joining the choir. She can be reached at [k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org) or feel free to come up to the organ after the postlude and talk to her.

Portions of *today's texts* are written by Esther Hethcox and others are taken from *Call to Worship (Year B Lectionary Aids for 2002-2003 Volume 36.1)* and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

**Childcare:** During worship, a staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building. **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.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Fred Callaway** has returned to his apartment community following surgery at UNC Hospitals and therapy at Southpoint Rehab. He suffered a severe fall in July.
- **Mal King** continues to suffer with neck pain and is now living with his daughter in Asheville NC.
- **Mitzi Lesher-Thomas and family** have moved to Winston-Salem. Her husband Troy has been called to a fulltime, head pastor position at a Presbyterian church in Clemmons NC.
- **Jerry Boles**, sister-in-law of Maxie Honeycutt and aunt of Michael Honeycutt, undergoing tests related to a tumor near the brain.

<b>Paul Cornsweet</b>	<b>Sam Crabtree</b>	<b>Drew Cummings</b>	<b>Susan Cyr</b>	<b>Kerry Holbrook</b>
<b>Lee House</b>	<b>Ann Huff</b>	<b>Jenni James</b>	<b>Madge McKeithen</b>	<b>Vernon Neece</b>
<b>Ruth Roberson</b>	<b>Franzi Rokoske</b>	<b>Keith Rokoske</b>	<b>Alfred Tisdale</b>	

### Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley**

Durham Ridge: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills**

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

**Tim Boyer**, cousin of Fred Moore

**Kim Cummings**, father of Drew Cummings

**Isla Foster**, cousin, and **Linda Foster Momsen**, mother, of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

**Andrew Holbrook**, nephew, and **Ford Holbrook**, brother, of Kerry Holbrook

**Katie Jackson**, wife of Matt Hirsch

**Alan Petersburg**, brother-in-law of Jenni James

**Joe & Mary Kay Robinson**, former members of FPC

**John C. Weicher**, father of John Weicher

**Francisca Cristobal**, family of Al & Judy Arrowood

**Larry and Lynn Farrell**, parents of Rachel Bethune

**Rosalind Mutua**, sister of Mercy Ndambiri

**Doug Rimmer**, brother of Steve Rimmer

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Denisha Williams**, daughter of Sybil King

*Please remember to update the pastors on the progress of your loved one(s).*

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[info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org) or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

# 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## 673

## Jesus, Light of Joy

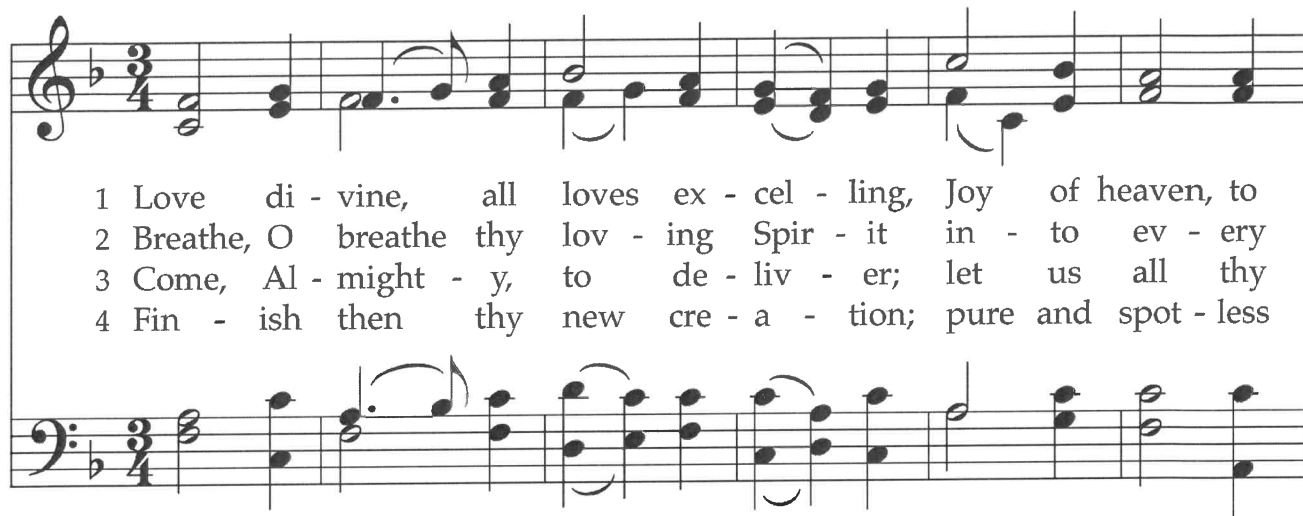
1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did  
 2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning  
 3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,

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,

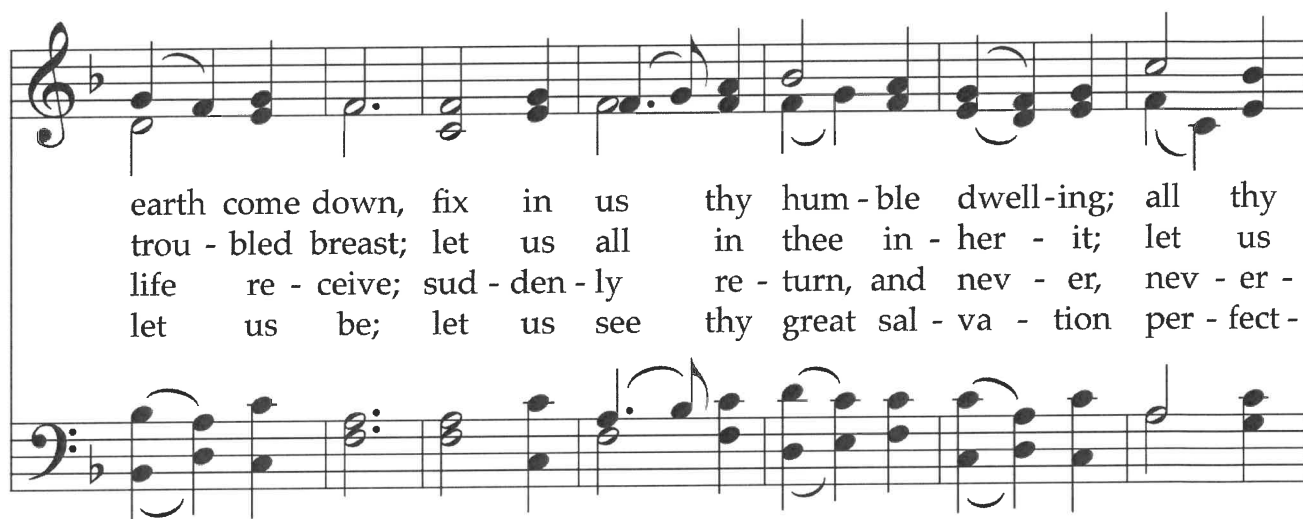
heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,

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.

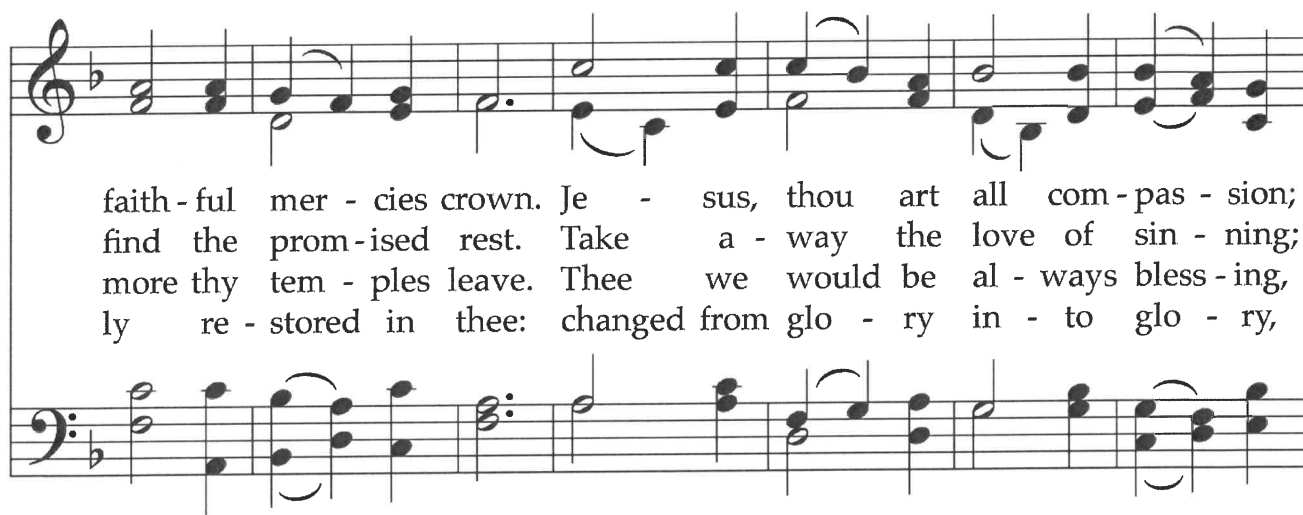
# 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



# 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



**KICK-OFF**  
*Concert!*

Saturday, September 9, 4:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church,  
305 East Main Street, Durham

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**Saturday, September 14 at 4 PM**  
Allan Friedman, Director  
Jane Lynch & Mary Hamilton, Accompanists



**SONAM**

SONAM CHORALE



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All proceeds go to support  
First Presbyterian's Walk-In Ministry

# BAD FAITH

Christian Nationalism's **Unholy** War on Democracy

Music by Carolina Justice League

**SUNDAY**  
**SEPT. 15,**  
**2024**

**HAYTI HERITAGE**  
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FAYETTEVILLE ST.  
DURHAM, NC  
27701

Doors open at:  
2:30pm  
Viewing of  
Documentary:  
3:30pm  
Panel Discussion:  
5:00pm

Featuring Panelists:  
Johnathan Wilson-Hartgrove,  
Joey Shelton, and J. Sterett

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## Peacemaking Sunday at FPC



International Peacemaker *Mia Umaña* from Costa Rica will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, September 22 at 11:00 a.m.** For 30 years, Mia has been working to support vulnerable communities in comprehensive and empathetic ways. She has focused on strengthening resilience in communities, using tools such as the creation of Peace Communities. She currently provides pastoral accompaniment and support to migrants with a particular focus on gender violence, femicide, and environmental justice. She works to strengthen relational networks while providing support to migrants at Casa Adobe. Don't miss this chance to connect with a leading advocate for peace.

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## The Week at a Glance!

Peacemaking Season begins Sunday, September 8

### Later Today

**The MnM's Fellowship is on summer break.**

### Monday, September 2



**The church office and day school are closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**

### Tuesday, September 3

1:30 PM Worship Planning (Mindy's Office)

### Wednesday, September 4

1:00 PM Program Staff (Mindy's Office)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir room)

### Thursday, September 5

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

### Friday, September 6

8:00 AM Men of Faith Breakfast and Conversations (Mad Hatter Café)

### Saturday, September 7

10:00 AM-2:00 PM Pauli Murray Center Grand Opening (meet at 906 Carroll St)

### Sunday, September 8

9:45 AM Faith Formation Kickoff for all classes (gather in parking lot and in Watts-Hill Hall)

11:00 AM Worship and Communion

12:10 PM Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)

5:00 PM Youth Group Kickoff and Parent Meeting

**The MnM's Fellowship will meet via Zoom at 8:00 p.m.**

### View the film: "Bad Faith"

The Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ERUUF) will be showing the film *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy* on **Saturday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, September 8 at 1:30 p.m.** For more info, scan the QR code to the right. The showing is free and will be followed by a discussion with Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson on Saturday and Dr. Nancy MacLean on Sunday. ERUUF is located at 4907 Garrett Road, Durham.



#### 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



*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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