

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*, arr. Paul Manz

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: We come in these endless days,  
people in need of the constancy of God's love:

**People: May we drink deeply from God's fountain of life;  
may we continue to be guided by God's light of love.**

Leader: We gather in these weary days,  
people looking for signs of hope and wonder:

**People: May we drink deeply from God's fountain of grace;  
may our weariness be wrapped in God's hope of the world.**

Leader: We worship in these overwhelming days,  
people who try to point others to Jesus:

**People: May we drink deeply from God's fountain of joy;  
may our life be strengthened by God's abundant life.**

\*HYMN NO. 666

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people,  
but our good intentions are inadequate.**

**For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us.**

**Change us - like water into wine - to become what the world lacks,  
that our community, our nation, our church,  
and all creation may know your justice and love.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**\*REGATHERING HYMN NO. 673, v.1**     *Jesus, Light of Joy*  
*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.*

*Lauda Anima*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Jean Cary

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread.  
Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit  
so that we may grow in faith and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 62:1-5

(Pew Bible, OT page 692)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jean Cary

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALTER READING**

Psalm 36:5-10

(Pew Bible, OT page 510)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 2:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 93)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Of Water and Wine*

Mindy Douglas

*(Silent reflection)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Confession of 1967*

Esther Hethcox

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds.**

**Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.**

**But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ**

**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 to transform the world**

**discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator**

**who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

**God has created the world of space and time**

**to be the sphere of God's dealings with humanity.**

**In its beauty and vastness, *(Continued on next page)***

**sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder,  
the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

**\*HYMN NO. 292**

*As the Wind Song*

*Wairua Tapu*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Mindy Douglas

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Anthem

*The Only Son from Heaven*

*Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn,  
J.S. Bach*

*The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers,  
by God the Father given, in human form appears.  
No sphere his light confining, no star so brightly shining  
as he, our Morning Star.*

*Awaken Lord, our spirit to know and love you more,  
In faith to stand unshaken, in spirit to adore,  
that we, through this world moving, each glimpse of heaven proving,  
may reap its fullness there.*

\*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!*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Esther Hethcox

**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. 156**

*Sing of God Made Manifest*

*Salzburg*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*POSTLUDE**

*The Only Son from Heaven (BWV 601)*

J. S. Bach

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY!

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC FOLLOWS WORSHIP

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 are invited to the choir room after worship today for a time of music with Kathy Parkins.

### YOUTH GROUP

4:00PM – 6:00PM

Bowling with Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are meeting at Bowlero located at 4508 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.

*Friends are welcome!*



Sign in

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning the QR code to the left. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right.



Donate online

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 *Lesley Curtis* in memory of Marsha Curtis Hussung.

**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.

**Hearing Assistance Receivers** are available from the ushers for use in the sanctuary during worship. *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. If you accidentally took one home, please return it to the church so it can be recharged, sanitized, and used again.*

**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 resources** were reprinted from: Call to worship adapted from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com). Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

## ~ Our Concerns ~

**Condolences:** We extend our love and concern to *Sally Hendrickson and family* on the death of her husband, *Bill Hendrickson*, who passed away on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Arrangements to remember and celebrate his life will be announced at a later date by the family.

*Mary Ann Ruegg* has returned to her apartment at The Forest at Duke.

*Jim Gudaitis*, husband of Christy Gudaitis, is a patient at Duke Hospital.

*Tony Brown*

*Kerry Holbrook*

*Jen McGonigle*

*Franzi Rokoske*

*Paul Cornsweet*

*Lee House*

*Madge McKeithen*

*Keith Rokoske*

*Sam Crabtree*

*Ann Huff*

*Harriett Mitchell*

*Alfred Tisdale*

*Susan Cyr*

*Jenni James*

*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*

### Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Harvey Estes*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Maxie Honeycutt*

*Carol Wills*

*Bill Mordecai* (father of Beth Eisenson)

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Pruitt Health - Durham: *Fred Callaway*

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

*Janet Bodisco-Massink*, friend of Emily Wilkins

*Francisca Cristobal*, relative of Al and Judy Arrowwood

*Kim Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings

*Craig and Suzy Curtis*, brother & sister-in-law of Brent Curtis

*Larry and Lynn Farrell*, parents of Rachel Bethune

*Cheryl Fowler*, friend of Cheri Reece

*Linda Foster Momsen*, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

*Jennifer Hervey*, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey

*Katie Jackson*, wife of Matthew Hirsch

*Donna Johnson*, mother of Ann Huff

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

*Aaron Pritchard*, friend of Kathy Parkins

*Doug Rimmer*, brother of Steve Rimmer

*Wu-Chou Su*, father of Claire Su

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*Logan Tice*, friend of the congregation



**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday holiday.



**MLK JR. DAY SERVICE EVENT**  
**Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.**

The Christian Education Committee invites FPCers and friends of all ages to a morning of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We are working in partnership with our neighbors at Urban Ministries of Durham. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a variety of service opportunities, including both creative and assembly-line. We will finish sometime between 10:30 and 11 a.m., but past experience reminds us that the assembly-line projects can go quickly. This event is designed for little ones through youth and adults.

**ANNUAL MLK UNITY MARCH AND COMMUNITY WORSHIP**  
**Monday, January 20th**

The March begins at 11:00 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company (411 West Chapel Hill Street) and ends in the FPC sanctuary with a community worship service. Music will be provided by Durham's Children Choir. All are welcome to participate in the march and the worship. For more information contact Dr. Warren Herndon at 919-599-1056 or [drherndon8@gmail.com](mailto:drherndon8@gmail.com).

# DURHAM AT A CROSSROADS:

The 1986 Mayoral Recall Battle

DURHAM COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY  
AUDITORIUM  
300 N. ROXBORO STREET

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025  
3:00PM

Learn about Durham's first anti-discrimination proclamation to include LGBTQ rights, the organized backlash to recall the mayor in response, and the coalitional power-building that was successful in supporting him. Panelists: Mandy Carter, Joe Harvard, Steve Schewel, Mab Segrest and Leah Wise. Moderated by Eddie Davis.

REGISTRATION  
REQUESTED



Full program details:

<https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/13822313>



## **WOMEN'S VOICES CHORUS**

**January 26, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.**

Music can help with winter doldrums! Join us as Women's Voices Chorus, a place for women in the triangle area to share the joy of singing together, presents a concert here. You can buy tickets at the door.

## **HOUSING FOR NEW HOPE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH**

On Monday, Jan. 27, Housing for New Hope will be running the annual Point In Time (PIT) Count when over a hundred volunteers go throughout the county to places where homeless people are living and talk with them, gathering data which is essential for guiding policy and funding. The number of people facing homelessness is increasing in Durham and across the country. First Pres has partnered with and financially supported Housing for New Hope for many decades as part of our ministry to the homeless. In order to sign up to participate in the PIT Count, please visit: <https://housingfornewhope.org/our-impact/pit-count/>



# **SONAM PRESENTS: WOMEN IN WORLD MUSIC**

**Benefitting Durham Crisis Response Center**  
Donations Accepted at the Door



Join SONAM (Singers of New and Ancient Music) as we sing about powerful women with music and texts by artists from South Africa, Lithuania, Palestine, Mexico, America, and more.



**SATURDAY, FEB. 1  
4:00PM**

**FEATURING FIVE  
DIFFERENT CONDUCTORS!**

**First Presbyterian Church,  
305 East Main St. Durham**



**FPC Hosting Community Blood Drive**

**Thursday, February 6, 2025**

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

Primary contact/organizer: ***Julie Whiddon***

Julie's email: [foxylady2642@yahoo.com](mailto:foxylady2642@yahoo.com)

Julie's phone number: 919-730-6673

Sign up online to donate blood by contacting

Julie Whiddon. For more information on donating blood, pick up a brochure from the table in the church foyer.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000165, which supports the church's response to wildfires in the U.S. Gifts can be made online by phone at 800-728-7228, ext. 5885, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "PDA-CF25-E" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

# O Splendor of God's Glory Bright 666



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -  
2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your  
3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as  
4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age



ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's  
ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward  
clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide  
to our heart is born; O may we ev - er



liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:  
hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.  
shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.  
clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

## As the Wind Song

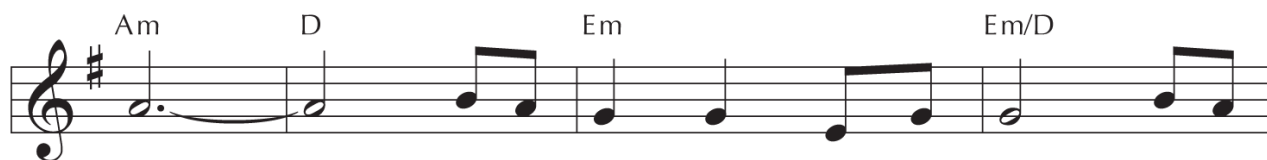
## 風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the  
 1 風之頌, 林中吹送, 輕風  
 2 彩之虹, 雨後高懸, 生之



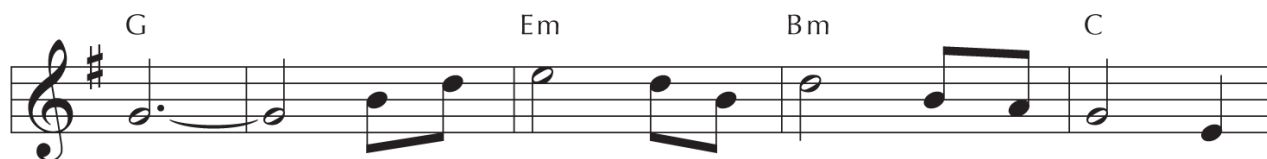
stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 送, 心中振動, 上主的靈如風吹  
 盼, 人間再現, 上主的靈如風吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the  
 God, as the green in the spring, as a  
 送; 心溫暖, 奇異難明, 風浪  
 送; 春天裡, 青山綠水, 線上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 中, 靜聽主聲, 上主的靈如風吹  
 繫飛揚風箏, 上主的靈如風吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,  
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,  
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;  
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the  
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮  
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。  
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。

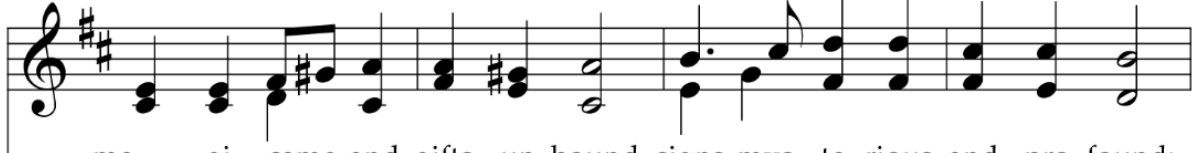
# Sing of God Made Manifest 156



1 Sing of God made man - i-fest in a child ro - bust and blest,  
 2 Sing of God made man - i-fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,  
 3 Sing of God made man - i-fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest  
 4 Sing of God made man - i-fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,  
 "I should be bap-tized by you, but your bid-ding I will do."  
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:  
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—  
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for-gave, and healed,  
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.  
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.  
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



## 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.

# This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Later Today</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:15 – 12:45 PM</b> (Choir Room) Children’s Music</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4:00-6:00 PM</b> Youth Group (Bowlero – 4508 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 PM (via Zoom)</b> MnM’s/Meaning in the Middle Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, January 20</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30 – 10:30 AM</b> MLK Service Project</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 – 1:30 PM</b> Annual MLK Unity March and Community Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church Office Is Closed</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, January 21</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:15 PM</b> Worship Planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM (Zoom)</b> Finance &amp; Investment Committee</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, January 22</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4:30 PM</b> Yoga (Room 201)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, January 23</b></p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, January 24</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30 AM</b> Yoga (Room 201)</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, January 25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 26</b> <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:45 -10:45 AM</b> Faith Formation (Classes available for children, youth, and adults)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Mindy Douglas, preaching</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:15 – 12:45 PM</b> Children’s Music (Choir Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3:00 PM</b> Women’s Voices Concert</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 - 7:00 PM</b> Youth Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b> Somethings Potluck (Hosted by: Paul Baldasare and Jane Wettach)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 PM (via Zoom)</b> MnM’s Fellowship</p>	

## CHURCH STAFF

*Shakira Bethea*, Interim Church Administrator  
*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*, Designated Associate Pastor  
*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor  
*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*, Associate Pastor  
(Medical Leave)

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