

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 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

Toccata in F Major

D. Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People: **God calls us to be builders as well.**

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

People: **to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

Leader: God calls us to build our community:

People: **to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

People: **to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

*HYMN

All Hail to God's Anointed
(See insert)

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Esther Hethcox

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**God of our Restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten
of your law and your love.**

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*PASSING OF 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

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

Carl Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: O Lord, just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us,
may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you.
Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(Pew Bible, OT page 436)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Carl Rist

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER

Psalm 19
(See Insert)

Eric Hanson, Cantor

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

(Pew Bible, NT page 61)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Philippians 2: 5-11

Esther Hethcox

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross. *(continued on next page)***

**Therefore, God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

***HYMN NO. 301**

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Is My Joy, My All

J. S. Bach

*Jesus is my Joy, my All,
He for me His life hath given;
I am His, I hear His call;
He hath writ my name in heaven.
Earthly treasures pass away;
Jesus I will love for aye.*

*In my Jesus I am blest
He to pleasant pastures leads me,
Stills my soul and gives it rest,
And with heavenly manna feeds me.
Earthly things must face and fall;
Jesus is my Life, my All*

***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

John Weicher

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. 295**

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue in F Major

D. Buxtehude

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.

Women's Voices Chorus Concert at 3:00pm

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. Please indicate that you are an FPC member for a \$5 discount.

Youth Groups from 5:00 – 7:00pm

Youth Sunday season continues, and friends and visitors are welcome to join us. Dinner is provided.



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 ***Maxie Honeycutt's*** family, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Tuesday, January 28th.

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: Feasting on the Word, Year C, Volume 1 Advent through Pentecost. Book of Common Worship. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

~ *Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation* ~

We celebrate *Maxie Honeycutt's* 100th birthday on Tuesday, January 28.

We remember in prayer:

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

Logan Tice, friend of the congregation, who is recovering from surgery.

Tony Brown

Paul Cornsweet

Sam Crabtree

Susan Cyr

Kerry Holbrook

Lee House

Ann Huff

Jenni James

Jen McGonigle

Madge McKeithen

Harriett Mitchell

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Franzi Rokoske

Keith Rokoske

Alfred Tisdale

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Harvey Estes*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Maxie Honeycutt*

Pruitt Health - Durham: *Fred Callaway*

Carol Wills

Brookdale Senior Living: *Debbie Mathews*

Bill Mordecai (father of Beth Eisenson)

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

Linda Foster Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Cheryl Fowler, friend of Cheri Reece

Jennifer Hervey, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey

Katie Jackson, wife of Matthew Hirsch

Donna Johnson, mother of Ann Huff

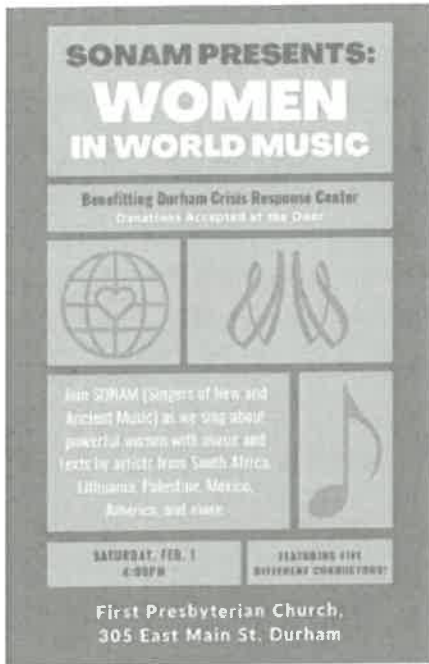
Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

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



SONAM (Singers of New and Ancient Music)
Saturday, February 1st at 4 pm
 Presents “The Divine Feminine and Powerful Women.”

Music and texts written and inspired by women from South Africa, Palestine, Mexico, Lithuania, and more will be featured. The concert is free, but donations are gratefully received to support the Durham Crisis Response Center and their work to end domestic, sexual, and family violence.

FPC Hosting Community Blood Drive

Thursday, February 6th

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

Primary contact/organizer: **Julie Whiddon**

Julie’s email: foxylady2642@yahoo.com

Julie’s phone number: 919-730-6673

Sign up online to donate blood at RedCrossBlood.org using code: *firstpres* or contact Julie Whiddon. For more information on donating blood, pick up a brochure from the table in the church foyer.



Bird Slide Show

Sunday, February 2nd at 7 pm

In November of last year, David and Judy Smith spent three weeks on a birding tour of Chile, and they returned with lots of photos and stories to share. Join them for a slide show on Sunday evening, Feb. 2, at 7:00 in the Robert Daye Meeting Room.



THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Café at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect and bag food for the Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham and Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry have been frequent recipients. FPC has also received funds to purchase supplies for blessing bags.

If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate \$3.00, and a **quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

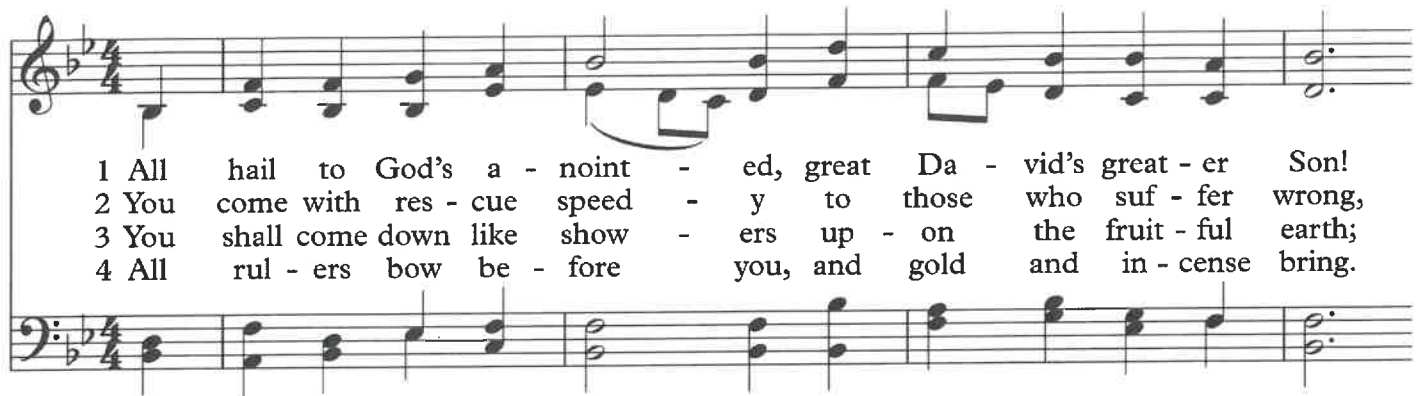
The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

Thank you for your offering today!

All Hail to God's Anointed

James Montgomery

Melchior Teschner
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



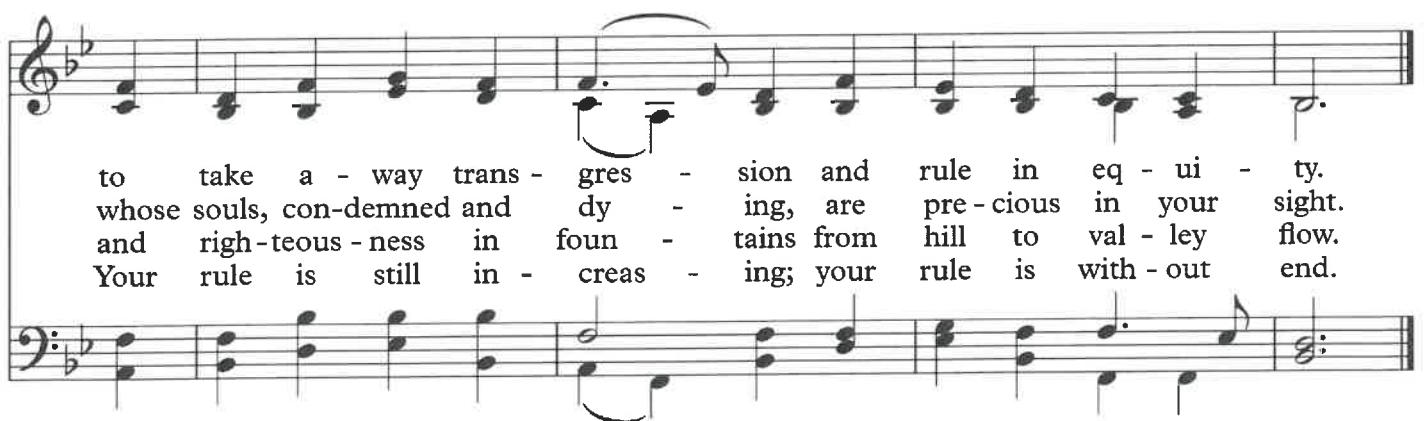
1 All hail to God's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 All rul - ers bow be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring.



All hail, in time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore you; your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend.



to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in your sight.
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
Your rule is still in - creas - ing; your rule is with - out end.

Psalm 19



The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world. **R**

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Can people tell how often they offend?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

(After the refrain has been introduced by the organist and the cantor, please join in singing it where indicated.)

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F^{#m}) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p>12:15 – 12:45 PM (Choir Room) Children's Music</p> <p>12:15 – 1:30 PM (Wilson Parlor) Apartment Committee</p> <p>3:00 – 5:00 PM Women's Voices Chorus Concert</p> <p>5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Group</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM Somethings Potluck (Hosted by Paul Baldasare and Jane Wettach)</p> <p>8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnM's/Meaning in the Middle Fellowship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>5:30 PM (Daye Meeting Room) Diaconate</p> <p>7:00 PM (Fellowship Hall) Session</p> <hr style="width: 10%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, January 28</p> <p>8:00 AM (via Zoom) The Somethings Prayer Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30 AM Daytimer's Luncheon Bullock's BBQ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, January 29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:30 PM (Room 201) Yoga</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Choir</p> <hr style="width: 10%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 30</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, January 31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 AM Yoga (Room 201)</p> <hr style="width: 10%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, February 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:00 PM SONAM Concert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, February 2 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 – 10:45 AM Faith Formation (Classes available for children, youth, and adults)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 AM Worship Brian Blount, preaching</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Music (Choir Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnM's Fellowship</p>	

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