



A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

11:00 AM

JANUARY 4, 2025

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
ELIZABETH CARLISLE CAUGHMAN HARVARD
FEBRUARY 10, 1941 – DECEMBER 24, 2024

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

PRELUDE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Lone Wild Bird

Southern Harmony,
arr. Wilbur Held

GREETING

Mindy Douglas

PLACING OF THE PALL

The Harvard Family

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Sam Miglarese

OPENING SENTENCES

Esther Hethcox, Mindy Douglas

WELCOME

Mindy Douglas

REMEMBRANCES

Rebecca Harvard
Bankston Harvard
Erskine Clarke

SOLO

How Can I Keep from Singing
Mel Williams, soloist

American folk song

PRAYER

Esther Hethcox

*Those who are able, please stand.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 100)

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.
Serve the Lord with gladness
and come into God's presence with a song.

People: **The Lord is God;
the One who made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
go into these courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

People: **For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever;
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

***HYMN NO. 624** (verses 1,3,5) *I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Toulon

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

A READING FROM THE QUR'AN

Abdul Waheed

Surah Al-Fajr 89:27-30

READINGS FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

John Friedman

Isaiah 40:28-31

Psalm 23 (in unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through

the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod

and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn No. 450 (verses 1,2,4) *Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 4:7-12, 18-19

Romans 8:31-34, 37-39

Elroy Lewis

Mindy Douglas

SOLO

Amazing Grace
Lesley Curtis, soloist

John Newton,
arr. Adrienne Tindall

HOMILY

Mindy Douglas

***HYMN NO. 643**

Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket Alle Gott

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Esther Hethcox

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

SOLO

Precious Lord
Mary D. Williams, soloist

Thomas A. Dorsey

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Esther Hethcox

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 207** *(verses 1,3,4) God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda*

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

***COMMENDATION**

Sam Miglarese, Mindy Douglas

Leader: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.

We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall return.

This you ordained when you created us,

saying "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

All: All of us go down to the dust;

yet even at the grave we make our song:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with all your saints, where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing, but life everlasting. Amen. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Carlisle. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

*For All the Saints
God of Grace and God of Glory*

*Sine Nomine
Welsh tune,
arr. Paul Manz*

The family will greet friends in Watts-Hill Hall following the service.



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Mindy Douglas, Pastor
Rev. Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Sam Miglarese, Honorably Retired

Guests: Rabbi John Friedman
Bishop Elroy Lewis
Imam Abdul Waheed

Musician: Kathryn Cain Parkins, organist

Soloists: Lesley Curtis
Mary D. Williams
Rev. Mel Williams

PALLBEARERS

James Caughman Matt Piepenbring
Chris Caughman David Redmond
Gantt Folline Jamey Reynolds
Read Folline

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

The resurrection is a doctrine of the Christian faith and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses in the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow, and grief to all. In the face of death Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith. The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve. The service of Witness to the Resurrection is an affirmation of faith in God's love for all people, a love that strengthens and supports even in the midst of grief. In this service we bear witness to the sure and certain hope of eternal life, promised in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Our Paschal Candle and stained red oak stand, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire were given in memory of Elder Ed Kwon. This candle stands as a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old Sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesach) and adopted by early Christians, the lit Candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death, His resurrection, to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross, an *alpha* and *omega*, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us now and always. Traditionally, the Candle, reminding us that we are preeminently an Easter People, is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost, as well as at Baptisms where it signified that we are crucified and resurrected with Christ, and at funerals and memorial services where it visually proclaims Paul's message in Romans 6: 3-4 that "all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ ... have been buried with him ... into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead ..., so we too might walk in newness of life." At all other times, the candle remains in place, but unlit.