

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS AND SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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

For those joining worship via live stream, please prepare your bread and cup before worship begins so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (pt.1)

D. Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep,
and God said, "Let there be light."

People: **The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Leader: Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

People: **The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

People: **The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

All: **Come let us worship God.**

*HYMN NO. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rich Anderson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth,
who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism,
who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost:
Come to us, open our hearts and minds,
so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power,
for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore. Amen.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(Pew Bible, NT Page 60)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Rich Anderson

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

(Pew Bible, OT Page 672)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Esther Hethcox

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Breathe In, Breathe Out”

Esther Hethcox

Silent Reflection

***HYMN NO. 490**

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Beach Spring

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

To Jordan Came Our Lord

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam,

arr.V. Earle Copes

*To Jordan came our Lord, the Christ, according to God's willing,
and there was by Saint John baptized, his mission on earth thus filling.
There did he consecrate a bath to wash away transgression
and quench the bitterness of death by his own blood and passion,
he would a new life give us.*

**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!

***RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

*Invitation

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,

**in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.**

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,

**and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.**

Silent Confession

***Baptismal Vows**

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

Leader: You whose hearts are heavy, consider now this invitation:
Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you desire to turn from the ways of sin?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Do you renounce all evil,
and all powers in the world
which defy God's righteousness and love?

People: **I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word
and showing his love to your life's end?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Mindy Douglas

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

John Weicher

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:
Do you believe in God, the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Susan Dunlap

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

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

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

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O God of mercy and might.

In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.
You have called forth people in every age
to be your servants and speak your word.
When we rebelled against your call
and turned from your ways,
in your love you called us back to you.
You delivered us from captivity,
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.
You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Pavlechko

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of G major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: G C D7 Em Am
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

Staff 2: Bm7 Em F Am Dsus D G C
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are

Staff 3: D7 G G7 Am G Cmaj7 G Dsus
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Staff 4: D C Am7 D7 Em C
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Staff 5: Am Dsus D7 G Em F Dm7 G
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
in whom you have revealed yourself,
our light and our salvation.
Baptized in Jordan's waters,
Jesus took his place with sinners
and your voice proclaimed him your beloved.
Your Spirit anointed him
to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to restore sight to the blind,
to free the oppressed.
He lived among us in power and grace,
touching broken lives with your healing peace.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.

All (sung):

Pavlechko



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

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
O God, as you once claimed us in the Spirit's waters
and number us among your own beloved,
give us power to do your work, to show your love,
and to live holy and joyful lives.

Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

John Weicher

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
All: **You are a good God who creates, gives birth, redeems, feeds, and encourages us to grow. Thank you for your many blessings to us. May those blessings now flow out to others in your name, we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Esther Hethcox

***POSTLUDE**

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (pt.2)

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.

RACIAL EQUITY TASK FORCE ANNUAL RETREAT

12:30-3:00 PM in Wilson Parlor

Anyone interested in how FPC can foster racial equity is welcome to join us. Lunch will be provided.

FIRST ACTS

4:00 – 5:30 PM in Room 205

Gather at FPC to read through the second act of *Inherit the Wind* by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Edwin Lee. No need to have been part of Act 1.



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 *Alice Raney* to the Glory of God, in memory of family members and for peace and prosperity around the world in 2025.

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.* **HELP:** we are missing several receivers. **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 texts were reprinted from: PCUSA worship resources - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/baptism-lord-sunday-service/> and Margaret LaMotte Torrence, liturgy written for the PAM Worship and Music Conference, 2018. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

~ Our Concerns ~

Janet Bodisco-Massink, friend of Emily Wilkins, who recently went on Hospice care.

Mary Ann Ruegg is receiving care at the health center at The Forest at Duke.

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

Bill Hendrickson is receiving care at the Pavilion at Croasdaile.

Jenni James is recovering from surgery on Friday.

Craig and Suzy Curtis, brother & sister-in-law of Brent Curtis and all others fleeing wildfires out West.

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

Bill Mordecai (father of Beth Eisenson)

Becky Carpenter (friend of Susan Cyr)

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Francisca Cristobal, relative of Al and Judy Arrowwood
Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings
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
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
Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

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



**MONDAY, JANUARY 20
Annual MLK Unity March and Community Worship**

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 around 12 noon 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.



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

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.

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**

The poster is a vertical rectangular graphic with a dark background. At the top, it says "SONAM PRESENTS:" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "WOMEN IN WORLD MUSIC" in a larger, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, it says "Benefitting Durham Crisis Response Center" and "Donations Accepted at the Door" in a smaller font. There are two square icons: one of a globe with a heart inside, and one of the SONAM logo (stylized letters). Below these is a paragraph of text: "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." To the right of this text is a square icon of a musical note. At the bottom, there are two boxes: one with "SATURDAY, FEB. 1 4:00PM" and another with "FEATURING FIVE DIFFERENT CONDUCTORS!". At the very bottom, it says "First Presbyterian Church, 305 East Main St. Durham" in a bold font.

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

of your womb. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

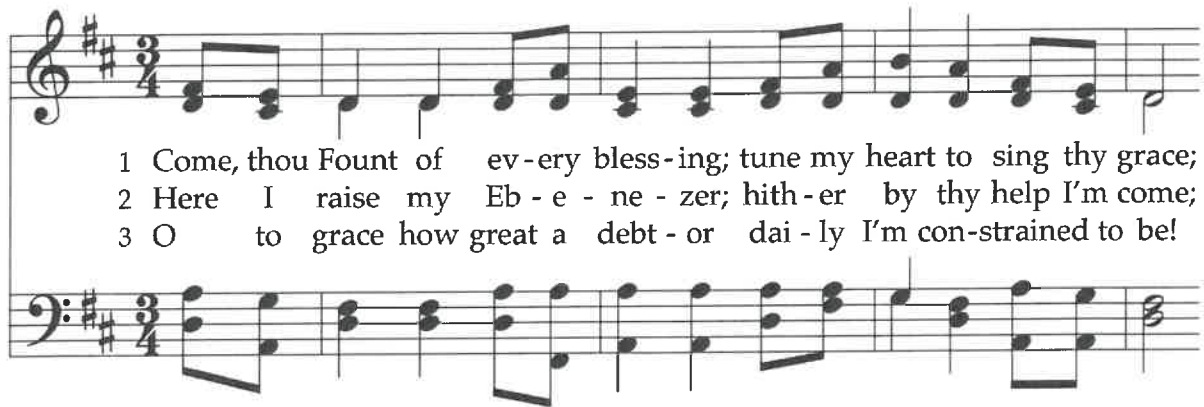
(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

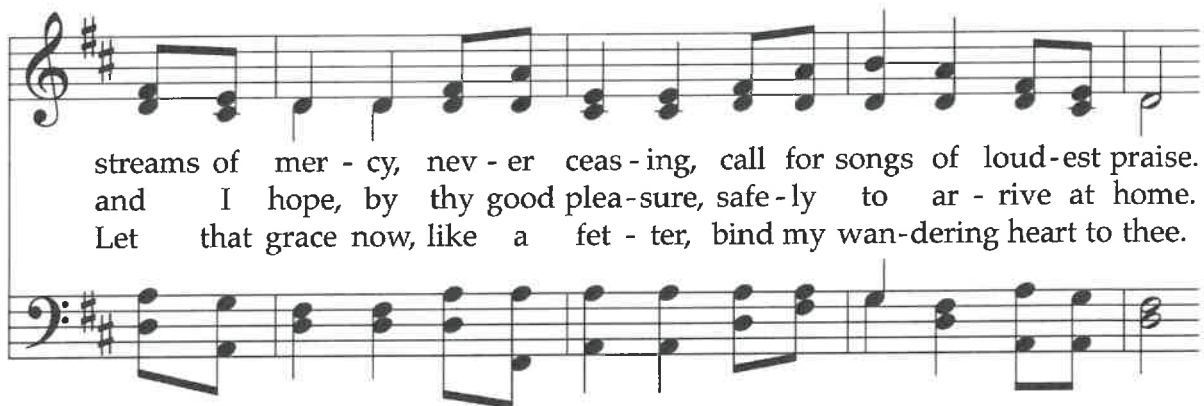
(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

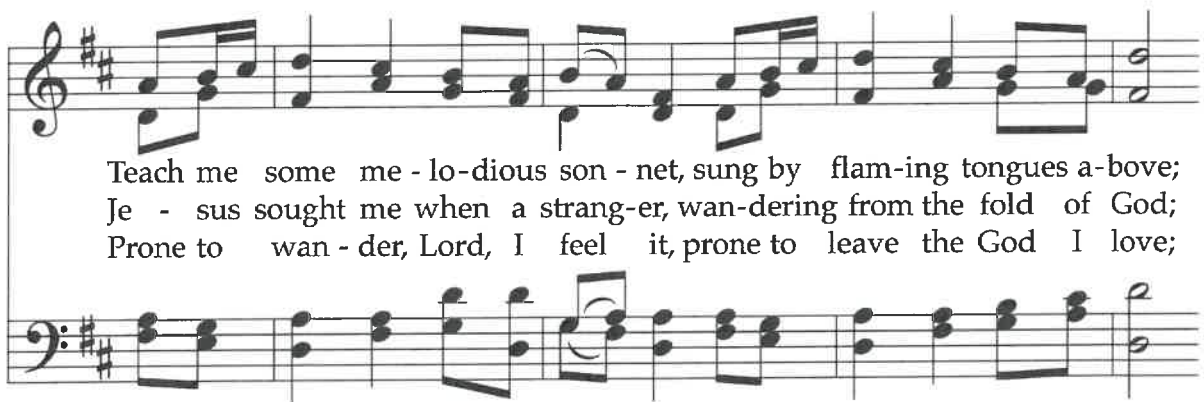
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



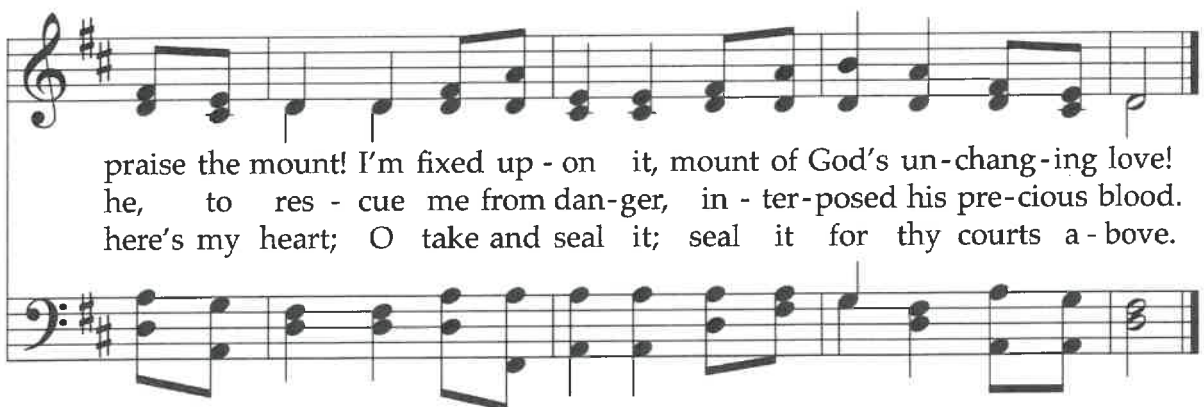
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p>12:00 – 3:00 PM (West Parlor) FPC Racial Equity Task Force Wilson Parlor</p> <p>12:15 – 12:45 PM (Choir Room) Children's Music</p> <p>4:00 – 5:30 PM (Room 205) First Acts Playreading Group</p> <p>5:00 - 7:00 PM Youth Group</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 13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00 PM Worship Planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM (via Zoom) Christian Ed. Committee Property Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM (via Zoom) Service & Mission Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM (via Zoom) Youth Ministry Committee Worship and the Arts Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, January 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter today</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:00 – 5:00 PM The Things That Matter Book Group at the home of Dale Gaddis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM The Somethings Prayer Service (Room 205)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, January 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:30 PM Yoga (Room 201)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Senior Choir</p> <hr style="width: 25%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, January 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 AM Yoga (Room 201)</p> <hr style="width: 25%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, January 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 19 <i>Second 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 Mindy Douglas, preaching</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Music (Choir Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnM's Fellowship</p>

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