

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Trinity Sunday

Father's Day

June 15, 2025

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**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**

*Meditation on Spirit*

Michael Bedford

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts;

People: **The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

Leader: I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God,

People: **who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.**

**\* HYMN NO. 1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*Nicaea*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,**

**Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,**

**Mother, Friend, and Protector,**

**within your own life there is mutuality, equality, and unity in diversity.**

**Though we are made in your image, we confess that we distort the triune life.**

**Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good,**

**we seek our own gain.**

**Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect,**

**we construct systems that are unjust.**

**Holy God, forgive us.**

**Restore in us, and in our life together,**

**the divine image you intend.**

**We pray to be one with you and one another,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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. 297**

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

*St. Denio*

*Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,  
for you are within us, around us, above.*

*Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.  
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Michael Honeycutt

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Reader: Let us pray.

**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy One,  
guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak,  
and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**EPISTLE READING**

Romans 5:1-5

(Pew Bible, NT Page 155)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Michael Honeycutt

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**GOSPEL READING**

John 16:12-15

(Pew Bible, NT Page 110)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

*“When It Doesn’t Add Up”*

Mindy Douglas

*(Silent reflection)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed (*ecumenical*)

Susan Dunlap

**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. 11**

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

*Aberystwyth*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Esther Hethcox

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

\*Doxology with Alleluias (sung to hymn 609)

*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!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan Dunlap

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

*(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)*

**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

*Sovereign Lord of All Creation*

*Geneva*



1. Sov - ereign Lord of all cre - a - tion, Ground of be - ing, life and love;  
2. Je - sus Christ, the one for oth - ers, We, your peo - ple, make our prayer:  
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, rush - ing, burn - ing Wind and flame of Pen - te - cost,



Height and depth be - yond de - scrip - tion On - ly life in you can prove:  
Help us love as sis - ters, broth - ers, All whose bur - dens we can share.  
Fire our hearts a - fresh with yearn - ing To re - gain what we have lost.



You are mor - tal life's de - pen - dence: Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
Where your name binds us to - geth - er, You, Lord Christ, will sure - ly be;  
May your love u - nite our ac - tion, Nev - er - more to speak a - lone:



Yours is ev - ery hour's ex - is - tence, Sov - ereign Lord of time and space.  
Where no self - ish - ness can sev - er, There your love the world may see.  
God, in us a - bol - ish fac - tion, God, through us your love make known.

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*Happening Today*

*Happy Father's Day!*

*Meaning in the Middle Fellowship* will not meet this evening.

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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.



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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* today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of *Martha Rimmer* by husband *Steve Rimmer*, and daughter *Lyn*, and son-in-law *John Williams*.

*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.

*Restroom locations*: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the first and second floors 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 printed from: *Call to Worship, Year C, Vol. 55.1*, and *Feasting on the Word, Year C, Vol. 1*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926. The musical setting heard during the *offertory anthem* is written by a contemporary Irish composer, Shaun Davey. He is known for bringing together folk and classical traditions.

Today is the last Sunday that the *chancel choir* sings before their well-deserved summer break. We thank them for all of their dedication and work this year to enhance our worship services.

*Office Volunteers Needed*: Volunteering just once a month can make a meaningful difference in the life of our church. Your presence supports the steadiness of our office and strengthens the shared ministry we all take part in. Consider this a simple but powerful act of discipleship, serving behind the scenes, yet building up the whole body. Contact Sarah Wright (swright1951@gmail.com) to learn how you can support the mission of the church.

# 11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud



1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,  
2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,  
3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend-er, Mer-cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:  
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:  
Com - fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En-er - gies that nev - er tire:



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.



# 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!

The first system of the musical score is for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!'. It features a descant at the beginning. The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is a vocal line with a descant of four measures: '4 Ho - - - ly,'. Below this are four staves of vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) with lyrics. The lyrics are: '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,', and '4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!'. The bottom staff is a bass line accompaniment.

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.

The second system of the musical score continues the hymn. It begins with a vocal line: 'ho - - - ly,'. Below this are four staves of vocal parts with lyrics: '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,', and 'All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.'. The bottom staff is a bass line accompaniment.

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!

## ***Ending Today***

The Church office will be closed on **June 20** in observance of Juneteenth.



## **Seasons Within - Peace Hill at Avila**

**Friday, June 20, 9:00am – 3:00pm**

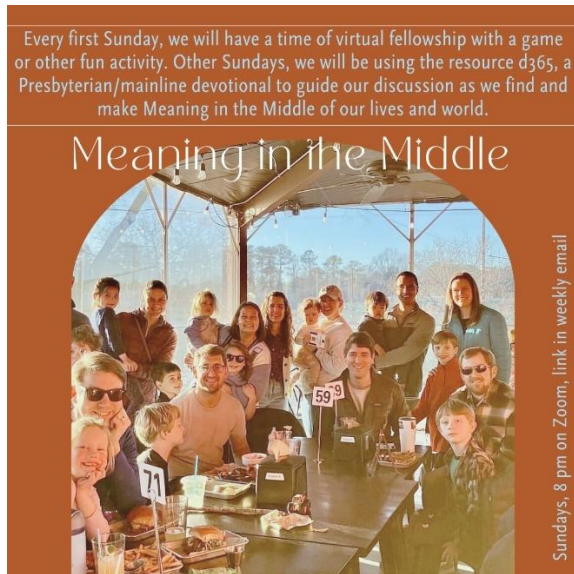
711 Mason Rd. Durham

*Seasons Within* is a quarterly retreat series to celebrate the equinox and solstice sponsored by Peace Hill at Avila. We will gather as beloved community and share our hearts' songs through meditation, sharing our stories, labyrinth play, and yes, even making melodies, strung together by love and light.



## Save the Date

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### **Meaning in the Middle Fellowship**

**Saturday, June 21 at 4:00pm**

Potluck at Mindy and Tim's house!

More info to come, and we are so excited to have an in-person event on the calendar.



### **First Friends July Potluck**

**Saturday, July 12 at 5:30pm**

Hosted by the Momsen-Hudson's  
1339 Holden Roberts Farm Rd.  
Hillsborough

Contact Deborah at 919-697-1898  
or [dmomsenhudson@gmail.com](mailto:dmomsenhudson@gmail.com)



**How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!**  
Isaiah 52.7

## **ANNOUNCING: FPC's Western NC Hurricane Recovery Mission**

With our friends at [Fuller Disaster ReBuilders](#), we will travel to help our North Carolina neighbors rebuild from the Hurricane Helene disaster and to engage in fellowship with our FPC friends. No building skills are required.

**If the Spirit is calling you, use the link below to register. Here are some details.**

**Who:** YOU! (Must be 16+ years)  
**When:** September 14-19  
**Where:** Swannanoa, NC (near Black Mountain, NC)  
**Cost:** \$200 (financial assistance available)

**Registration and additional details to follow soon. Meanwhile, contact Andy Henry, [andrew.joseph.henry@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.joseph.henry@gmail.com), 919-599-9405.**

## *~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~*

### **We remember in prayer:**

**Mal King** has been hospitalized at Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC.

<b>Tony Brown</b>	<b>Dennis Buckley</b>	<b>Paul Cornsweet</b>	<b>Sam Crabtree</b>
<b>Susan Cyr</b>	<b>Kerry Holbrook</b>	<b>Michael Honeycutt</b>	<b>Lee House</b>
<b>Ann Huff</b>	<b>Chris James</b>	<b>Jenni James</b>	<b>Mitzi Leshner-Thomas</b>
<b>Jen McGonigle</b>	<b>Madge McKeithen</b>	<b>Harriett Mitchell</b>	<b>Kathryn Murchison</b>
<b>Franzi Rokoske</b>	<b>Keith Rokoske</b>	<b>Alfred Tisdale</b>	<b>Phyllis Verhey</b>

### **Care Communities**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley, Harvey Estes**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Carol Wills**

Brookdale Senior Living: **Debbie Mathews**

Durham Ridge: **Phillip Herndon**

Pruitt Health - Durham: **Fred Callaway**

### **Family and Friends of the Congregation**

**Julia Allen**, grandmother of Amy Wilson

**Evan Breyer**, grandson of friends of Jo Ann Moore

**Francisca Cristobal**, relative of Al and Judy Arrowwood

**Kim Cummings**, father of Drew Cummings

**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

**Joyce Neece**, sister-in-law of Vernon & Beth Neece

**Martha Neece**, sister-in-law of Vernon & Beth Neece

**Aaron Pritchard**, friend of Kathy Parkins

**Wu-Chou Su**, father of Claire Su

**Larry Todd**, friend of Kathy Parkins and Wendy McCorkle

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

## This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Later Today</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline, FPC Art Festival Ends</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, June 16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:45 AM</b> Coalition for Affordable Housing &amp; Transit (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, June 17</b> <i>Newsletter Release</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00 AM</b> You Are Not Alone (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM</b> Day School Board Meeting (Zoom) Finance &amp; Investment Committee (Daye Meeting Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Somethings Summer Book Group (offsite)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, June 18</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 PM</b> Program Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, June 19</b> <i>Juneteenth</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, June 20</b> <i>Church Office closed in observance of Juneteenth</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM</b> Youth Group: High Ropes Course (Tree Runner Adventure Park)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, June 22</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Pride Sunday Appalachian Service Project Team Departs</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:45 AM</b> Faith Formation (Classes available for children 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 PM</b> Diaconate (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 PM</b> MnM's Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, June 21</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4:00 PM</b> MnM's Fellowship (home of Mindy Douglas)</p>	

### CHURCH STAFF

Shakira Bethea, Church Administrator  
Tom Bloom, Business Administrator  
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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  
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music  
John Weicher, Associate Pastor  
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor  
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