

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pride Sunday

June 22, 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

Jesu, meine Freude

Johann L. Krebs

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: We are God's chosen and special people, a holy nation and a peculiar treasure,

People: **brought out of shame into God's marvelous truth
to tell all the wonderful things God has done.**

Leader: Once we were exiled.

People: **Now we are God's people.**

Leader: At one time no one had mercy on us.

People: **Now God has treated us with kindness.**

People: **Come, let us worship God!**

*** HYMN** *(see page 7)*

Sing a New World into Being

Nettleton

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,

cleanse us from our sin.

Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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. 399**

God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second system corresponds to the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, with many chords and some rests.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Josh Walters

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: Let us pray.

All: God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 150

(Pew Bible, NT Page 583)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Josh Walters

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23-29

(Pew Bible, NT Page 188)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967

Esther Hethcox

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine 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.

***HYMN NO. 100**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Star of County Down

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Voluntary

Offertory on "St. Philip"

Healey Willan

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst Uns Erfreuen (#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

Esther Hethcox

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 NO. 301

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Ein feste Burg

Helmut Walcha

Happening Today

The Diaconate will meet in the fellowship hall following worship.

Meaning in the Middle (8:00pm via Zoom): MnM is a faith formation group and a fellowship community of adults in their late 20s to 40s – single or with life partners.



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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 memory of ***Jim Gudaitis*** by ***Christy Gudaitis***.

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 the 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: *The Book of Common Worship, More Light Presbyterians Board*, and adapted from *Pitt Street Uniting Church's Prayers of Awareness & Renewal* and *Words of Assurance during World Pride, Sydney, Australia*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926. Text for *Sing a New World into Being* is by Mary Louise Bringle, sung to the tune of Nettleton.

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.

Daytimer's Luncheon
Tuesday, June 24 at 11:30 am

Thai Cafe
2501 University Dr.

Join us for our monthly gathering.
RSVP to Joe Harvard today, June 22.
Email: jsharvard3@gmail.com

First Friends Celebrate Summer
Saturday, July 12 at 5:30 pm

Hosted by Tyler and Deborah Momsen-Hudson

You may RSVP by phone or email:
919-697-1898 | dmomsenhudson@gmail.com

Saturday, August 16
Hosted by Mark Higgins



Summer 2025 - Post-Tour Concert
Saturday, July 12 at 4:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Singers of New and Ancient Music (SONAM) is a chorus committed to creating high-quality sacred and secular music and giving back to the community. This show features music from SONAM's recent tour to Latvia, Estonia, and Finland, in support of Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry.



July 4 - August 8

The annual “Fill That Bus!” school supply drive is here! Every year, we count on the community to restock our shelves with the classroom essentials our Durham Public Schools educators need to fuel their students’ success.

Last year, Crayons2Calculators distributed over \$129,000 worth of supplies, reaching 96% of Durham Public Schools teachers across 59

schools. And demand is only growing.

Teachers are still spending hundreds of dollars out of pocket to make sure students have what they need. Your support fills that gap. Your support sparks learning.

We proudly serve every school in Durham Public Schools, providing everything from pencils and notebooks to art supplies, paper, and more.

Drop off supplies from **July 4-August 8** in the marked bins in the church foyer! You can also always make a financial donation to support this work. *Thanks for supporting our public school community!*

Donate here: <https://bullcityschools.app.neoncrm.com/campaigns/fill-that-bus-fy26>



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)

Contact Andy Henry with any questions:
andrew.joseph.henry@gmail.com, 919-599-9405.

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

Condolences:

We extend our concern to the family and friends on the death of **Rev. J.C. Williams**, Retired Navy Chaplain and longtime friend of **Steve Rimmer**.

We remember in prayer:

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

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
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

Sing a New World into Being

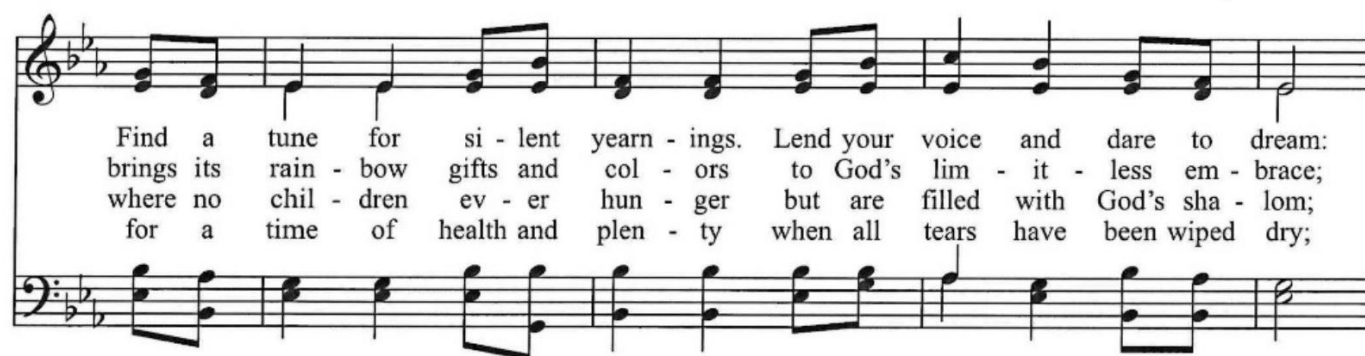
Mary Louise Bringle

NETTLETON

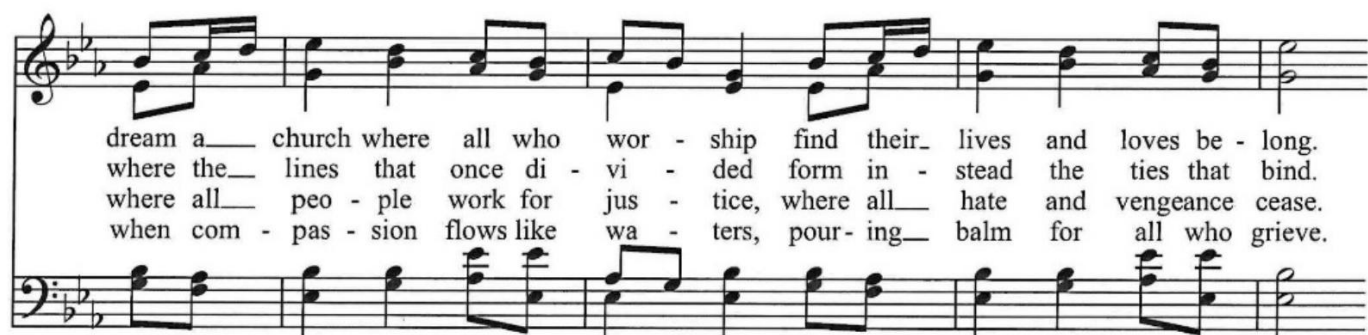
Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second 1813



1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

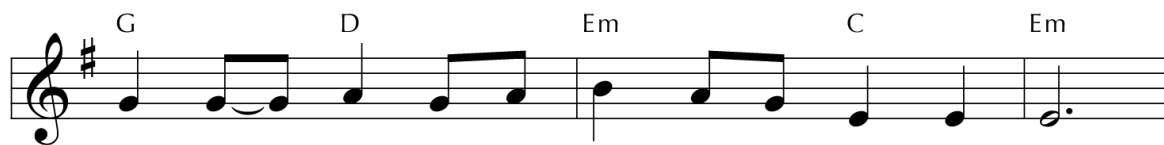
Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Em C D Em

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B \flat 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 \flat F

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

This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:15 PM Diaconate Meeting (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, June 23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30pm Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM Durham CAN Violence Action Team (Wilson Parlor)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, June 24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon (Thai Café Durham)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Somethings Summer Book Group (offsite)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, June 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00 PM All Staff Meeting (Daye Meeting Room)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, June 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, June 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, June 28</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, June 29 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline, Hunger for Change</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 AM Faith Formation (Classes available for adults. Children and youth will not meet.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 AM Worship; Esther Hethcox, preaching</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:15 PM Apartment Committee (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship (via Zoom) <i>Final meeting of the summer.</i></p>		

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