

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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Esther Hethcox

Minute for Mission for Walk-in Ministry

Joe Harvard

**PRELUDE**

*And Humbly Follow After Me*

George Shearing

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: We call to mind your deeds, O Lord.

**People: Your way, O God, is holy.**

Leader: We remember the wonders of creation,

**People: how you brought order out of chaos.**

Leader: We recall how you led us to freedom,

**People: leading your people like a flock.**

**People: Come, let us worship the God who never leaves us.**

**\*HYMN NO. 12**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*St. Denio*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**God of the prophets,**

**we confess that we have failed to heed your word.**

**We hear your call to discipleship,**

**but we find it too demanding.**

**We hear the summons to follow you,**

**but we let other allegiances claim us.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**We place our lives in your hands.**

**Set us free to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves;**

**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. 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 first system of music has a treble staff with a key signature change from one sharp to no sharps or flats, and a bass staff. The lyrics are 'God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;'. The second system of music also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are 'God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.'.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Jane Williams

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy One,**

**you sent Jesus to proclaim your coming realm.**

**Help our hearts to listen closely to your Word today,**

**so our steps may follow him faithfully until your kingdom comes. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

(Pew Bible, OT Page 326)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jane Williams

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 9:51-62

(Pew Bible, NT Page 70)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Esther Hethcox

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"At Risk"*

Esther Hethcox

*(Silent reflection)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from A Declaration of Faith*

**Jesus lived a truly human life.**

**Jesus was what we are.**

**He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the problems of the world.**

**Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death.**

**He was like us in every way except sin.**

**Jesus was what we should be.**

**He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience.**

**He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.**

In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.

He exposes our failure to live as he lived.

He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

**\*HYMN NO. 692**

*Spirit Open My Heart*

*Wild Mountain Thyme*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Esther Hethcox

## **DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to Give

Mindy Douglas

Voluntary

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hermann Schroeder

*(The Hunger for Change Offering is received following the anthem.)*

\*Doxology with Alleluias (sung to hymn #609)

*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!*

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

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

Mindy Douglas

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. 726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

*Kelvingrove*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Esther Hethcox

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in D*

James Hook

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## ***Happening Today***

*Meaning in the Middle* will not meet this evening. We'll resume in the fall.

*Pray for Vulnerable of Durham and Beyond (3:00p.m):* See page 4 for more information.

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Sign In

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Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning the QR code  
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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 honor of all who struggle yet persist in seeking God's face by ***Laurie Ray***.

***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 New Book of Common Worship*, *Feasting on the Word*, and *Call to Worship*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

This Sunday, June 29, join an event organized by ministry partners at the ***Mt. Level Community Partnership for Racial Justice*** to pray for racial justice and God's care and provision for the poor and most vulnerable. The group will meet at 3 p.m. at the Durham Bull sculpture in downtown Durham. *This is not a protest* — this will be a time of confession, lament, and asking God for guidance. The event is an invitation for God's people to come together in our need and ask God for help.



**Summer 2025 - Post-Tour Concert**  
**Saturday, July 12 at 4:00 pm**  
 First Presbyterian Church

Singers of New and Ancient Music (SONAM) will present a benefit concert here on Saturday, July 12 at 4:00 pm. This is a free concert and your generous donations will go to the Emmanuel Food Pantry that partners with FPC, Judea Reform, and Iglesia Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. This food pantry lost almost 100,000 dollars in cuts and helps to feed 700 families a WEEK. Please tell all of your friends and neighbors that they will enjoy this fabulous concert which the SONAM group is presently singing all around Latvia, Estonia, and Finland this week.

**First Friends  
 Summer Potlucks**

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

Hosted by Tyler and Deborah  
 Momsen-Hudson

You may RSVP below:  
 919-697-1898  
 dmomsenhudson@gmail.com



**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, August 16**  
 Hosted by Mark Higgins



*community!* Use the QR below code to donate.

**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. 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*





**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](mailto:andrew.joseph.henry@gmail.com), 919-599-9405.





## THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably 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 last 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!***

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

**Condolences** -We extend our love and care to:

*Margaret Barbier* upon the death of her grandfather, *Rich*.

*Carolyn McAllaster* upon the death of her mother, *Sally McAllaster*.

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

*Barbara Gerwe* is recovering from a fall at Treyburn Rehabilitation Center.

*Ann Huff* is recovering from foot surgery.

*Phyllis Supple* is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

*Tony Brown*

*Dennis Buckley*

*Paul Cornsweet*

*Sam Crabtree*

*Susan Cyr*

*Kerry Holbrook*

*Michael Honeycutt*

*Lee House*

*Ann Huff*

*Chris James*

*Jenni James*

*Mal King*

*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*

*Jen McGonigle*

*Madge McKeithen*

*Harriett Mitchell*

*Franzi Rokoske*

*Keith Rokoske*

*Alfred Tisdale*

*Phyllis Verhey*

### **Care Communities**

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Harvey Estes*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Carol Wills*

Pruitt Health - Durham: *Fred Callaway*

Brookdale Senior Living: *Debbie Mathews*

### **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

*Wu-Chou Su*, father of Claire Su

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss



# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain* Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B $\flat$  Gm7 F B $\flat$  F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7

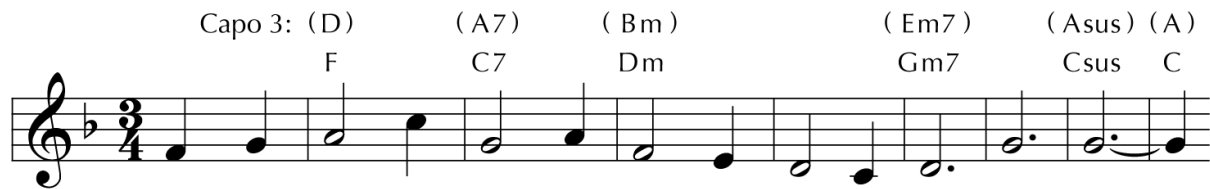
kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$   
*to Refrain*

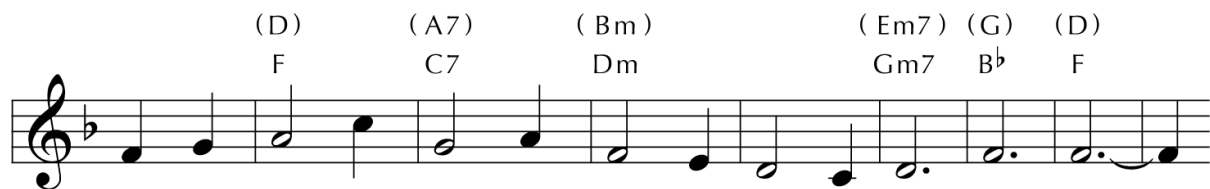
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

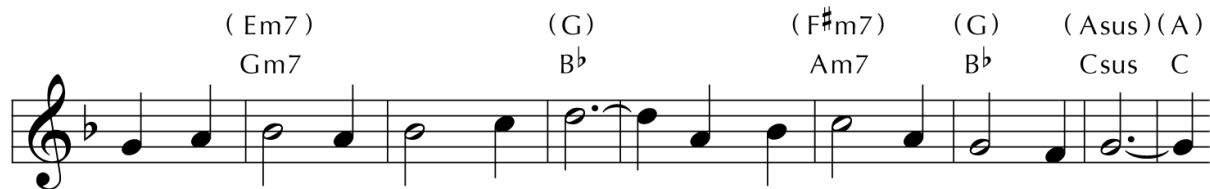
## The Summons



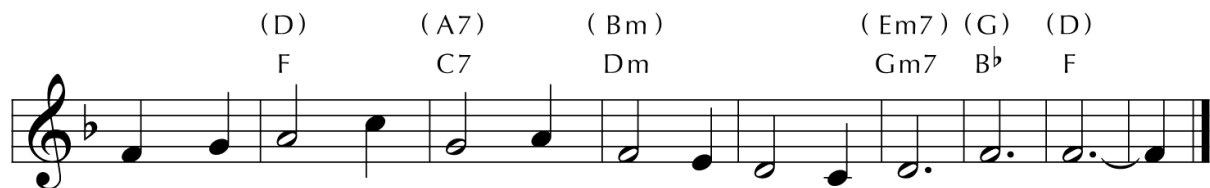
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Later Today</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p><b>12:15 PM</b> Apartment Committee (Wilson Parlor)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, June 30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30pm</b> Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM</b> Middle School Book Club (Room 205)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Session (Watts-Hill Hall)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, July 1</b> <i>Newsletter Release</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> (offsite) Somethings Summer Book Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, July 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 PM</b> (Pastor's Office) Program Staff Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, July 3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:00 AM</b> (Parking Lot) Bike Rodeo</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, July 4</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 AM</b> (Mad Hatters) Men of Faith Breakfast</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">Closed</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">4<sup>th</sup> of July</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, July 5</b></p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, July 6</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</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 w/Holy Communion; Mindy Douglas, preaching</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:15 PM</b> (Wilson Parlor) Racial Equity Task Force</p>	

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*Vernon Cooper*, Sexton  
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