

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 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

Minute for Stewardship

Kathy Colville and Josh Walters

PRELUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual,

Jacob Boehm and Kimberly Johnson, soloists

arr. William C. Witherup

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Beloved of God, we come together
to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

People: We come to sing praises and to give thanks.

Leader: Let our voices be heard,
and let the desires of our hearts be made known.

**People: Let our souls praise God this day
and not be silent.**

All: Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 664**

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have been distracted with many things
and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength.**

**We have allowed the poor to be neglected
and the weak to be oppressed.**

**We have ignored signs of injustice
and disregarded warnings and judgment.**

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.

**Free us from our habits of pride,
and make us steadfast in faith,**

**that we may live as those who are reconciled with you
in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Those who are able, please stand.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***REGATHERING HYMN NO. 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brent Curtis

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: Let us pray.

All: **O God, as the Scriptures are read
and the gospel proclaimed,
open our ears to hear your Word,
open our eyes to see your truth,
and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-10

Brent Curtis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM (sung responsively)

Psalm 15 (see insert)

David Smith, cantor

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 13:1-3

(Pew Bible, NT Page 227)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Brent Curtis

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

(Pew Bible, NT Page 72)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Sam Miglarese

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"True Discipleship and Radical Hospitality"

Sam Miglarese

(silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 506**

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

Copeland

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Anthem

A Clare Benediction (for Clare College, Cambridge)

John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide:

May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; when you wake, may he fill you with his grace:

May you love him and serve him all your days, then in heaven may you see his face.

*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!***

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Mindy Douglas and Esther Hethcox

Words of Welcome and Introduction

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 to judge the living and the dead. 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.

Reaffirmation of Faith

Prayer

Sung Response (Hymn No. 727, verse 1 & 2)

The Servant Song

***Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.***

***We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.***

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. 767

Together We Serve

San Anselmo

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Sam Miglarese

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in d minor

William Goodwin

Happening Today

FPC 101 (following worship): See page 5 for more information.

Summer Sizzle Volunteer Signup: A fellowship committee member will be in the foyer to support volunteer signups. You may also use the QR code to sign up.



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.



Sign In

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*** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of ***Stone and Holt Weeks*** by **Wendy & Mac McCorkle**.

New Members: The following persons were received into membership by the Session at a called meeting held prior to today's worship:

Nate Chapman (he/him) and Lizzie Apple (she/her):

Nate is originally from Tellico Plains, TN, and graduated from Sewanee College. He is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. ***Lizzie*** is from Memphis, TN, and graduated from Middlebury College. She is now a PhD Candidate in English at Duke University. The two share a love for playing with their dog, Winnie.

Pamela Stewart (she/her) and Mark Jackovich (he/him):

Pamela was born and raised in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. She graduated in 1971 and 1976 from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green with a BS and ASN degree, respectively and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill with a BSN degree. ***Mark*** was born in Rantoul, Illinois at the Chanute Air Force Base. He was raised in Arizona, Colorado, Virginia, and Georgia. He is a paraeducator at the Charles Ellis Montessori Academy in Savannah, Georgia. He has two daughters, Allison Jackovich, who lives in Texas and Margaret Jackovich, who lives in South Carolina. He enjoys reading, listening to books on tape, and walking. Pamela and Mark were members at FPC in the 80's and early 90's.

Christine (Chris) Uithoven (she/her) and Michael Roane (he/him):

Chris was raised in Phoenix, AZ where she lived for 40 years. After meeting her husband, Michael, they moved briefly to Tampa, Florida, before relocating to St. Louis, MO for 3 years and then to Leawood, KS, a suburb of Kansas City, for 12 years. They have now moved to Durham, and her sister and niece live in Raleigh. She is a retired nonprofit executive who enjoys theatre, live music, museums, volunteering, games and puzzles, reading, time with family, and her brother and sister cats, Toby and Zoey. ***Michael*** was born and raised in Syracuse, NY, and attended and graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. He is retired and is an avid golfer

and tennis player. He is married to Chris, and has an adult son and two grandsons. He has a passion for K-12 urban education and serves on two education related non-profit boards.

We welcome back as our preacher today **Rev. Dr. Sam Miglarese**! Sam served as FPC's part-time associate pastor from 2006-2019. Since his retirement, Sam and his wife Sheila have remained active in many ways at FPC. Sam also preaches and leads worship at our sister Presbyterian congregations nearby on Sundays. We are glad to have him back as our preacher today.

Special thanks to **Jacob Boehm** and **Kimberly Johnson** for providing music for today's worship. Baritone and Triangle native, Jacob is the founder and head chef of Snap Pea Creative Dining, locally known for its innovative pop-up dinners at unexpected locations. He studied music at Stanford University and lives in Durham. Originally from California, soprano Kimberly lives in Milan, Italy, where she works as a freelance data analyst. She holds a degree from Stanford University in Symbolic Systems. She can be found on YouTube at Chants of a Lifetime. Jacob and Kimberly met singing in the Stanford Chamber Chorale where they toured to China, Hawaii, and the UK, and since graduating have traveled together to South America, Thailand, and Italy. They always find opportunities to make music together when they're in the same geography and are very grateful for the opportunity to sing at First Presbyterian this summer.

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 reprinted from: *Connections: Worship Edition and Feasting on the Word*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

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 community!* Use the QR code to donate.

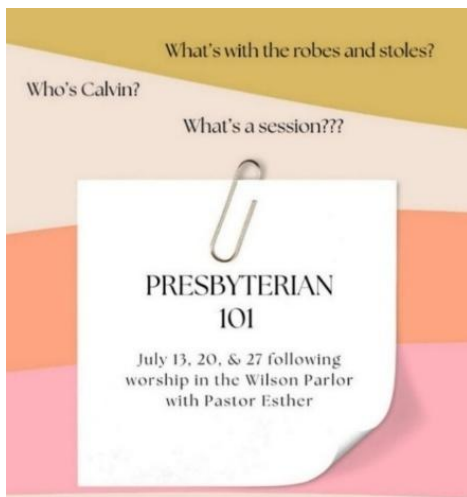


Community Blood Drive: Donating blood can save up to three lives every time you give. Schedule your appointment for Thursday, July 31, 2025 between 1:00-6:00pm here at First Presbyterian Church.

All Church Summer Sizzle: Saturday, August 9 at 5:00 pm. Join us at the home of the Momsen-Hudson's located at 1339 Holden Roberts Farm Rd., Hillsborough, NC, 27278.

First Friends Summer Potluck: Saturday, August 16 at 5:30 pm. Join us at the home of Mark Higgins, located at 842 Inglenook Rd., Durham, NC 27707.

The "Somethings" (young adults) End-of-Summer BBQ: Sunday, August 24 at 5:00 pm. Location is TBD.

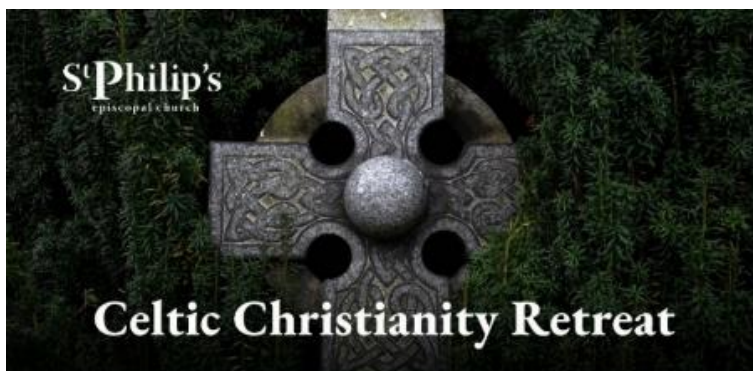


Presbyterian 101 with Pastor Esther

July 20 & 27 | Wilson Parlor

What's with the robes and stoles? Who's Calvin? What's a Session?

If you're a visiting friend (or a new member!) and have questions like these, come join Pastor Esther for a time of conversation about Presbyterian theology, polity and worship. Come as you are—with all the small questions or big doubts. Following worship on July 13, 20 and 27 in the Wilson parlor (with a building tour on July 27!).



Saturday, July 26

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Durham

Discover the sacred woven through everyday life in this day-long retreat.

- Journey into the roots and living practices of Celtic Christianity
- Teaching, reflection, and Celtic-inspired worship
- Suitable for newcomers and those familiar with the tradition



The Rev. Bill Livingston, Episcopal priest, has a deep love of the Celtic Christian tradition. He regularly leads Celtic Christianity retreats and Celtic Eucharists.



To register, visit
[Tinyurl.com/StPCelticRetreat](https://tinyurl.com/StPCelticRetreat)

Cost: \$20
Includes lunch
Register by July 23

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

403 E Main Street, Durham, NC • stphillipsdurham.org



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!
Isaiah 62:7

ANNOUNCING: FPC's Western NC Hurricane Recovery Mission

With our friends at [Fuller Disaster ReBuilders](https://www.fullerdisasterrebuilders.org/), 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 ~

Celebrations:

Mary Ann Ruegg turned 101 years old on July 18, 2025.

We remember in prayer:

Tony Brown

Dennis Buckley

Paul Cornsweet

Sam Crabtree

Susan Cyr

Barbara Gerwe

Wilson Gunn

Kerry Holbrook

Michael Honeycutt

Lee House

Ann Huff

Jenni James

Mal King

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Jen McGonigle

Madge McKeithen

Harriett Mitchell

Franzi Rokoske

Keith Rokoske

Alfred Tisdale

Phyllis Supple

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

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

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Wu-Chou Su, father of Claire Su

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Psalm 15



Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent
and dwell on your holy mountain? **R**

Those who walk without fault,
those who act with justice
and speak the truth from their hearts,
those who do not slander with their tongue. **R**

Those who do no wrong to their kindred,
 who cast no slur on their neighbors,
 who hold the godless in disdain,
 but honor those who fear the Lord. **R**

Those who keep their word, come what may,
 who take no interest on a loan
 and accept no bribes against the innocent.
 Such people will stand firm forever. **R**

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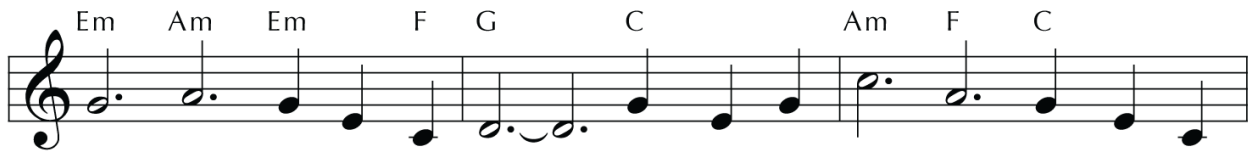
(After the refrain has been introduced by the organist and the cantor, please join in singing it where indicated.)

Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) B \flat (D) F (Em) Gm (Bm7) Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) E \flat (G) B \flat (Am7) Cm7 (Dsus) (D) Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

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



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) B \flat (C) E \flat (G) B \flat (Am) Cm (D7) F7 (G) B \flat



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:15 PM FPC 101 (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p><i>We will have floor work completed during the week of July 20 – July 26. The front of the sanctuary and choir seating area will be impacted.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, July 21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:45 AM Coalition for Affordable Housing & Transit (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 PM Worship Planning (Pastor's Office) Investment Sub Committee (via Zoom)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, July 22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 AM New Hope Presbytery Meeting (St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Raleigh)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon (Bullock's BBQ)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM The "Somethings" Summer Book Group (offsite)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00 PM All Staff Meeting (Daye Meeting Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM Finance & Investment Committee (Daye Meeting Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM Recruitments Committee (Daye Meeting Room)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 27 <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Hunger for Change Offering</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation (Classes available for children and adults.)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship; Esther Hethcox, Preaching</p> <p>12:15 PM FPC 101 (Daye Meeting Room)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, July 26</p>		

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Shakira Bethea, Church 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
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