

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Trio on a Celtic tune
Charlie Kelley and Laura Kelley, trumpets

Sally Gardens
arr. John Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Gathered in from many lands,
People: **we come from east and west,
from north and south.**
Leader: Some of us have wandered through deserts.
People: **Some of us are hungry and thirsty.**
Leader: But the Holy One heard our pleas
People: **and has delivered us from our distress.**
Leader: So we come with prayers of thanksgiving
People: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**
All: **Let us worship God.**

***HYMN NO. 402**

How Lovely, Lord

Merle's Tune

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Lenore Champion

Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession
Holy God,
you lavish us with good gifts,
yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life.
We hold fast to our anxieties and give into our greed;
we desire the very things that harm us.
Forgive us, purify us,
and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit,
we ask in Jesus' name.

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. 733** *We All Are One in Mission* *Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*
Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

COLLECT

Amy Dillon

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: Let us pray.

All: Grant us, Lord,

**not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;
 and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away,
 to hold fast to those things that shall endure;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT Page 201)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Amy Dillon

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

(Pew Bible, NT Page 74)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"When Enough Is Enough"

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From A Declaration of Faith

Susan Dunlap

Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us

personal lives that are centered in God

and open to God's reality and rule.

Christ teaches us

to put obedience to God

above the interests of self, family, race or nation;

to offer God joyously

our money, ability and time.

It is part of our discipline

to observe a day of worship and rest,

setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,

celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.

**Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.**

***HYMN NO. 175**

Seek Ye First

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A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem

Trio on an Irish Tune

Mindy Douglas

Slane arr. Christina Harmon

*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!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Susan Dunlap

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 to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Creator of the cosmos,

Breath of heaven,

Lover of us all,

you are our praise, our life, our joy.

You are there

through desert wanderings and willful murmurings,

rebellious running and tears of complaint.

You are there

when sorrow becomes our daily food;

you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.

Rising Sun,
Soaring Spirit,
Radiant Lord,
you are there
in stable and temple,
river and hillside,
cross and tomb
and even beyond the grave.

You are there in shining glory,
overcoming death and welcoming us to life.

You meet us in the breaking of bread,
you pour out the wine of salvation;
you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

By your Spirit,
make these gifts
your body and your blood.

By your Spirit,
make us one
with you and with each other.

By your Spirit,
make us strong
that we might share your love
with your blessed and broken world.

Fount of mercy,
Fire of justice,
dearest Friend,
bind us to you and send us out
to seek and serve and sing your praise,
until you gather us up in glory
and bright, unending song. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Ecumenical Version ★

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mindy Douglas & Susan Dunlap

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(The bread and the elements are gluten free and were prepared in a gluten-free area. We use grape juice in the cup. Servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive communion. **The server will give you a piece of bread, which you dip in the cup.** After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Susan Dunlap

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

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

All: **Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;**

we, who drink his cup,

bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights,

give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 686

God of Our Life

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in D

J.S. Bach



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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 gratitude for the ministry of First Presbyterian Church by ***Jean & Chuck Wilson***.

We thank our special musicians for sharing their gifts with us today. ***Charlie Kelley*** was baptized as an infant at First Presbyterian and was active in children's choir and youth group. He is currently studying math and music at UNC-CH, where he plays in marching band and various musical ensembles. ***Laura Kelley*** sings in the chancel choir and plays with the Durham Medical Orchestra and Duke University Wind Symphony. She works as a patent attorney.

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.

The paraments and communion tablecloth used in worship today were given by **Ruth and Russell Roberson** in memory of their mothers: **Zenobia Teresa Cox Haislip** and **Myrtle Taylor Roberson**, both of whom were quilters, for the 150th Anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church of Durham, North Carolina December 31, 1871 - December 31, 2021. They were designed and sewn by **Beth Taylor**, a fabric artist and modern quilter. She created the unique communion cloth and paraments for First Presbyterian by including personal items of meaning and significance donated by members. Beth and her husband **Robert Parker** are former members of First Presbyterian Church and now live in the mountains of Virginia.

★ **The Lord’s Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated:** From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way.

Portions of today’s worship resources were reprinted from: *Book of Common Worship*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

Upcoming Community Events

Many of our events are posted in the bi-weekly newsletter. You may read past newsletters and join our mailing list at <https://firstpres-durham.org/weekly-newsletter/>



The annual “Fill That Bus!” school supply drive is ending soon! 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 until **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.



All Church Summer Sizzle: Saturday, August 9 at 5:00 pm. Join us for a church wide potluck at the home of the Momsen-Hudsons located at 1339 Holden Roberts Farm Rd., Hillsborough, NC, 27278. You may use the QR code to **sign up to volunteer** and help make this event one to remember. All are welcome!



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. First Friends is a fellowship group made up mainly of adults over 55, but FPC members & friends of any age are always welcome!

The “Somethings” (young adults) End-of-Summer BBQ: Sunday, August 31st at 6:00 pm. Location is TBD.

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

Condolences:

We extend our love and care to **Barbara Buckley** and family upon the death of her father **Dennis Buckley** who died July 30, 2025. A service will be held here at FPC on August 16 at 11:00a.m.

We remember in prayer:

<i>Tony Brown</i>	<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Sam Crabtree</i>	<i>Susan Cyr</i>
<i>Barbara Gerwe</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>Michael Honeycutt</i>	<i>Lee House</i>
<i>Ann Huff</i>	<i>Mal King</i>	<i>Mitzi Lesher-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 Supple</i>	<i>Ginny Widmark</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 Arrowood

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

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

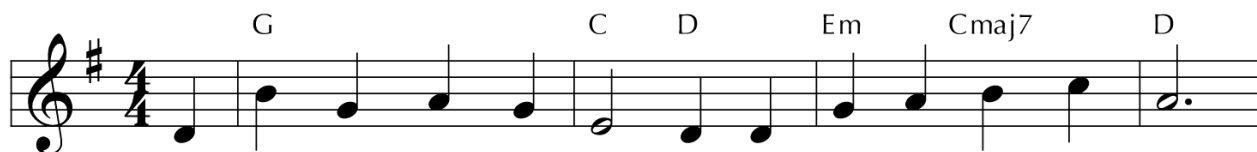
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

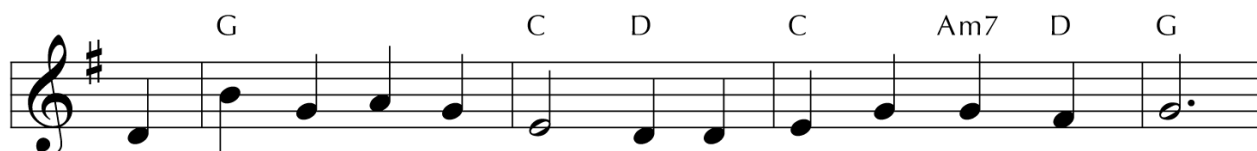
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



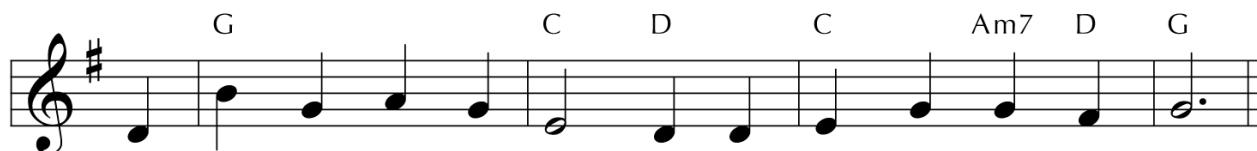
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long-ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



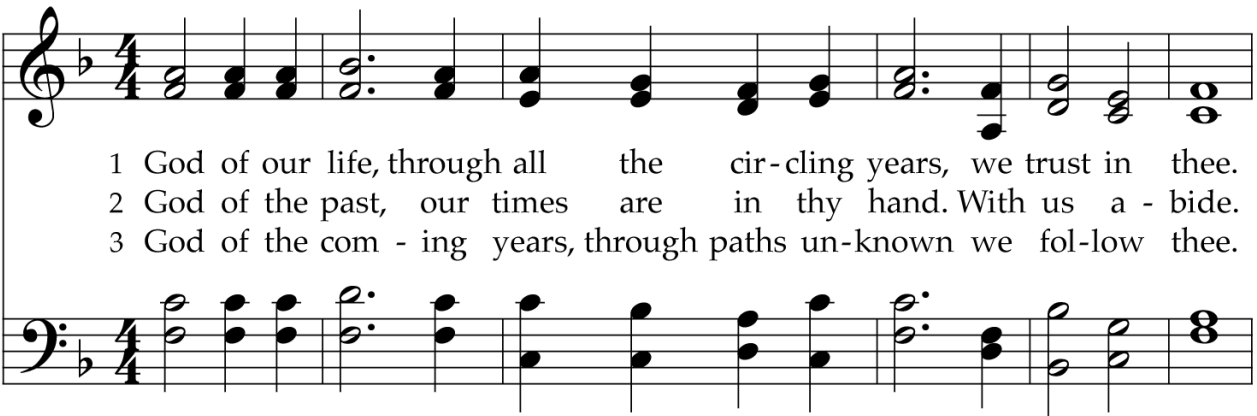
The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en-trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

God of Our Life

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1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.



In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.



With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,



we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This Week at a Glance!

Later Today	Monday, August 4 1:30 PM Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)	Tuesday, August 5 7:00 PM The Somethings Summer Book Group (offsite)
Wednesday, August 6 1:00 PM All Staff Meeting (Daye Meeting Room) 6:00 PM Racial Equity Task Force (via Zoom)	Thursday, August 7 2:00 PM Union Presbyterian Seminary Listening Session (Watts-Hill Hall)	Friday, August 8
		Saturday, August 9 5:30 PM Summer Sizzle Churchwide Event (Home of the Momsen-Hudsons)
Sunday, August 10 <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:45 AM Faith Formation (Classes available for children and adults.) 11:00 AM Worship; Esther Hethcox, Preaching		

CHURCH STAFF

Shakira Bethea, Church Administrator
Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
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 (Medical Leave)

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