

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

21st Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 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

Esther Hethcox

Minute for Stewardship

Megan and Alexis Dubiel

PRELUDE

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: People will come from east and west, and north and south,

People: and they will eat in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

All: Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts.

We confess that we are not worthy of your gracious care.

We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns.

We have not always sought or done your will.

We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.

Only your grace can sustain us.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole.

Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***REGATHERING HYMN NO. 712 V.2** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* Forest Green

*A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
that all may truly live.*

*The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Richard Anderson

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God,

neither death nor life can separate us from your love.
Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-10

(Pew Bible, OT Page 652)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Richard Anderson

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-3

(Pew Bible, NT Page 188)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Joe Harvard

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-10; 21:1-6

(Pew Bible, NT Page 249)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Joe Harvard

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"What Will Become of Me When I Die"

Joe Harvard

(silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Romans 8

Mindy Douglas

What shall we say about these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,

nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN NO. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem

"O Love"

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,

I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain,

and feel the promise is not vain—that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go.

*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

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

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: You created all that was;
you nurture all that is;
you imagine all that will be.
You are the pattern of community,
Three-in-One God of mercy.
From the beginning of time,
you have created us for relationship
with one another,
with the earth,
and with you.

When we reject your call to community,
choosing isolation over partnership
and brokenness over healing,
you call us back, again and again,
with words of grace and the promise of new life.

Remembering that we are not alone at this table,
we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called,
from all times and all places,
who forever sing your praise:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high- est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high- est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ,
our host and our guest at this table.
Through his birth, you took on flesh,
affirming the goodness of our bodies and our world.
Through his life, you took on suffering,
sharing the truth of hope in desperation.
Through his death, you took on death,
revealing the depth of your love for us.
Through his resurrection, you brought new creation,
embodying the promise of life everlasting.

All (Sung) Hymn No. 566

Memorial Acclamation 1

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain,
that we may taste your goodness, see your presence,
and become one with you and your body.
Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us
and remember them now before you:

Edna McLean Bacon
Linda Barenchi†
Janet Bodisco-Massink
Peggy Boulden
Dennis Buckley†



Kate Busa†
Sarah Coppedge
Bryan Cornsweet
Cliff Decker
Judy Degand



Sylvia Elder
Harvey Estes†
Brown Gardner†
Michael Gilmer
Jim Gudaitis



Kirsten Hanson
Barbara Hardin
Carlisle Harvard†
Marilyn Hedgpeth*
Bill Hendrickson†



Daniel Paul Henry
Maxie Honeycutt†
Williams James, Sr
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*
Katy Loebrich†



Sally McAllaster
Nancy Jean McClure
Archibald Mills
Bill Mordecai
Roslind Mutua



Evelyn Bradshaw Patton
Alan Petersburg
Orville Powell
Doug Rimmer
Keith Rokoske†



Tom Rokoske
Ann Patrick Sanders
Edward Van Stephenson
Jack Thomas
Jill Turner



Richard David Weber
John C. Weicher
Edna Wigger
J.C. Williams
Denisha Williams



Andrew Wood Winslow
Joy Wintermute
Orval Wintermute
Aaron Yates



* former FPC associate pastor

† member of FPC

Leader: In life and in death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega.
All thanks and praise to you, O God,
holy Three-in-One, now and forever. **Amen.**

Solo

Angel Band

Jefferson Hascall

Drew Cummings, soloist

*My latest sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run
My strongest trials now are past, my triumph has begun. (Chorus)
O come, angel band, come and around me stand,
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home.
O bear my longing heart to Him who bled and died for me,
Whose blood now cleanses from all sin and gives me victory. (chorus)*

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.**

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. Parents, please assist children as they take bread and lightly dip it into 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.)*

Communion Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus
(sung in Latin)

W.A. Mozart

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who has truly suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for us all,
whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood;
be for us a foretaste (of heaven) at our final trial.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Esther Hethcox

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

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

All: **God of glory,**

in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ

and with that great multitude of the faithful –

those who hunger and thirst no more

and worship night and day in your temple.

Lead us in the paths of righteousness

and guide us to the springs of the water of life,

until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing:

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,

and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 326

*For All the Saints**Sine Nomine*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Joe Harvard

*POSTLUDE

I Am Bound for the Promised Land

arr. Don Hustad



Sign In

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 are given by **Kathy Parkins** to the glory of God and in honor of **Peter Fish**, whose indefatigable dedication to the archives of First Presbyterian Church will be remembered for years to come. The archives are found on the second floor of the education building and contain newspaper articles, church bulletins since 1920, and many photos and documents of historical significance. We are grateful to Peter for his dedication to this important project.

Inspired by today's Isaiah text, artist **Mason Armstrong** chose to focus on the general inclusivity within the community described. The image is of a big feast in the mountains, showing people without a care and enjoying their life and each other.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** and baskets are available in the foyer for children. Please return them 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.

Our **Paschal Candle and stained Red Oak Stand**, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire and given in memory of **Elder Ed Kwon**, was originally dedicated on April 30, 2017. This candle stands as a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesach) and adopted by early Christians, the lit Candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death, his resurrection, to become the Light of the World.

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. Of course, you may always choose to pray in the words closest to your heart, be those words debts or trespasses.

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

We invite those who are able to use the regular-sized bulletins as a small effort towards creation care. Large print bulletins are available for those with vision challenges or other physical concerns.

Happening Today

Children's Choir will meet immediately following the service upstairs in the education building for about 20 minutes. All children ages 3-11 are welcome to be a part of this musical offering.

Racial Equity Task Force meets in Wilson Parlor following worship.

Meaning in the Middle Kickoff is in the Fellowship Hall following worship to reconnect, welcome new faces, and look ahead to the year to come!

Youth Group: 5pm in the Youth Room. Carried by Faith – Our Story.

Souls Above: You are invited to an evening of beautiful, sacred music in thanksgiving for those we hold in blessed memory, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 West Cornwallis Road, Durham.

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/>



Yoga is offered at FPC on Mondays at 4:30pm (vinyasa flow class), and Fridays at 10:30am (chair yoga class). Contact **Jane Wettach** for more information at janewettach@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women Circle is a daytime circle/Bible study that meets on the first Monday of each month at 10:30am at the church. Membership in Presbyterian Women is open to all women of the PC (U.S.A.) who choose to participate in or be supportive of PW in any way.

Join the **Men of Faith Breakfast** for calories, conversation and caffeine on Friday, November 7 at 8:00am located at Mad Hatter's.

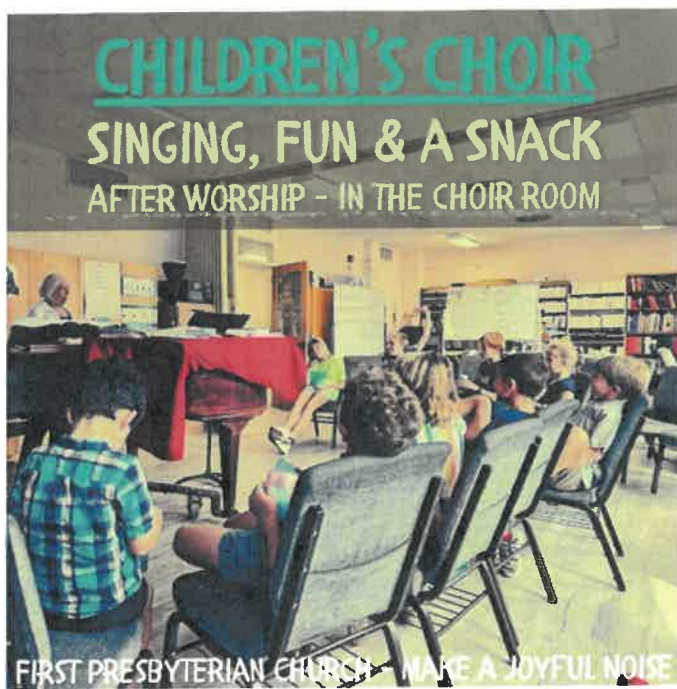
Things That Matter Book Club is on Tuesday, November 11 at 4:00pm. This month Laura McNab will host and will share more details soon. The book we're reading is called "Tuberculosis Is Everything" by John Green.

FPC KIDS Pizza at the Park is on Sunday, November 9 from 3:30 - 5:00pm. Bring your bike or scooter and a water bottle to Duke Park, 106 West Knox Street Durham, NC 27701, and eat Pizza with FPC kids and parents! Scan the QR code or let Lenore know if you plan to be there so we can have enough pizza for all.



Save the Date

First Friends is a fellowship group of FPC folks that tend to be 55 and older. Hope to see you at our next gathering on **Saturday, November 22**, hosted by Carl Rist!



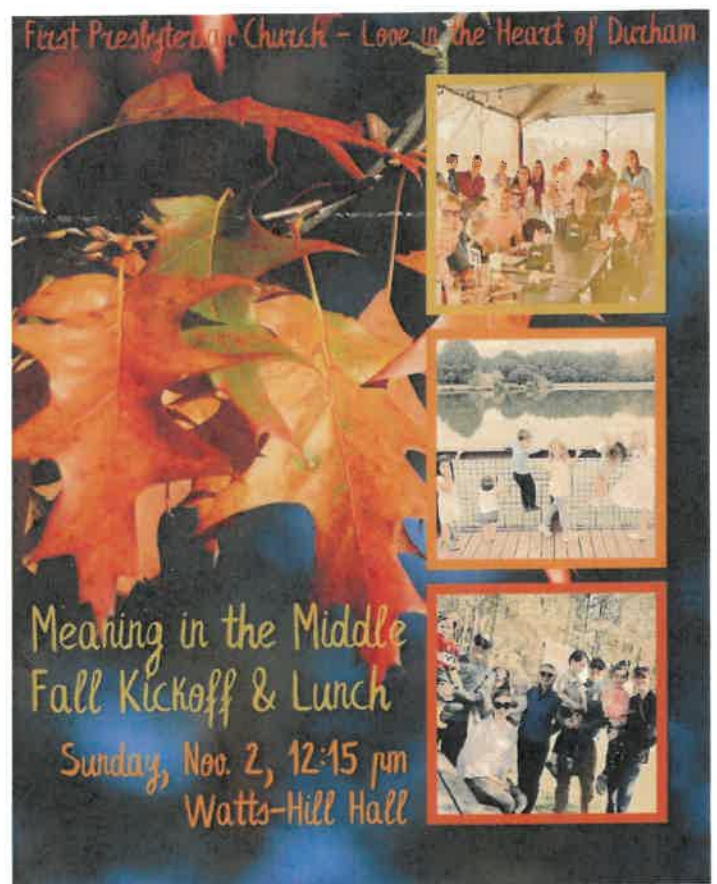
The children's choir will gladly take all of your leftover Halloween candy. Please just leave in the volunteer's office with a note for "Kathy" on it. Thank you!

Disruption in SNAP Benefits in NC as the Federal Government Shutdown Continues

Such a disruption would leave more than 1.4 million North Carolinians – including children, people with disabilities, veterans, and working families - without access to food they need to survive. If you have extra resources to share, please consider donating to one of the following organizations:

- **Emanuel Food Pantry**, <https://www.emanuelfoodpantry.org/donate.html>
- **Central and Eastern NC Food Bank**, <https://secure.foodbankcenc.org/site/Donation2>
- **Urban Ministries of Durham**, <https://umdurham.org/>
- **Catholic Charities**, <https://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/programs/durham-community-food-pantry/>

If you need food, please find assistance in the following resource.



• Visit **Feeding America's** "Find Your Local Food Bank" and enter your ZIP code to locate a food bank in your community.

• **Call or text 211** to connect with a local specialist who can help you find food assistance and other support services in your area.

• Use the **Food Finder** map to explore nearby food pantries, including addresses and hours.

• **National Hunger Hotline:** Call 1-866-3HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) for help locating nearby meal sites, food banks, and social service programs.

• Visit www.findhelp.org to search for food programs and other community resources.

• For those facing transportation barriers that make accessing grocery stores and food pantries difficult or impossible, **DoorDash** will deliver 1 million meals for free through their "Project DASH" network.

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation~

Celebration:

Congrats to ***Jeremy Rist & Lisa Watson*** who were married on October 25. Jeremy is a child of the church and son of Carl Rist and Lisa Rist.

We remember in prayer:

Randy Wymer, brother-in-law of Richard Anderson.

Adrienne Allison

Chris Brown

Tony Brown

Paul Cornsweet

Sam Crabtree

Susan Cyr

Barbara Gerwe

Rod Gerwe

Kerry Holbrook

Lee House

Ann Huff

Jancy Johnstone

Jen McGonigle

Harriett Mitchell

Franzi Rokoske

Alfred Tisdale

Mickey Velkey

Care Communities:

Croasdaile Pavilion: ***Dub Gulley***

Hillcrest Convalescent: ***Carol Wills***

Brookdale Senior Living: ***Debbie Mathews***

Durham Ridge: ***Phillip Herndon***

Pruitt Health - Durham: ***Fred Callaway***

Southpoint Atria: ***Ginny Widmark***

Madge McKeithen

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

Denise Duffy, sister of Andy Henry

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

Sandra Mikush, mother of Katie Fogleman.

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

Bill Prochaska, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Wu-Chou Su, father of Claire Su

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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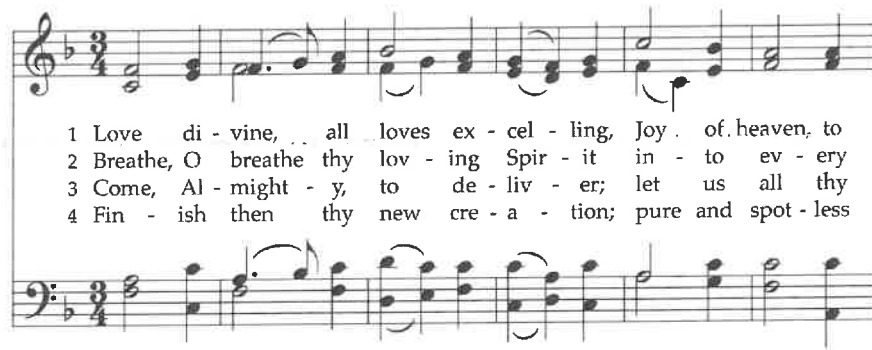
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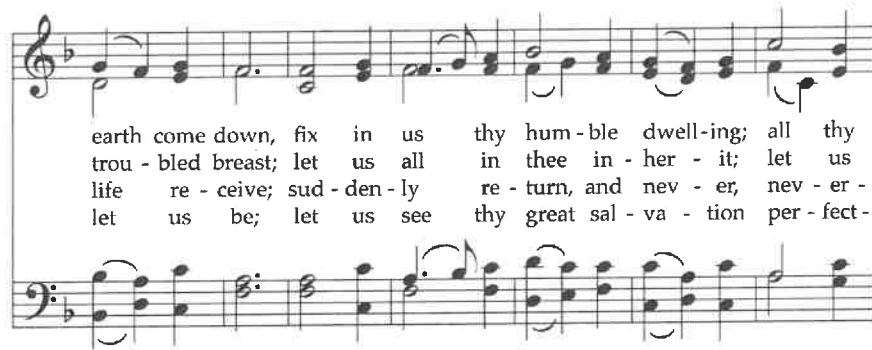
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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

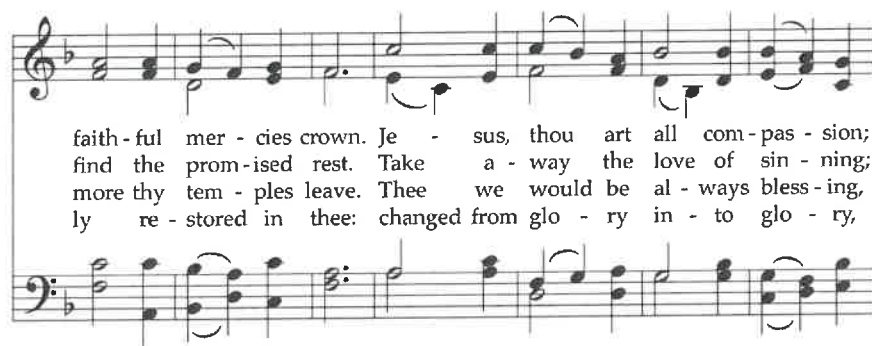
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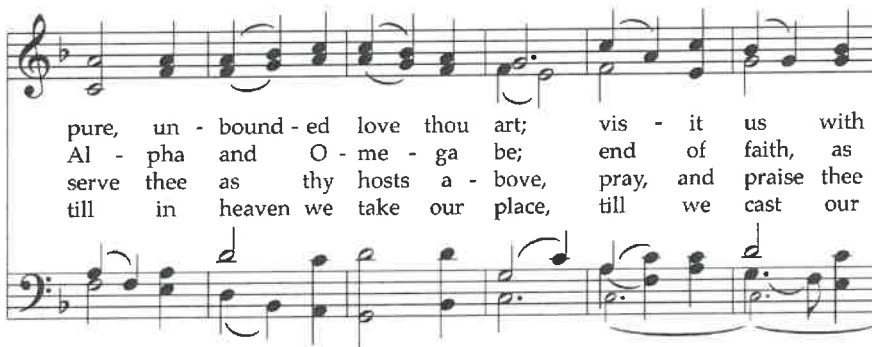
1 Love di - vine, . . all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy . of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



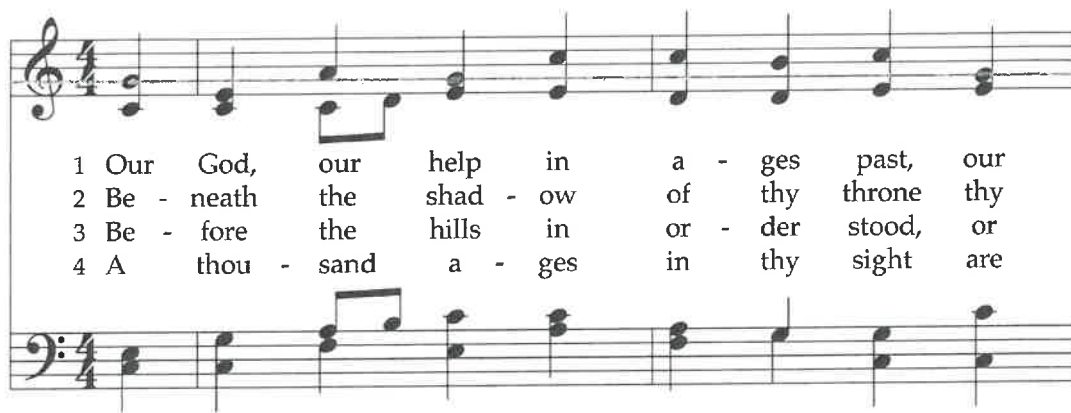
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



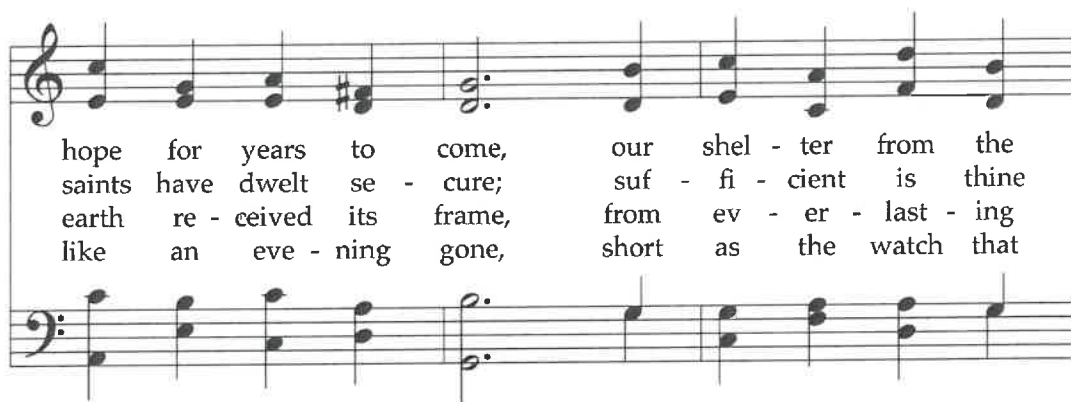
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

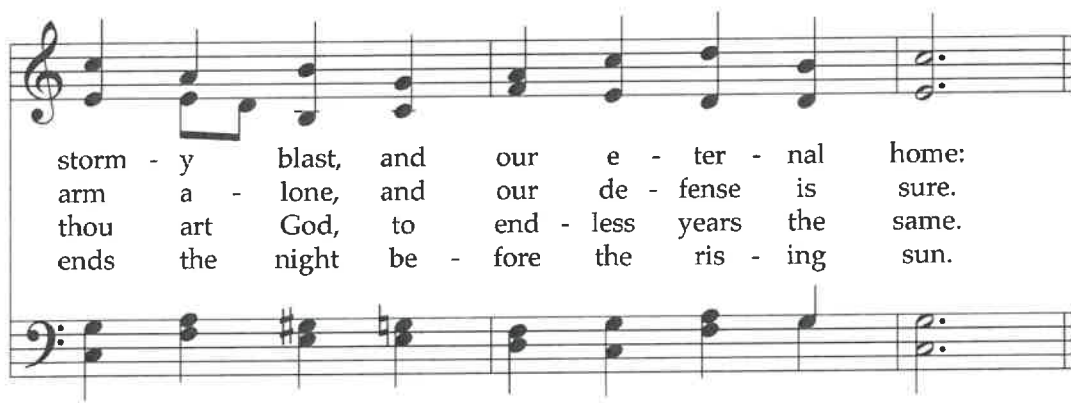
(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

This Week at a Glance!

Later Today
Newsletter Deadline

12:15 PM

Meaning in the Middle Kick-off (Watts-Hill Hall)
Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)
Children's Music: Ages 3 – 5 (room 205), Ages 6 – 11 (choir room)

5:00 PM Youth Group: Carried by Faith – The Friends (Youth Room)

Monday, November 3

10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle (Daye Meeting Room)
1:30 PM Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)
4:30 PM Yoga (Watts-Hill Hall)

Tuesday, November 4
Newsletter Release

10:30 AM 1986 in Durham (Wilson Parlor)

Wednesday, November 5

1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
7:00 PM Senior Choir (choir room)

Thursday, November 6

Friday, November 7

10:30 AM Yoga (room 201)

Saturday, November 8

Sunday, November 9
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Faith Formation (Classes available for children, youth, and adults.)
11:00 AM Worship; Esther Hethcox, Preaching
12:15 PM
Prayer Shawl Group (Daye Meeting Room)
Children's Music (choir room)
4:00PM Somesgiving (offsite)
4:30 PM FPC Kids: Pizza at the Playground (offsite)
5:00 PM Youth Groups – Learning from Our Elders (youth room)

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Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate



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Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus
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John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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