

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Stewardship

Shelley & Tim Turkington

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "The Church's One Foundation"

David Blackwell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

People: **This is the place where God transforms us into disciples.**

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

People: **This is the place where God writes compassion on our souls.**

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

People: **This is the place where God breathes the Word into our lives.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***HYMN** *(see page 10, 11)*

Let Us Worship God with Justice

Hyfrydol

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Your words are given to us, Author of Life,
so we might be reformed,
but we are intent on changing others.**

**Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed,
but we are focused on conforming to our culture.**

**Your words are spoken to lead us into new life,
but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.**

Forgive us, God of Wonder.

**Do not remember our sins,
but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.**

**Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith,
even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life
in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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. 712**

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.*

COLLECT

Carlo Diy

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O Lord Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life:
Do not let us stray from you, the Way,
nor to distrust you, the Truth,
nor rest in anything other than you, the Life. Amen.**

PSALTER READING

Psalm 119:97-104

(Pew Bible, OT Page 568)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Carlo Diy

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

(Pew Bible, NT Page 213)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"A Foundation for the Future"

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR HANNAH SUSAN BAKER

Mindy Douglas, John Weicher

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

Question to the Congregation

Elder: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Hannah by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? **We do.**

*Profession of Faith (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Anointing

Welcome and Gifts

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

Leigh Wynkoop, conductor

Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord, O source of every blessing!

We cannot keep thy saving Word, unless thy peace possessing.

Thy peace, O give, by which we live.

*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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

John Weicher

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. 321**

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Allegro (from Suite in F)

G.F. Handel

Happening Today

Join us for the ***Stewardship Kickoff Festival*** in Watts-Hill Hall following worship. All are welcome! No ***children's choir*** today. Enjoy the luncheon!

The ***Durham CAN Delegates Assembly*** with candidates for Mayor and City Council will meet at 3pm at St. Mark AME Zion Church, 531 S. Roxboro Street.

Youth Group meets at 5:00pm at Frankie's (11190 Fun Park Way, Raleigh).



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*** today are given by ***Carol Carson*** to the glory of God and in memory of ***Wes Carson***.

Today's baptism is for ***Hannah Susan Baker***, daughter of Art Baker and Lara Duffney, and sister to Grace Baker.

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.

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

Esther Hethcox is on vacation this week.

Next Sunday, October 26, we are excited to host ***Rev. Anthony "Tony" Larson***, the Co-Moderator (with Rev. Cecelia Armstrong) of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). When not travelling the country representing our denomination, Tony serves as Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside, SC. Tony will speak at the New Hope Presbytery meeting on October 25 in Kinston and will lead our Faith and Community Class at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. He will be our preacher that day as we celebrate Reformation Sunday. Please come to class at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11am and learn more about the work our denomination is doing in the U.S. and internationally.

We hope you will join us after worship today for our annual ***Stewardship Festival!*** Join us for games, crafts, a service project (beans & rice) for Emanuel Food Pantry, a light lunch and time to connect. This is a celebration of gratitude for people of all ages.

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/>

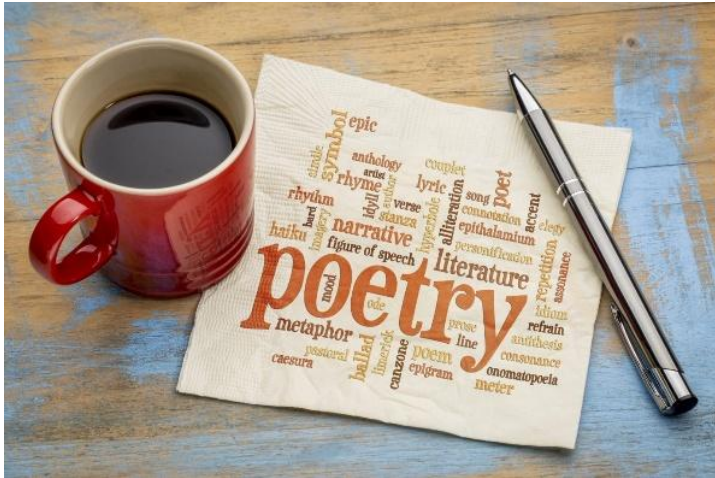


Yoga is offered, free of charge, at FPC on **Mondays at 4:30pm** and **Fridays at 10:30am**. Please let **Jane Wettach** know if you plan to attend or have questions by emailing her at [*janewettach@gmail.com*](mailto:janewettach@gmail.com).

First Friends is a fellowship group of FPC folks that tend to be 55 and older. Our next gathering is hosted by Amy and Dan Mapel. Join us on **Saturday, October 25 at 6pm** at their home located at 111 Raphael Pl, Morrisville, NC 27560. Park on Crown Parkway behind the house, entry will be through the back gate. (It's the one with the tall pergola.) Chicken pot pie, veggie lasagna provided. Bring lawn chair and a potluck contribution.

Asheville Youth Mission (AYM) is an organization that hosts youth service trips with a focus on justice, generosity, creativity, and advocacy. From Friday, October 24 – Sunday, October 26 our youth will be joining our friends from Trinity Avenue Pres. for a weekend serving in and around Asheville.

The ***You Are Not Alone*** group is for people with chronic health conditions. Participants offer encouragement and community to each other as they navigate the ups and downs of life with health challenges. This is not a closed group, anyone is welcome to join the group at any time. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month, 10am, in the Wilson Parlor. For more information, contact Susan Dunlap, susan.dunlap@duke.edu.



Explore the strengths and *gifts of poetry* to connect us to our faith. We will read selected poems and together as people of faith discuss what they disclose about central themes such as the nature of God, the good, human frailty, social harms, and social justice. Poetry beginners and old hands are all welcome. This is a poetry reading group, not a writing group, so no special skills in poetic expression are required. Our leader, Madge McKeithen, led such a group for 15 years through the New York Public Library, and she taught creative writing for 25 years at the New School in New York. We will gather names of people

interested in reading poetry together and then discern the frequency and time slot that works best. If you are interested, please contact Susan Dunlap, sjd4@duke.edu.

If you are interested in reading scripture in worship a ***training class for liturgists*** will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 8 from 9am to 1pm. All are welcome! Please contact **Steve Rimmer** at csrimmer@nc.rr.com to sign up.



It is that time of year again: Trunk or Treat is nearly here! There will be trunks, face painting, hot dogs and more!

Please sign up to host a trunk by emailing Stephen Berry at stephen.d.berry@gmail.com. Plan to be in the FPC parking by 4:45pm on Sunday, October 26th, to set up if you will be hosting a trunk! The event will run from 5:00-7:00pm.

The community is invited, so spread the word!



The next ***Blood Drive*** is Thursday, October 30 from 1:00 - 6:00pm in Watts-Hill Hall. For more information, contact Julie Whiddon (919-730-6673), FPC's organizer and Red Cross volunteer.

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

We extend our condolences to:

The *Momsen-Hudson family* upon the death of Deborah's aunt, **Judy Degand**, this week.
Jo Ann & Fred Moore, upon the death of Jo Ann's cousin, **Aaron Yates**, this week.

We remember in prayer:

<i>Adrienne Allison</i>	<i>Tony Brown</i>	<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Sam Crabtree</i>
<i>Susan Cyr</i>	<i>Barbara Gerwe</i>	<i>Rod Gerwe</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>
<i>Lee House</i>	<i>Ann Huff</i>	<i>Jancy Johnstone</i>	<i>Mal King</i>
<i>Jen McGonigle</i>	<i>Harriett Mitchell</i>	<i>Franzi Rokoske</i>	<i>Alfred Tisdale</i>
<i>Eric Wiebe</i>			

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Harvey Estes*
Hillcrest Convalescent: *Carol Wills, Mickey Velkey*
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
Martha Neece, sister-in-law of Vernon & Beth Neece
Bill Prochaska, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood
Sara Neece Silletto, daughter of Vernon & Beth Neece
Wu-Chou Su, father of Claire Su
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

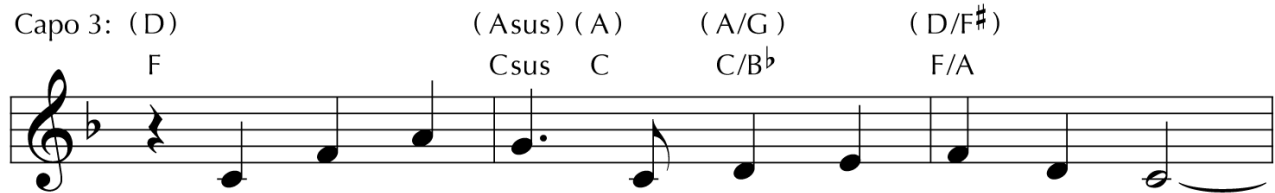
She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

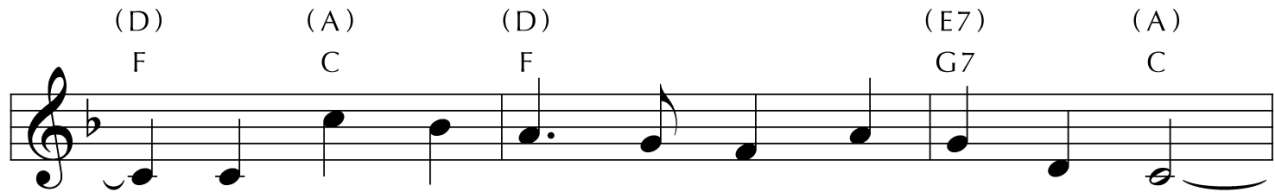
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

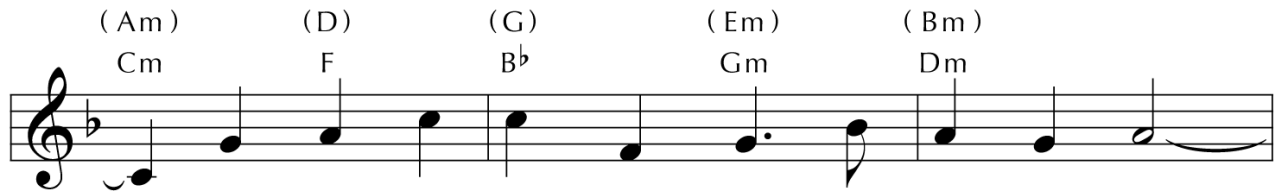
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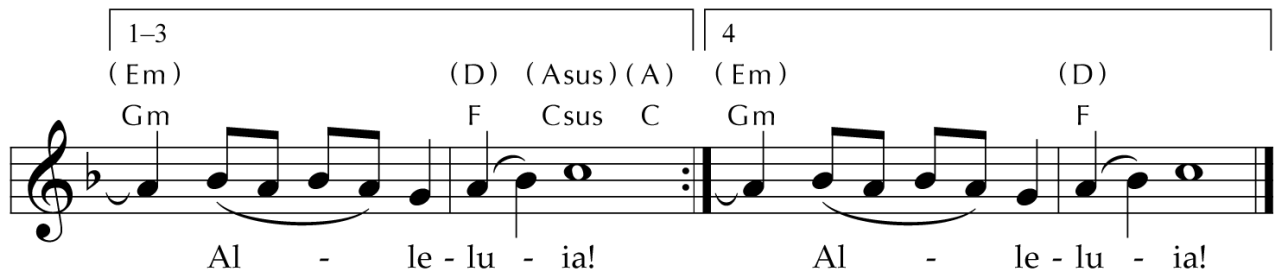
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:



Let Us Worship God With Justice

David Gambrell (based on Isa. 58)

HYFRYDOL

1 Let us wor - ship God with jus - tice, e - ven as we
2 Share your ta - ble with the hung - ry, share your plen - ty
3 Then your light will shine like morn - ing and your Sa - vior
4 Lift your voice for lib - er - a - tion; speak the truth and

sing and pray. Let us keep the fast God choos - es on this
with the poor; when you see the tired and home - less of - fer
will ap - pear. You will call and God will an - swer: "faith - ful
nev - er fear, for the God of our sal - va - tion e - ven

day and ev' - ry day. Lift your voice for lib - er - a - tion;
them an o - pen door. Com - fort those who are af - flic - ted;
ser - vant, I am here." Then the Ho - ly One will guide you;
now is draw - ing near. Keep the fast of faith in ac - tion

speak the truth and nev - er fear, for the God of
 work to set the cap - tives free. Live with kind - ness,
 you will be like liv - ing streams. God will lift the
 on this day and ev' - ry day. Wor - ship God with

our sal - va - tion e - ven now is draw - ing near.
 nev - er hi - ding from your hu - man fam - i - ly.
 fal - len cit - ies and re - store the peo - ple's dreams.
 peace and jus - tice, e - ven as we sing and pray.

This Week at a Glance!

Later Today

Newsletter Deadline, No Children's Music today

12:15 PM Stewardship Festival (Watts-Hill Hall)
3:00 PM Durham CAN Assembly (St. Mark AME Zion Church)
5:00 PM Youth Group – Mini Golf (Frankie's)

Monday, October 20

11:45 AM Coalition for Affordable Housing and Transit (Watts-Hill Hall)
1:30 PM Worship Planning (Pastor's office)
4:30 PM Yoga (room 201)

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 AM You Are Not Alone Group (Wilson Parlor)
5:00 PM Finance & Investment Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

Wednesday, October 22

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

Thursday, October 23

5:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Task Force (room 205)

Friday, October 24

10:30 AM Yoga (room 201)
5:00 PM Youth meet for AYM (parking lot)

Saturday, October 25

9:00 AM New Hope Presbytery Meeting (offsite)
6:00 PM First Friends Potluck (hosted by Amy and Dan Mapel)

Sunday, October 26

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Asheville Youth Mission, Hunger for Change, New Member Service

9:45 AM Faith Formation (Classes are available for children, youth, and adults.)
11:00 AM Worship; Rev. Anthony Larson, Co-Moderator of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), preaching
12:15 PM
 Diaconate (Watts-Hill Hall)
 Children's Music: Ages 3 – 5 (room 205), Ages 6 – 11 (choir room)
2:30 PM Youth return from AYM (parking lot)
5:00 PM Trunk or Treat (parking lot)

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