

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pride Sunday

June 28, 2026

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

PRELUDE

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Johann Sebastian Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Since the beginning of time, God has called us to covenant life.

**All: God knew each of us by name,
God loved each of us.**

Leader: God has made a covenant with us,
promising to love us fully as we are,
for we are made in the image of God.

**All: All God asks is that we bear witness to this love
through worship and actions.**

Leader: God has called us into this space, this moment right now.

**All: A moment of time to be fully as we are, fully with God.
Come, let us worship God!**

***HYMN NO. 301**

Let Us Build a House (vv. 1, 2, 5)

Two Oaks

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.**

**You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.**

**You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.**

**You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people far and near.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julio Manceras

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Loving God, in this hour of listening, learning and receiving,
may our hearts and minds be as expansive as your love.
May we hear your Word anew,
and answer the call you are naming in this day. Amen.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

(Pew Bible, OT Page 545)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Julio Manceras

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:40-42

(Pew Bible, NT Page 11)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“What Welcome Looks Like”

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

John Weicher

We trust in God alone, Holy One, Holy Three:

**Lover, Beloved, and Love,
overflowing and boundless.**

**Before us, beneath us, beyond us, ever creating,
God breathes life into all that is,
rejoicing in its abundant goodness.**

All of creation sings praise to God.

**As members of this wondrous creation,
made in God's image and likeness,**

humanity echoes the overflowing and boundless love of the Creator.

Each of us, all of us—

**of every race, culture, language, nation,
ability, gender, and affection—**

are called to manifest God's image and likeness:

in our love for God,

**in our love for neighbors and strangers as ourselves,
and in loving communion with all creation.**

***HYMN NO. 769**

For Everyone Born

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Esther Hethcox

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory

*Barcarolle from Sonata 1 for
Alto Saxophone and Organ*
Sabrina Powell, alto saxophone

Denis Bédard

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

*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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Esther Hethcox

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. 733

We All Are One in Mission

*Es Flog Ein Kleins
Waldvögelein*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Sortie

César Franck

Happening Today

Tom Bloom's and Sybil King's Retirement Celebration: Today we celebrate the retirements of two more beloved staff members. A celebration honoring ***Tom Bloom*** and ***Sybil King*** will follow worship today featuring a reception and program. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.



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.



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 are given to the glory of God *in honor of retiring staff members Kathy Parkins, Tom Bloom and Sybil King by Valerie McMillian.*

Pride Decoration: Today we take the opportunity to celebrate Pride month by having a service focused on the inclusion and welcome we believe is a part of our life of faith. The beautiful colors decorating our communion table today are a reminder that for too long the table and the church has not been a place of welcome for LGBTQ+ individuals and couples. We are grateful for this congregation's long history of inclusion and the chance to celebrate the diversity of God's beloved community. These colors remind us that Christ welcomes all to his table of grace. Here we come in our diversity and are united by our faith. What a gift it is to be Christ's community of welcome and love!

Flower Donation Opportunities Available: There are open dates for worship flower donors in September. To sign up, visit bit.ly/FPCflowers26 or click on the flowers link in the bi-weekly newsletter.

A special thanks to our guest organist, **Tom Bloom**, who also celebrates his retirement today. He served as FPC's Business Administrator for 25 years.

Portions of today's worship resources are from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship* and the *Iona Community Worship Book*. Today's affirmation of faith is from the new proposed PC(USA) confession of faith that the 227th General Assembly of the PC(USA) is considering this week in Milwaukee, WI. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

These Days devotional books for April-June are available in the foyer.

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.

Upcoming 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/>



First Friends Summer and Fall Gatherings: Mark your calendars now for First Friends gatherings this summer and fall!

- July 18, hosted by Franzi Rokoske and Catherine Dumas
- August 1, hosted by Deborah and Tyler Momsen-Hudson
- September 11-13, Annual First Friends Beach Trip
- October 17, hosted by Lea Bingham and Rob Dilworth

All gatherings will begin in the early evening. Stay tuned for more details closer to the events.

Yoga will not be offered from **June 29** through **July 10**. It will resume the week of **July 13**. Contact **Jane Wettach** for more information at janewettach@gmail.com.

FPC Blood Drive: Save the date and give the gift of life! FPC Durham is hosting a blood drive Thursday, **July 23** from **1:00–6:00 PM** and we'd love your help. More info on how to sign up is coming soon. For now, mark your calendars and stay hydrated!

Urban Ministries of Durham: We need volunteers to help us make and serve breakfast and lunch at Urban Ministries of Durham. We make bag lunches twice a month from 9:30 to 10:30, and we make and serve breakfast once or twice a month from 7:00 to 9:00. We will team you with a seasoned volunteer who will guide you through. If you are interested in being on the sign-up list, please contact **Jancy Johnstone**, 919.824.6489 or jancyjohnstone@gmail.com.



THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now 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 fourth 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 ~

We offer our condolences to:

The *family of George Kirschmann*. *George* died this week in Goldsboro, NC.

We remember in prayer:

Rachel Bethune's mother, *Rosalynn Farrell*, following a car accident.

Tony Brown

John Fricks

Lee House

Dan Mapel

Paul Cornsweet

Sue Fricks

Ann Huff

Harriett Mitchell

Sam Crabtree

Elizabeth High

Elizabeth Manceras

Fred Moore

Susan Cyr

Kerry Holbrook

Amy Mapel

Franzi Rokoske

Care Communities:

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Alfred Tisdale*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Carol Wills*

Brookdale Senior Living: *Debbie Mathews*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Pruitt Health - Durham: *Fred Callaway*

Southpoint Atria: *Madge McKeithen*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Ashley Alvord, colleague of Sharon Hirsch

Francisca Cristobal, relative of Al and Judy Arrowood

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Sara Degand, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Minnie Sue Douglas, mother of Pastor Mindy Douglas

Linda Foster-Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Cheryl Fowler, friend of Cheri Reece

Jennifer Hervey, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey

Donna Holladay, friend of Jane & Robert Brawley

Katie Jackson, wife of Matthew Hirsch

Donna Johnson, mother of Ann Huff

Edward & Meryl Keenan, brother and sister-in-law of Mary-Jo Keenan.

Anthony Ketcham, brother in-law of Wil James

Sandra Mikush, mother of Katie Fogleman

Ana Sofia Ochoa, family member of Becky Martin

Patrick O'Neill, father of Brianna Bennett

Rebecca Todd ("Toddie") Peters, mother of Sophie Peters

Joe Pleasants, uncle of Bob Pleasants

Bill Prochaska, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Annie Reaves, great-niece of Floalice and Robert Reaves

Joe Quirk, stepfather of Tim O'Brien

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Newton Wong, nephew of Paul Lee



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

*HYMN NO. 769

For Everyone Born

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1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain




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and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



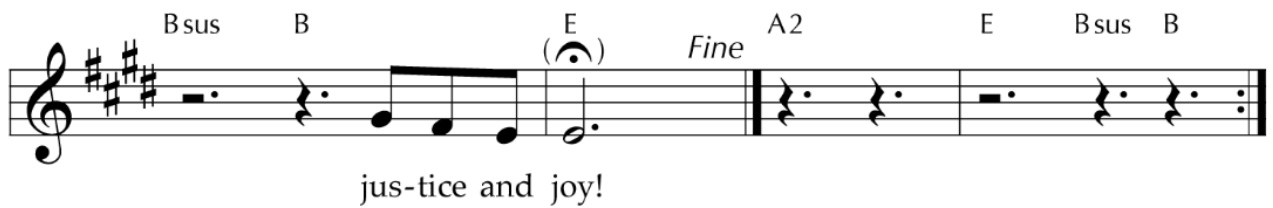
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joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,



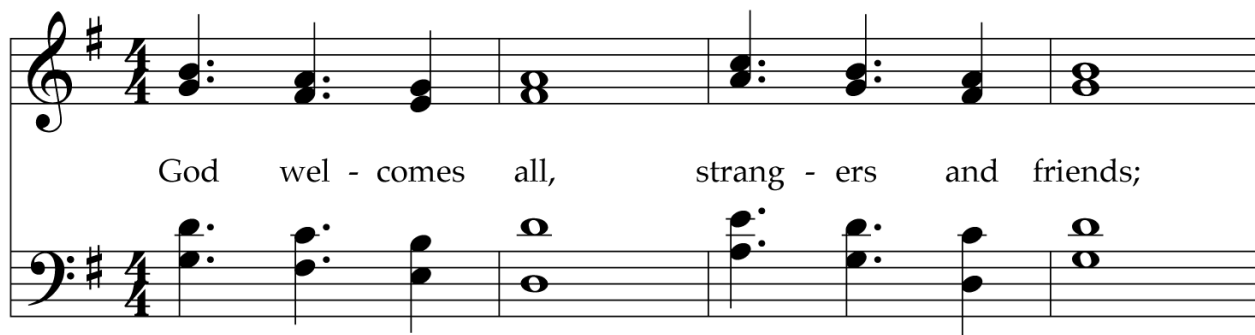
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God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



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jus-tice and joy!



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

*HYMN NO. 733

We All Are One in Mission Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

This Week at a Glance!

Sunday, June 28

Pride Sunday & Hunger for Change

9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation (Lectionary Class)

9:45 AM Children's Summer Faith Formation

11:00 AM Worship: Mindy Douglas, preaching

Following Worship

12:15 PM Tom Bloom and Sybil King Retirement Celebration (Watts-Hill Hall)

Monday, June 29

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-In Ministry

1:30 PM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

6:15 PM Youth Summer Book Club (Daye Meeting Room)

Wednesday, July 1

1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting (Senior Pastor's Study)

Thursday, July 2

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-in Ministry

7:00 PM Somethings Summer Book Group

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 AM Youth: Serving Diaper Bank & Lunch (Watts-Hill Hall)

Friday, July 3

All Day Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 5

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Faith Formation
(Lectionary Class & Summer Class for adults. Children's Class.)

11:00 AM Worship: John Weicher, preaching

CHURCH STAFF

Janet Askew, Business Administrator
Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
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