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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

Elevation

Girolamo Frescobaldi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Weicher

Leader: Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love,

People: God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.

Leader: Calling all pilgrims of the Spirit, carried by the winds of hope,

People: God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.

Leader: Calling all travelers between worlds,
who translate compassion into peace,

People: God makes neighbors of strangers and kin of the forgotten.

Leader: Come to worship and be renewed for this long journey.

**People: Strangers in a strange land,
we have come to worship the creator of all.**

*HYMN NO. 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

W Zlobie Lezy

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious One, where do we begin? You call us to do justice,

People: and we explain that justice is complicated.

Leader: You ask us to love mercy,

People: and we counter that a show of strength is necessary.

Leader: You invite us to walk humbly with you,

**People: and we struggle to recognize you in our neighbors, in the dispossessed,
in the poor and hungry places of our own hearts.**

Leader: We confess we have failed to summon
the courage and compassion required by your call.

**People: We have treated hospitality as an option, kinship as a choice,
instead of as the center of our life together.**

Leader: We have claimed your name, yet rejected your way.

People: Forgive us, we pray.

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

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: It is a day for the oldest of words,
declarations, proclamations, and ancient holy texts.
Please send your Spirit to give fresh life to Genesis and Isaiah,
so that we might hear your Word to us this day. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

(Pew Bible, OT Page 686)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jennie Alwood

People: Thanks be to God!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 25:19-34a

(Pew Bible, OT Page 21)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

John Weicher

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A Declaration of Interdependence"

John Weicher

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *A Declaration of Faith*

Mindy Douglas

We believe in one true and living God.

**We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient.**

**That One is the Lord,
whom we worship, serve, and love.**

We acknowledge no other God.

We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.

We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power.

We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.

We praise and enjoy God.

To worship God is highest joy.

To serve God is perfect freedom.

***HYMN NO. 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We are Christians

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give
Offertory

Mindy Douglas
Lee Hoiby

The New Colossus
(from “*Lady in the Harbor*”)
Lesley Curtis, soprano
Deborah Coclanis, piano

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

—Emma Lazarus

*Doxology with Alleluias

*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!*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

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: Lord of heaven and earth,

we gladly lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving and praise,
because you have hidden your story of salvation
from the wise and intelligent and revealed it to infants.

You have disclosed your mercy to the outcast Hagar,

to the barren Sarah, to the shunned Rahab,

to the childless Hannah, and to the unmarried Mary.

In Jesus you became a child for us,

through whom we might discover the secrets of your glory.

Again and again you revealed your sacred purpose

through those the world despises, demeans, or ignores.

Finally you made your purpose known through your Son,

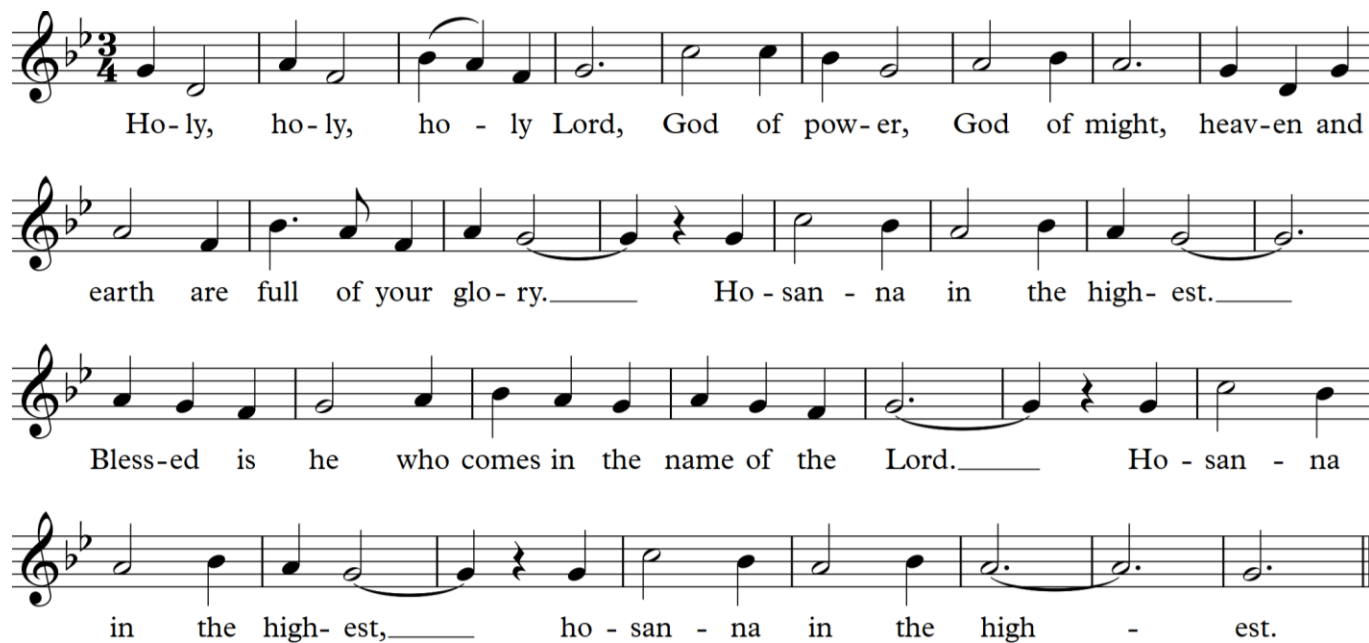
cursed by our sin as he hung on the cross.

And so we rejoice with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

singing the song of your unending praise.

All (sung):



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: Overflowing God,
as you led your children to meet their destinies at the well,
you become in Christ the well of life that replenishes us
that we may never be thirsty again.
Fill your church with your abundant grace
that it may be a cup that runneth over with your mercy.
Send your Holy Spirit upon this food and drink,
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):



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: God of the weary and heavy laden, God of the tired, the poor,
the huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
God of the homeless and the tempest-tossed,
bring rest to all who labor today.
Set your gentle yoke upon them, for you are gentle and humble in heart.
Be a shining golden light in the souls
of all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit,
with demons within or without,
with fears about the future or regrets about the past.
Through this communion with you
in union with Christ in the power of your Spirit,
write on our hearts a new law
that draws us to walk with you across the storms of suffering,
the tremors of temptation, and the pangs of persecution.
And on the last day, bring us home to you forever.

All (sung):

A - men, A - men, A - men!

A - men, A - men, A - - men!

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, John Weicher

*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.)*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mindy Douglas

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

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

All: **At your table, we remember that we are never alone.**

At your table, we remember that we can never go it alone.

We thank you for these realities.

Let us take these table lessons out into the world,

so that we can embody and teach them. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 773**

Heaven Shall Not Wait

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

John Weicher

***POSTLUDE**

“Toccatà”

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Today at FPC



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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 to the glory of God in memory of her parents, *Richard Camacho* and *Norma Medina Camacho*, by Debbi Huntoon.

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* retired Business Administrator at FPC of 25 years.

Portions of today's worship resources are from *A Declaration of Faith*, Illustrated Ministry, and written by John Weicher. Today's Great Thanksgiving is from *Eucharistic Prayers* by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

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.

~*Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation* ~

We offer our condolences to:

Bob Pleasants and his family on the death of his uncle, ***Joe Pleasants***.

We remember in prayer:

Dan Mapel as he faces new and continued challenges with the health of his eye.

Tony Brown

John Fricks

Lee House

Fred Moore

Paul Cornsweet

Sue Fricks

Ann Huff

Franzi Rokoske

Sam Crabtree

Elizabeth High

Elizabeth Manceras

Susan Cyr

Kerry Holbrook

Harriett Mitchell

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 Mindy Douglas

Rosalynn Farrell, mother of Rachel Bethune

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

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

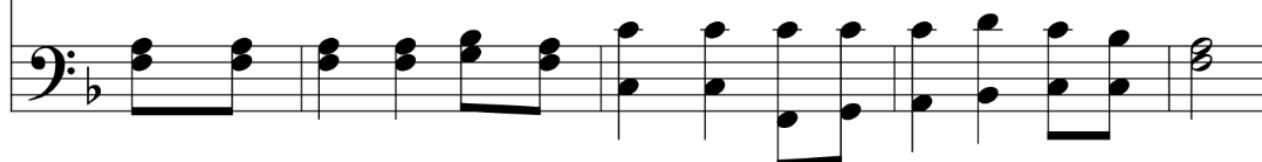
Newton Wong, nephew of Paul Lee



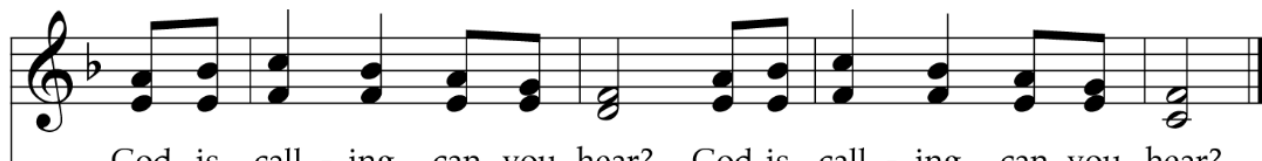
1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic - es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.
 through their long-ing for re - demp-tion and for res-cue from de - spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still - ness, rush of won - der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!



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

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains four measures of music: a dotted quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, and a dotted quarter note C5. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains four measures: a dotted quarter note G2, a dotted quarter note F2, a dotted quarter note E2, and a dotted quarter note D2. The lyrics "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;" are written between the two staves.

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

The second system of the hymn also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains four measures: a dotted quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, and a dotted quarter note C5. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains four measures: a dotted quarter note G2, a dotted quarter note F2, a dotted quarter note E2, and a dotted quarter note D2. The lyrics "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." are written between the two staves.

*HYMN NO. 300

We Are One in the Spirit They'll Know We Are Christians



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

(C) (Em)
D^b Fm



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.



This Week at a Glance!

Sunday, July 5
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation (Lectionary Class)

Following Worship

9:45 AM Children's Summer Faith Formation

11:00 AM Worship: John Weicher, preaching

Monday, July 6

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 8

1:00 PM FPC Staff Meeting (Daye Meeting Room)

Thursday, July 9

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-in Ministry

7:00 PM Somethings Summer Book Group

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 AM El Futuro (Room 205)

6:30 – 8:00 PM Youth: Rock Climbing & Shake Shack
(1713 Legion Rd., Chapel Hill, NC)

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

Sunday, July 12

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Faith Formation
(Lectionary Class for Adults. Children's Class.)

11:00 AM Worship: Cris Rivera, preaching

12:15 PM FPC Racial Equity Task Force (West Parlor)

CHURCH STAFF

Janet Askew, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Director of Children's Ministry
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
Brandi Kirkland, Communications Associate
Donald Turner, Facilities Associate
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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