

# Love in the Heart of Durham:

*Doing Justice, Loving Kindness,  
Walking Humbly*

*Seek the welfare of the city... for in  
its welfare you will find your welfare.*

*- Jeremiah 29:7*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Reformation Sunday

Dedication Sunday

October 28, 2018

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Stewardship

Mindy Douglas  
Amy and Gray Wilson

### PRELUDE

*A Mighty Fortress*

Johanne C. Rinck

### INTROIT

*Praise to God Immortal Praise*

(sung to Dix)

*Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:  
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.*

*As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;  
and by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;  
singing thus through all our days, praise to God, immortal praise.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 67:5-6)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: **Let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;

People: **God, our God has blessed us.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 624

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Toulon

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jeanne Hervey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above,  
and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall  
endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*All who are able, please stand

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE** Leviticus 23:9-14 (Pew Bible, OT Page 110)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM LESSON** Psalm 67 (Pew Bible, OT Page 529)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 16:13-15 (Pew Bible, NT Page 136)

**SERMON** "Lydia" Steve Eason  
(*Silent reflection*)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) Sam Miglarese

**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. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.**

**\*HYMN NO. 712** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* Forest Green

**\*THE PEACE** Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter during The Peace.)*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Mindy Douglas  
*(Following A Time with Children, children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** Marilyn Hedgpeth

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: Out of my distress I call on the Lord;  
People: **The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.**  
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.**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**  
Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

*Our many voices and each heart we offer you in prayer.  
 In mercy, Lord, accept these gifts with every fear and care.  
 According to your steadfast love, forgive, sustain, restore  
 That we may yearn for you alone and you alone adore.  
 From many voices, many hearts, you make us one in Christ,  
 Baptized in him, we are one bread, a living sacrifice.  
 So must each voice and heart unite in music for your praise  
 And sing in harmony this day to tell your many ways.  
 When every thought and sound is yours with everything we feel,  
 When all we live and speak and breathe your life in us reveals,  
 Then bound, Lord, by your boundless love, the love that shall not die,  
 Our every thought and word and breath your love shall magnify.  
 Lord, with one heart and with one voice, we praise your majesty.  
 Praise Father, Son, and Spirit one: most Blessed Trinity!  
 May we be one as you are one, unyielding Unity,  
 Then with one voice and heart rejoice for all eternity.*

**DEDICATION OF PLEDGES**

*Following the anthem, you are invited to come forward to lay your hand on top of the offering plate at one of the three tables as a symbol of your dedication to Christ and his work through the church. As you come, you may leave your completed **2019 pledge card, survey form, and/or your offerings** for the day in one of the offering plates. Place your **Hunger for Change offering** in the basket. Come with hands empty or full. Come with hearts gladdened by God's grace and your own gratitude. Please join in singing the hymn below.*

\*Dedication Hymn No. 698

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

*Take Me as I Am*

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

All: **We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. As stewards true, may we thy bounties thus receive, and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first-fruits give. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 275**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Ein Feste Burg*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Steve Eason

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

J.S. Bach, arr. Wilber Held

*Children's Choir rehearses immediately following worship in the choir room.*

The **Scratch/Young Adult group** AFTERCHURCH will meet today following worship in the parlor room below the sanctuary for lunch and a time of fellowship.

**First Presbyterian Church** welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the **Ritual of Friendship pad**, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On October 21, we welcomed 19 visitors in worship.

**We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Dr. Steve Eason.** Eason received a B.A. from East Carolina University in 1976, M. Div. from Duke Divinity School in 1979 and D. Min. from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1993. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1980 and transferred to the PC(USA) in 1984. He has served as pastor/head of staff at churches of different sizes and his longest tenure was from 2002-2015 at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC. Eason has also served as interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia and currently serves as interim pastor of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Eason has been married to Catherine since 1977 and they have three adult children and four grandchildren. Eason's visit is made possible through the McPherson Lectureship Fund.

**We also welcome to worship today the Confirmation Class from Judea Reform Congregation, Durham.** FPC's Confirmation Class is worshipping at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church this morning.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God by **Kathy Colville, Gretchen and Karl Sims.**

**Nursery care** for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. A changing table is in the narthex (to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary).

**Worship bags and activity bulletins** are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship (2018)* and *A Declaration of Faith*.

**Daylight Saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on next Sunday, November 4.**  
**Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.**

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.

Locally, funds are dispersed to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients. Thank you for supporting this special offering on the fourth Sunday of each month.

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**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Congratulations to *Emily Durham Diy and Carlo Diy* on the birth of a daughter. *Anna Ruth Durham Diy* was born October 21st.

**SYMPATHIES:** The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the *Hedrick family* on the death of FPC member, *Jim Hedrick*, on October 24; to *Brent and Lesley Curtis, Graham and Sydney*, on the death of Brent's sister, *Marsha Hussung*, on October 22; and to the family and friends of *Gary Greenberg* who died October 19, 2018.

**Added this week:** *Peaches McPherson*, in hospice care at The Forest at Duke  
*Ginny Widmark*, recovering from an emergency appendectomy  
*Heath Huberg*, friend of Kathy Parkins

#### Home/Care Communities

*Lee Courtland*

*Franzi Rokoske*

*Carolyn Wolfe*

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: *Mary Clark*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

#### Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff

*Brent Barber*, brother-in-law of Christyn Klinck

*June Hewitt*, friend of Sue and John Fricks

*Ben Johnston-Krase*, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

*Kathy Johnston*, niece of Jeanne Hervey

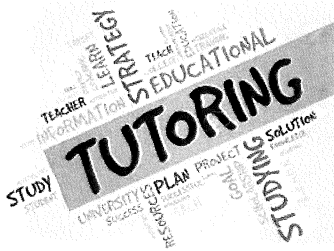
*Beth Livingston*, friend of Carol Wills

*John Morey*, father of Robin Morey

*Hayden Williams*, family member of Carol Wills



**Luncheon for New Members:** Have you joined FPC within this past year? Then you are invited to join the Membership Committee for a **New Member Luncheon on Sunday, November 11, following worship**. It's free! Your children are invited to lunch, too. We just want to thank you for joining, and celebrate the blessing that new members bring to First Presbyterian Church.



Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel, a church FPC helped start and supports through our mission giving, is starting a Tutoring Program to help school children in reading and math, and adults learn English as a Second Language and basic computer skills. **This program is set to launch the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Education Building of Iglesia Emanuel, 2504 N. Roxboro, Durham. There will be training provided for volunteer tutors in advance. The proposed schedule is:

- **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**, Reading and Math for school-age children. All the children speak English, so you do not need to know Spanish to be a tutor.
- **Mondays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, English and Computer classes for adults (Some knowledge of Spanish would be helpful for the computer classes).

Refurbished computers have been donated by Triangle E-cycling. Now all we need are dedicated volunteers! For more information, or to sign up to be part of this much needed program, please contact Miguel Rubiera at [miguelrubiera1@gmail.com](mailto:miguelrubiera1@gmail.com).

### **Pastoral Care reminder . . .**

**Parents of college students**, please make sure that we have your student's current college address. Your FPC family wants to keep in touch with students, those in active military service, and those in mission or studying abroad. Please email the address to Valerie McMillian at [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) or call her at 919-682-5511 ext. 215.



### **Alert to Hoopsters!**

The annual church league basketball season will soon be upon us. This year, Grey Stone Baptist will be the host church, and they are organizing an 8-team league that will start play in January 2019. The deadline for teams to express interest is October 31, so let Carl Rist know ASAP at [rist@frontier.com](mailto:rist@frontier.com) if you're interested in participating.

## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

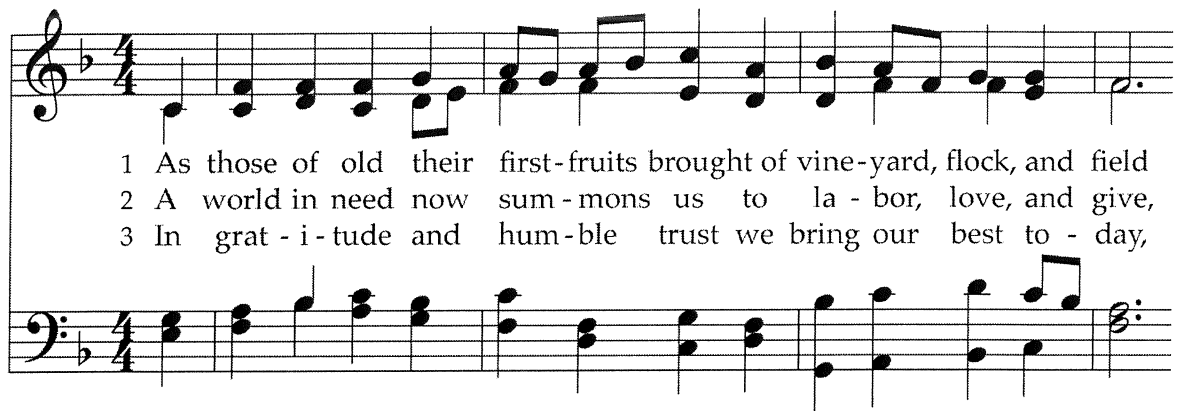
my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

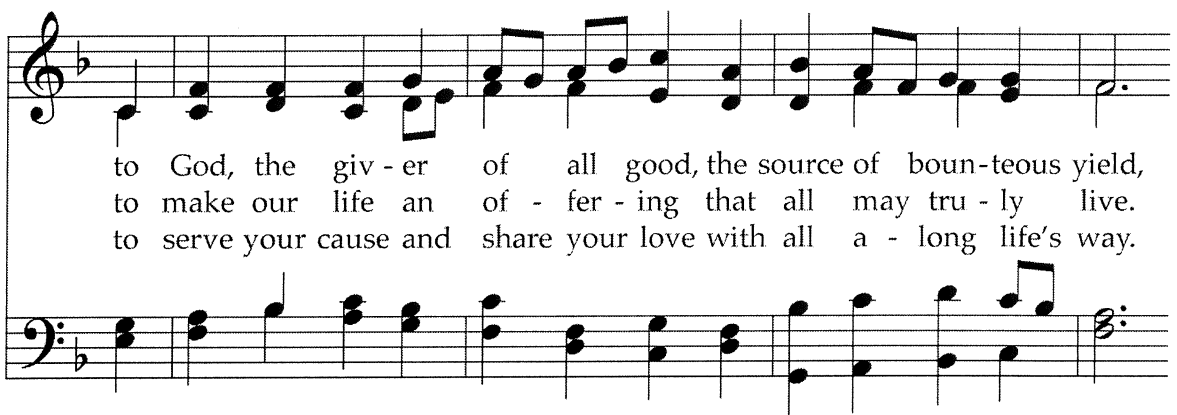
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.



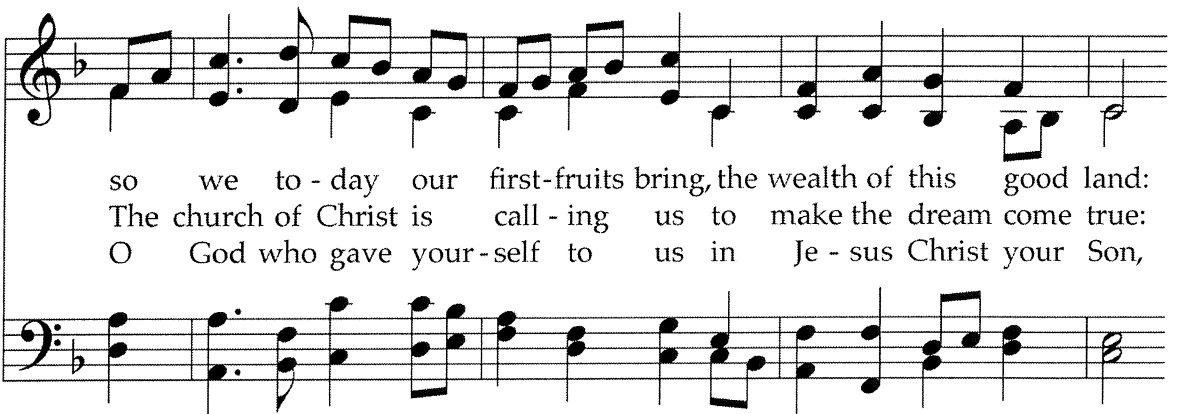
# As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



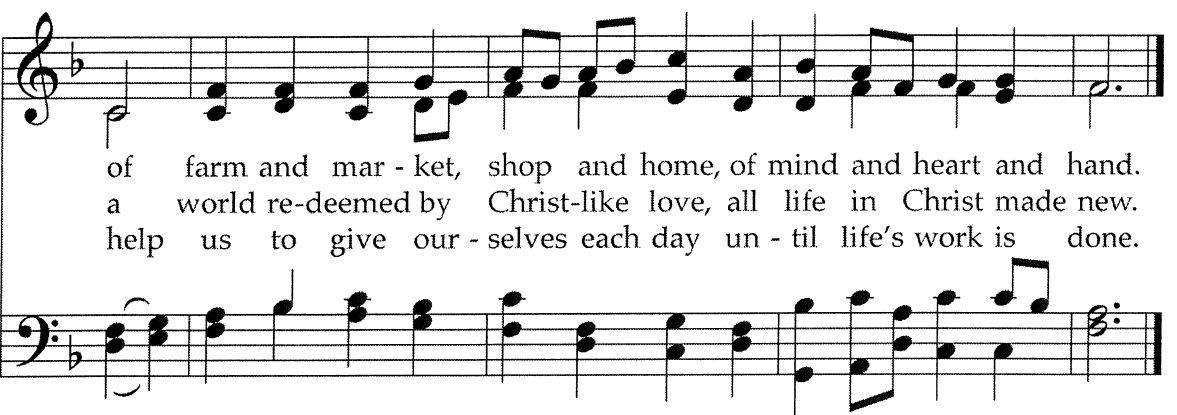
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-lor, love, and give,  
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this





seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is in a common time signature (C) and features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the melody. The lyrics are: "armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er."

## The Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Later Today</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>After Worship</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children's Choir Scratch AFTERCHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Middle School Youth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, October 29</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, October 30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:30 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Program Staff</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Newsletter today!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, October 31</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bell Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chancel Choir</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, November 1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, November 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Noon – 1:00 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bible Study: Isaiah ( Room 205)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, November 3</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed</b></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, November 4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daylight saving time ends at 2 AM</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>All Saints'</b></p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship &amp; Communion (John Weicher, preaching)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:15 – 12:45 AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:15 – 2:30 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Middle School and High School Youth Groups combined</p>

### CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom, Business Administrator*  
*Robert Daye, Sexton*  
*Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff*  
*Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate*  
*Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor*



*Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate*  
*Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator*  
*Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor*  
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