

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

GATHERING MUSIC *Two Celtic Hymn Tunes for piano* Charles Callahan

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS John Weicher

PRELUDE *Prelude in B Flat* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 149:1,3-5) Mindy Douglas

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

All: **sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

Leader: Let them praise God's name with dancing,

All: **making melody to the Lord with tambourine and lyre.**

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people;

All: **God adorns the humble with victory.**

Leader: Let the faithful exult in glory;

All: **let them sing for joy on their couches.**

HYMN No. 637 (verses 1-3) *O Sing to the Lord* *Cantai ao Senhor*

(Music can be found on page 12.)

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

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O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.

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¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

CONFESSION OF SIN Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God of history, we are a forgetful people.

**We have always had selective memories,
the kind that make us look good
while we overlook or tread upon our neighbor.**

Forgive us for being selective.

**But in this pandemic time,
when every day seems like the one before,
we have forgotten your movement throughout history,
throughout our own histories.**

**You are the One who has saved us more times than we can count,
from the world,
from each other,
and from ourselves.**

Forgive us for forgetting.

Remind us of your grace when grace is thin on the ground.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached,
pass among your gathered people,
opening their minds to increase understanding,
opening hearts to bind us together in love.
in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

John Weicher

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

John Weicher

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *The Confession of 1967*)

John Weicher

The church gathers to praise God,
to hear God's word for humankind,
to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper,
to pray for and present the world to God in worship,
to enjoy fellowship,
to receive instruction, strength, and comfort,
to order and organize its own corporate life,
to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and

to speak and act in the world's affairs as
may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

Each member is the church in the world,
endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry
and is responsible for the integrity of their witness
in each particular situation.

Each member is entitled to the guidance and support
of the Christian community
and is subject to its advice and correction.

In turn, each member, in their own competence,
helps to guide the church.

Wherever the church exists,
its members are both gathered in corporate life
and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Susan Dunlap

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Susan Dunlap

HYMN No. 507 (verses, 1-2, 4) *Come to the Table of Grace*
(*Music can be found on page 13.*)

Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace...

Come to the table of peace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of hope...

Come to the table of hope.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of hope.

LITURGY FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mindy Douglas

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

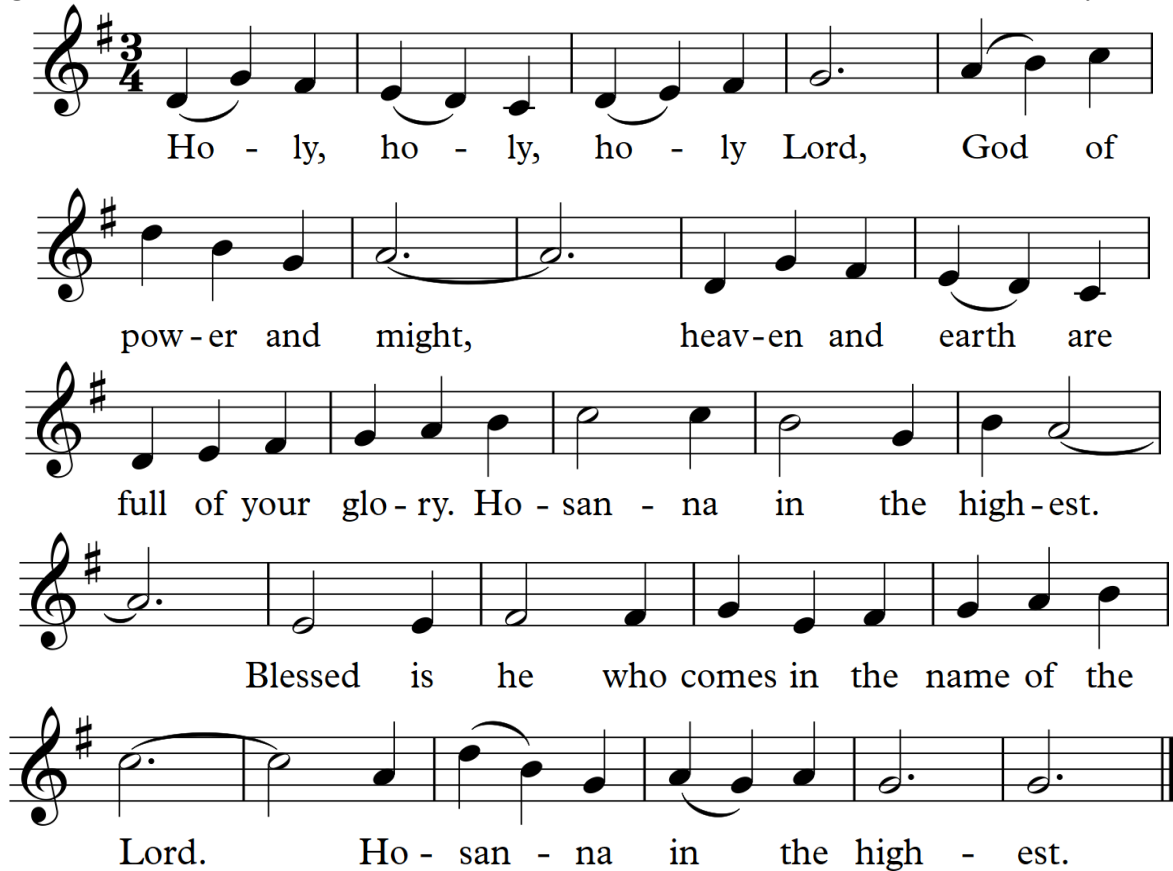
Leader: How can we thank you, O God?
for sun and moon and stars;

for breath and life and all good things;
for your steadfast promise and your faithful love;
for the day that is surely coming when all things will be made new.
With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,
we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 572



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

Leader: We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,
who came to be your living Word,
to baptize us with Spirit and fire,
to feed the hungry,
to humble the mighty,
and to announce the good news of your coming realm.

With thanksgiving, we remember how, when the hour had come,
Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles.
He said to them, I will not eat this Passover again
until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Then Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took a cup, saying,
This cup that is poured out for you
is the new covenant in my blood.
I will not drink of the fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of God comes.

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you,
sharing this holy meal,
remembering Christ's dying and rising,
And praying: Come, Lord Jesus!
Great is the mystery of faith:

All (sung):



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

Leader: Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.

Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness;
prepare the way of the Lord!

(prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours almighty God,
now and forever.

All (sung):



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of the justice, righteousness, and peace
of your promised new creation.
Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we seek to serve your holy realm.
Lead us to live in joyful expectation
of the coming again in glory
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 637 (verses 4,5)

O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor

(Music can be found on page 13.)

***O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O sing to our God; O sing to our God.***

***For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
O sing to our God; O sing to our God.***

***¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!***

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

John Weicher

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B Flat

J. S. Bach

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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. On August 30, 94 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

Portions of **today's worship text** are taken from *Feasting on the Word* (Year A, volume 2) and *Book of Common Worship* (2018 edition). **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted from *Glory to God* (PCUSA hymnal) under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Jay Klinck, and John Weicher** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with our virtual worship live broadcasts each Sunday morning. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images she finds to accompany our online worship.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7
in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**

~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

Birth Announcements:

Mac and Wendy McCorkle are celebrating the birth of a grandson. **Pope McCorkle V (Finn)** was born September 1st to **Chip and Allison McCorkle** and joins big sister **Lucy**.

Bob and Sheila Breitweiser have welcomed their second great-grandchild. **Bennett Francis Hannigan** was born August 21st to parents **Madeline King Hannigan and Rob Hannigan**. His mom Madeline was baptized at FPC as an infant nearly 31 years ago. His grandparents are **Karla and Bennett King** of Asheville, NC.

Condolences:

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Jane Rourk and Caroline Rourk** on the death of Jane's husband (Caroline's father), **Henderson Rourk**. Henderson was a retired pediatrician and resident of Croasdaile Village. He was 84 years old, and was a devoted member of FPC for over 50 years. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for the congregation to remember and celebrate Henderson's life will be held at a later date.

Concerns:

Linda Barenchi, recovering from the COVID-19 virus

Wil James, recovering from abdominal surgery

Charlotte Nelson, recovering from surgery

Ellen O'Brien, recovering from lung surgery

Jane Rourk, receiving care in the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

Carol Wills

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Those displaced in California (wild fires) and along the Gulf Coast (Hurricane Laura)

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Coasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Rose Vista Village /Kinston Assisted Living, Kinston NC: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Phil Goss, friend of the congregation

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

Robert Reaves, husband of Floalice Reaves, friend of the congregation

The Things That Matter Book Group: Our next Zoom meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8**. **Nora Tisdale** will be leading the discussion of The Book of Joy by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. Check your email; **Mary-Jo Keenan** will send out the Zoom link. New readers are welcome to join this group. Contact [Dale Gaddis](#) if you'd like to join this group.

Landscaping and Grounds Workday: Are landscaping and gardening your thing? If so, you are invited to join **Barbara Buckley** for another grounds workday at the church on **Saturday, September 12 (Rain date: September 19) from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon**. New volunteers are welcome. **All volunteers: please email [Barbara Buckley](#) if you plan to participate.** Work assignments will be made in advance to ensure proper social distancing while working.

DON'T GET SPOOFED . . . Church staff WILL NOT email to ask you to use your money to buy gift cards and other things. Such requests via email should be ignored. Click [here](#) to learn more!



Media Techs needed!

FPC is seeking **two additional volunteers** to help with our live-broadcasting and videography as the pandemic continues to keep us from holding in-person worship gatherings. If you are comfortable with the more technical aspects of producing live broadcasts and videography, and interested in volunteering, please contact [Mindy Douglas](#).

First Friends: Would you like to 'host' a small group of First Friends at your house (or outdoors at the church) on Saturday, September 19? If so, let [Deborah Momsen-Hudson](#) know. Either way, please put the 19th on your calendar for a First Friends gathering. Look for a sign up soon!

High School and Middle School youth groups will begin next Sunday, September 13. Click [here](#) to view the calendar. Contact [John Weicher](#) for more info.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS . . . from the comfort of your own home —

Bag Rice and Beans for the Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel:

- Divide large bags of beans — black, pinto or red — or white rice into **quart-size, freezer strength Ziplock baggies**.
- Fill the bags until almost full, leaving just enough room to close securely.
- Large bags of beans or rice can be purchased at Costco, Sam's Club, or El Camino, a Mexican food distributor located at 2314 Reichard St, Durham 27705.
- Deliver the bags to Iglesia Emanuel on Monday afternoons between 3 and 5, or contact [Margaret Rubiera](#) for other options
- Sign up at this [link](#).

Do a little cooking for Urban Ministries:

- **Casseroles** for **breakfast, lunch or dinner** (baked ziti, tuna, mac n cheese, etc.)
- **Sandwiches** in individual Zip-lock bags — **no condiments**, so they keep fresh longer. If able, please label bags according to ingredients, such as "turkey & cheese, or T & C."
- **Cookies or brownies** in individual baggies, to go in the lunch bags. Everyone loves a touch of sweetness!
- Encourage neighbors or friends to join your efforts and deliver all the food at one time

- Deliver to the main door of Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St, between 9:30 - 5:30, Monday - Friday

Make phone calls to Meals on Wheels clients:

- Give a quick call to home-bound senior citizens or disabled adults on Wednesday or Friday mornings to check on them and offer a much needed warm, human connection
- Contact [Britt Barnes](#) to sign up

You can safely lend a hand in person —

Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel:

- Sign up for a 2-hour shift on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday sorting and bagging food, unloading deliveries, loading boxes of food into cars
- Find your spot on the [SignUp Genius](#) and know you are making a huge difference in the lives of struggling families

Urban Ministries:

- FPC provides volunteers multiple times a month to help prepare and serve breakfast or prepare lunch bags for hungry members of our community
- Breakfast shifts are the 3rd and 5th Fridays of every month, from 7 - 9 am
- Lunch bag shifts are every 3rd Monday and 4th Thursday, 9:30 - 10:30
- Enjoy fellowship with your church friends while you serve our neighbors!
- Contact [Margaret Rubiera](#) to sign up

Deliver Meals on Wheels:

- Deliver boxes of nutritious frozen meals to home-bound seniors and handicapped adults every Monday
- Offer a friendly smile from behind your mask and encouraging words to brighten someone's day!
- Contact [Britt Barnes](#) to sign up

KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING!

Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) has launched a hygiene drive to keep our partner pantries fully stocked with the supplies Durhamites need. They are seeking the following items:

CDC-approved disinfectant wipes or sprays (Lysol, Scrubbing Bubbles, Clorox)

hand sanitizer empty spray bottles paper towels

toilet paper feminine hygiene products hand and body soap

If you can donate any of these items, they can be dropped off at any of these partner congregations:

- **First Presbyterian** - Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am-1:00pm. - 305 E. Main St

- **Cole Mill Road Church of Christ** - Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm. - 1617 Cole Mill Rd
- **Antioch Baptist** - Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm. - 1415 Holloway St
- **Pilgrim United Church of Christ** - Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm. - 3011 Academy Rd
- **Christus Victor Lutheran** - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00am–2:00pm - 1615 E. NC 54 Hwy

Support for Those Who Mourn

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by coalition of area religious and civic organizations to provide support and comfort to those who mourn.

We offer year-round support to people who have lost a loved one. Currently we are meeting via Zoom each week. These are our upcoming speakers and topics:

September 8 Evelyn Reed, “Resilience”

September 15 Dr. Justin Yopp, “Connecting with Others to Reimagine Life.”

If you would like to attend any of these grief support sessions, please send a request by email to admin@growingthrugrief.org. Then we can send you the information. Everyone must register every week. We need to receive your inquiry by 8 a.m. on Monday for Tuesday’s session. We meet each Tuesday from 4:15-6:00 p.m., with a presentation plus small group discussion.

webinar

Holy Imagination + Race:
How The Church Can Be a Healing Force in America's Racial Divide

Presented by Kerry Connelly, author of *Good White Racist*.

WEBINAR
September 15
2 p.m. ET / 11 a.m. PT

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www.pcusastore.com

Click [here](#) if you wish to register for this webinar.

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O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor

1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the
 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



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 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
 F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

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