

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

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

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



*In preparation for celebrating communion where you are,
please have your own bread and cup available at the beginning of worship
so that we might partake of these elements at the same time during worship.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*Tanzanian tune,
arr. J. Wayne Kerr
Billema Kwilla,
arr. J. Wayne Kerr*

Come, Let Us Eat

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susan Dunlap

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Jody Maxwell

PRELUDE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Caribbean trad.,
arr. John Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

All: **This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God's name! Amen!**

OPENING HYMN No. 388

Come All You People

Come All You People

(Verse 1 may be sung in English or Shona.)

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.
come now and wor-ship the Lord. Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

John Weicher

Musiki wedu (Our Creator God)

Bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships.

Bless us with indignation at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people.

Bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war.

Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world.

Muzita raBaba (in the name of the Father),

nera Mwanakomana, (and the Son)

nera Mweya Mutsvene (and the Holy Spirit). Amen.

HYMN No. 340 verses 1,2

This is My Song

Finlandia

***This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.***

***This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.***

***My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Susan Dunlap

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. In Christ, you intend for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set off on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. Amen.**

PSALM LESSON Psalm 19 Cris Rivera

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14 Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"Proving Ourselves"* Mindy Douglas

APOSTLES' CREED (video)

**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.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING John Weicher

The Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering is received today.

You may mail your offering to the church or click [here](#) to give online.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. FPC will allocate its 25% share of this offering to Durham non-profit, Village of Wisdom (villageofwisdom.org).

Refrain



To my pre-cious Lord I bring my flask of fra-grant oil;



kneel-ing down, I kiss his feet, a - noint them with the oil.

Harmony



1 Je - sus, who for my sake walked the road to Cal - va - ry,
 2 Je - sus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,
 3 When in clouds of glo - ry you come back to earth a - gain,



with each step has marked the im - print of his love for me.
 with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heav - y cost.
 Je - sus, with your love, em-brace and claim me as your friend.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

John Weicher

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Leader: It is indeed right to give you praise, O God.

You created the world and all that is in it.

The startling diversity of the earth and its creatures
were made by you and pronounced good.

Called into life-giving partnership with each other and you,
we chose instead to seek dominance and bring about division.

We have betrayed each other and denied your image,
which is present in every person.

But you have sought us out again and again,
to reconcile us to one another and to you.

Therefore with our parents in faith, from every time and place,
we acknowledge the fullness of your witness to your world.

Holy are you, God of Grace, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Choosing to leave the shelter of heaven,
he comes to gather us into a new family.

Your Son Jesus came as a servant to wash away our pride
and feed us with the bread of life.

We praise you for inviting us to feast at his table as members of one household.

God of mystery: send your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and cup.

May this one bread nourish our bodies as well as the fullness of our lives.

May this cup wet our parched and silent throats
and quench our deep and yearning thirst.

Let this meal reshape our every meal,

so that the justice and mercy known here will become our way of life.

There is enough food for all, enough peace for all, enough love for all,
enough hope for all, enough grace for all.

In this truth and in this hope, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Until you appear again among us, we ask your Holy Spirit's presence and
guidance in a broken world grasping for wholeness.

(prayers of intercession)

May the church yearn to proclaim the good news of a world made new
and a mercy wider than imaginations can span.

Teach us to pray continually the prayer our Savior taught, saying:

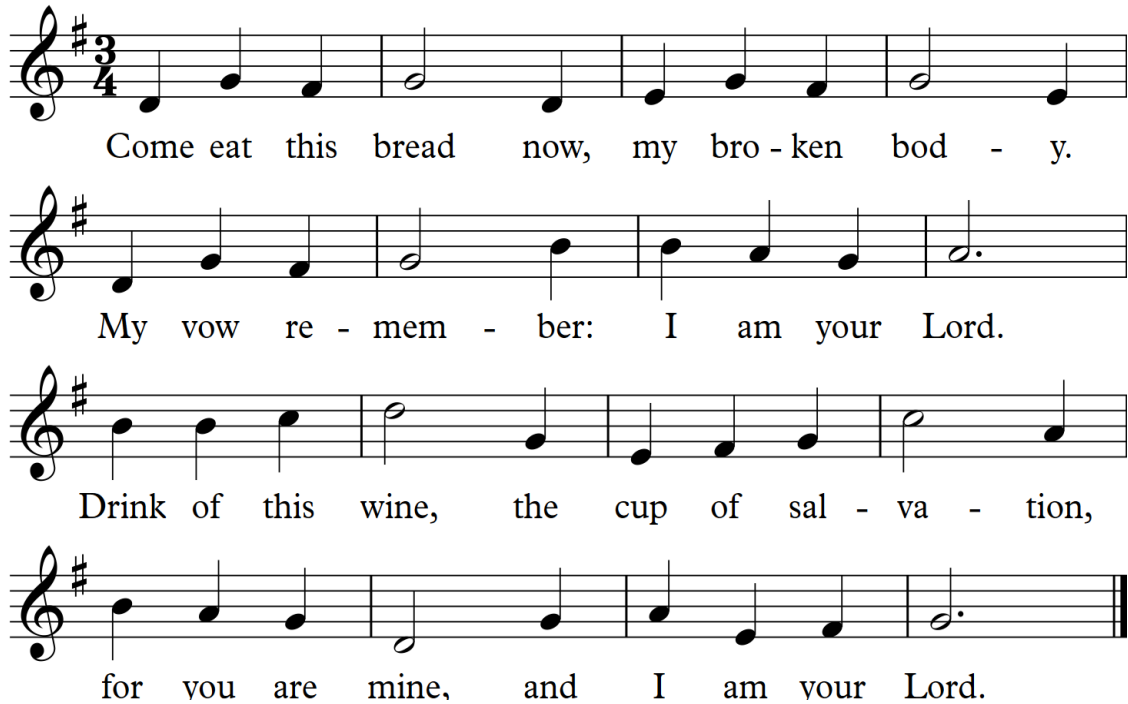
THE LORD'S PRAYER (video)

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Hymn No. 508, verse 2

Come to the Table

Come to the Table



Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.
My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.
Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,
for you are mine, and I am your Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mindy Douglas

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

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

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Compassionate God,
you have met us in these acts at this table.
We thank you that in this sacrament
we receive strength to walk
with all your children in peace,
and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love.
Amen.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all from now and forevermore. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 598

Amen, We Praise Your Name

Amen Siakudumisa

Leader *All*

Sing prais - es! A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
 Ma - si - thi! A-men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A-men, a - men.
 A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi! A - men, ba - wo.

A-men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
 A - men, ba - wo. A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

POSTLUDE


Amen, We Praise Your Name

South African,
 arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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 September 27th, 108 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Columbia. The Opening Prayer written by Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Zimbabwe; in Shona and English, an adaptation of "A Non-Traditional Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox. The Confession of Sin was written in Arabic by Jameel Maher Khadir, a Near East School of Theology student of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The Prayer of Illumination was written by Magdaléna Trgalová,



of Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren. Portions of *today's hymn texts and music* are reprinted from *Glory to God* (PCUSA hymnal) under Onelicense.net: A.713926.



Village of Wisdom

Who We Are

We support family organizing and advocacy entities working to eliminate racial injustice in schools. To this end we develop tools and resources that help parents, teachers, and students create ideal learning environments for Black and Brown learners.



Mission


Close the academic opportunity gap by protecting the intellectual curiosity and positive racial self-concept of Black children through the love and wisdom of their families and communities.

600 E. Umstead St., Durham, NC 27701
<https://www.villageofwisdom.org/>

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell**, **Pat Dillon**, and **Jay Klinck** 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.

Free copies of the **These Days** devotional booklet are now available at the church for the fourth quarter (October – December 2020) in regular and large print. Contact the church office (919-682-5511 or s.king@firstpres-durham.org) if you would like to pick up a copy or have one mailed to you.

October 4, 2020 4:00pm



*Worship Service and
Service of Installation*

Rev. L. British Hyrams
Presbyterian Campus Minister
at North Carolina Central University

****Link to register for virtual service/event.****
www.nhpresbytery.org/nccu-installation

First Presbyterian
Adult Faith
Formation



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As the election approaches, how does our faith inform our politics? Joe Harvard & Mac McCorkle will use the work of theologian Reinhold Niebuhr to explore the challenges and nuances of this political moment. Note: this class will occur at 4 pm on Sunday afternoons.

When Faith & Politics Meet: Niebuhr

Sundays, Oct. 11 - Nov. 8, 4 pm - Mac McCorkle & Joe Harvard

Love in the Heart of Durham

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For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Romans 12:4-5

Make or renew your sustaining gift today!

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Click [here](#) for more on this year's Stewardship Campaign!

[Make or renew your 2021 sustaining gift!](#)

~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

CONCERNS:

Karl Hanson, father of Laura Hanson, in ICU in Kansas following surgery

Jane Rourk, receiving care at the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

Margaret Sims, recovering at Hillcrest Convalescent Center

Richard Sims, father of Chris Sims

Jerry Walter, friend of FPC, following a heart transplant at Duke

Carol Wills

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Those displaced in California, Oregon, and Washington state because of wild fires

Care Communities:

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

Croasdaile 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



ORDER BY MONDAY noon (October 5) FOR FRIDAY October 16 DISTRIBUTION

John Fricks is taking orders for 1-lb bags of Café Justo (www.justcoffee.org). The beans will be roasted in Agua Prieta NEXT week (Thursday or Friday) and be at my house the FOLLOWING week.

John will distribute from his home, 3319 Pinafore Dr, near Durham Academy, or, if you wish, at the church volunteer office. Distribution at the church will be on Friday and Monday, during staff office hours (so that a staff person can open the door for you). Let John know what works best for

you. Just contact [John Fricks](mailto:John.Fricks@duke.edu) (or 919-490-0601).

Hint: Please avoid using the word “regular” in your order. It has too many meanings. Instead: specify how many bags (one-pound bags, freshly roasted, \$10 each), and specify the **process** (CAF or DECAF), the **grind** (WHOLE BEAN or GROUND), and the **roast** (MEDIUM or DARK).

- caf, whole bean, medium roast
- caf, whole bean, dark roast
- caf, ground, medium roast
- caf, ground, dark roast

- decaf, whole bean, medium roast
- decaf, whole bean, dark roast,
- decaf, ground, medium roast
- decaf, ground, dark roast

Café' Justo is an income security project launched with a grant from the Presbyterian Self Development of People fund. It is affiliated with Frontera de Cristo (www.facebook.com/fronteradecristo), a Presbyterian Border Ministry located in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona.

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

Donations 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

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 3:00pm and 5:00pm, 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 9:30am - 5:30pm, 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 7:00-9:00am
- Lunch bag shifts are every 3rd Monday and 4th Thursday, 9:30-10:30am
- 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

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate



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Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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