

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Minute for Music: Spring Concert

Kathy Parkins

**PRELUDE**

*O Day of Peace*

Robert Buckley Farlee

**\*INTROIT**

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

*Korean Melody*

*Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body, Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

*Come now, O God of life, make us one body, Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67:3)**

John Weicher

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

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

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 375**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

*Hanson Place*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Revelation 21:22-23; 22:1-5

(Pew Bible, NT Page 260)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Marilyn Hedgpeth, reader

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**PSALM LESSON** *(read responsively)*

Psalm 115:9-18

John Weicher

Leader: O Israel, trust in the Lord, who is your help and your shield.  
 People: **O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord, who is your help and your shield.**  
 Leader: You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord, who is your help and your shield.  
 People: **The Lord has been mindful of us, and will bless us;  
 the Lord will bless the house of Israel and the house of Aaron;**  
 Leader: Those who fear the Lord will be blessed, both small and great together.  
 People: **May the Lord increase you more and more, you and your children after you.**  
 Leader: May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.  
 People: **Heaven is the heaven of the Lord, but the earth God entrusted to its peoples.**  
 Leader: The dead do not praise the Lord, nor all those who go down into silence;  
 People: **But we will bless the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Hallelujah!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14:23-29

(Pew Bible, NT Page 109)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*“Exchanging Peace”*

Sam Miglarese

*(A moment for meditation.)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from Ephesians 2:11-22)

Cheryl Henry

**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 623**

*I've Got Peace like a River*

*Peace like a River*

**\*THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

*(As we pass the peace, signs of reconciliation may be expressed with a handshake or verbally, if desired).*

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

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

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Cherrie Henry

Commissioning of John Weicher for service to the greater church

*(Following “A Time with the Children,” children may join their parents in the pews or return to childcare.)*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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

Leader: There is no greater love than this:  
 People: **To lay down one’s life for one’s friends.**  
 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

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Offertory Anthem

*Look at the World*

John Rutter

*Look at the world: Everything all around us Look at the world: and marvel everyday*

*Look at the world: So many joys and wonders So many miracles along our way.*

Refrain: *Praise to thee O Lord for all creation Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share and every blessing all things come of thee.*

*Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain*

*Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river field and plain. (Refrain)*

*Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer Bringing the harvest before the winters cold*

*Everything grows, everything has a season, Till it is gathered to the Father's fold. (Refrain)*

*Every good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the Lord in token of his love*

*We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty His is the earth and his the heavens above. (Refrain)*

*All things come of thee.*

*(You are invited to come forward at this time with your Hunger for Change offering.)*

\*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!*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Diademata*

\*BENEDICTION

Sam Miglarese

\*POSTLUDE

*Sonata in C*

Don Ignazio Cirri

*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 May 19, we welcomed 11 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Jean Cary and George Danser* and in joyful celebration of our sons, *Matt and Andy Danser* on their 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

*Nursery care* for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship with their parents/guardians or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

*Worship bags and activity bulletins* are available in the foyer for children and youth. 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 *Feasting on the Word* and *Book of Common Worship*.

**Maxwell & Wang Spring Recital**  
**Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**

First Presbyterian member and cellist, *Ben Maxwell*, and pianist, *Jacob Wang*, are high school friends from UNC School of the Arts who have both continued to study music in college. They love playing together when they are home in NC and are excited to perform their first duo recital at First Presbyterian. They will play both the Boccherini and Brahms e minor cello sonatas along with some short but sweet favorites including Debussy's "Beau Soir," Dvořák's "Silent Woods," and Schubert's "Nacht und Träume." All are welcome to attend.

**FPC accepting applications for**  
**Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families position**

Our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is well underway with its work. We have published our Ministry Information form (MIF) on the official Presbyterian job site and are now accepting applications. If you would like to recommend candidates for this position, please direct them to our MIF (<https://tinyurl.com/APNC-Youth>) or share your thoughts with *Kim Abels*, APNC chair, by sending an email to: [apnc-youth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:apnc-youth@firstpres-durham.org).

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~ **Our Concerns** ~

**Added this week:**

*Doug Neece*, brother of Vernon Neece

*Larry Gray*, brother of Rena Pinnix (Rena was Carol Johnson's caregiver)

*Linda Jones* and *Eric Wright*, Walk-in Ministry clients

*Caroline Rourk*, preparing for hip replacement surgery

Traveling mercies for *Mindy Douglas* and *Tim O'Brien* during their sabbatical travels

**Recovering at Home:**

*Margaret Mubanga*

*Joseph Ngumi*

*Franzi Rokoske* (and her mother) *Carolyn and Jim Wolfe*

**Care Communities:**

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

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

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

**Family and Friends of the Congregation:**

*Fran Alwood*, mother of Jennie Alwood

*Ken Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss

*Camilla Crampton*, friend of Mal King

*Heath Huberg*, friend of Kathy Parkins

*Roger Kalthoff*, husband of Jane Williams

*Patrick Kimiti*, friend of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett in Kenya

*Charlie Ramos*, great-nephew of Nora Tubbs Tisdale

*Wayne Thompson*, colleague of Li-Chen Chin

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*Bob Warren*, father of Dawn Carsey





## **This train, bound for the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro NC, is FULL!**

All seats have been reserved for the August 3, 2019 trip. If you would like to be placed on the wait list for a future trip, please let **Cheryl Henry** know: [cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com) or 919-599-9406.



### **The Hunger for Change Offering**

First Presbyterian has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, and collect food for the congregation at Iglesia Emanuel and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering 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 is 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 an application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel are frequent recipients.

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 today.

# FREE COMMUNITY FREE CONCERT

## THE FAURÉ REQUIEM

“Cantique de Jean Racine”  
and works by **John Rutter**  
at First Presbyterian Church

PRESENTED BY THE CHOIRS OF:  
ST PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
& FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WITH ORCHESTRA AND ORGAN

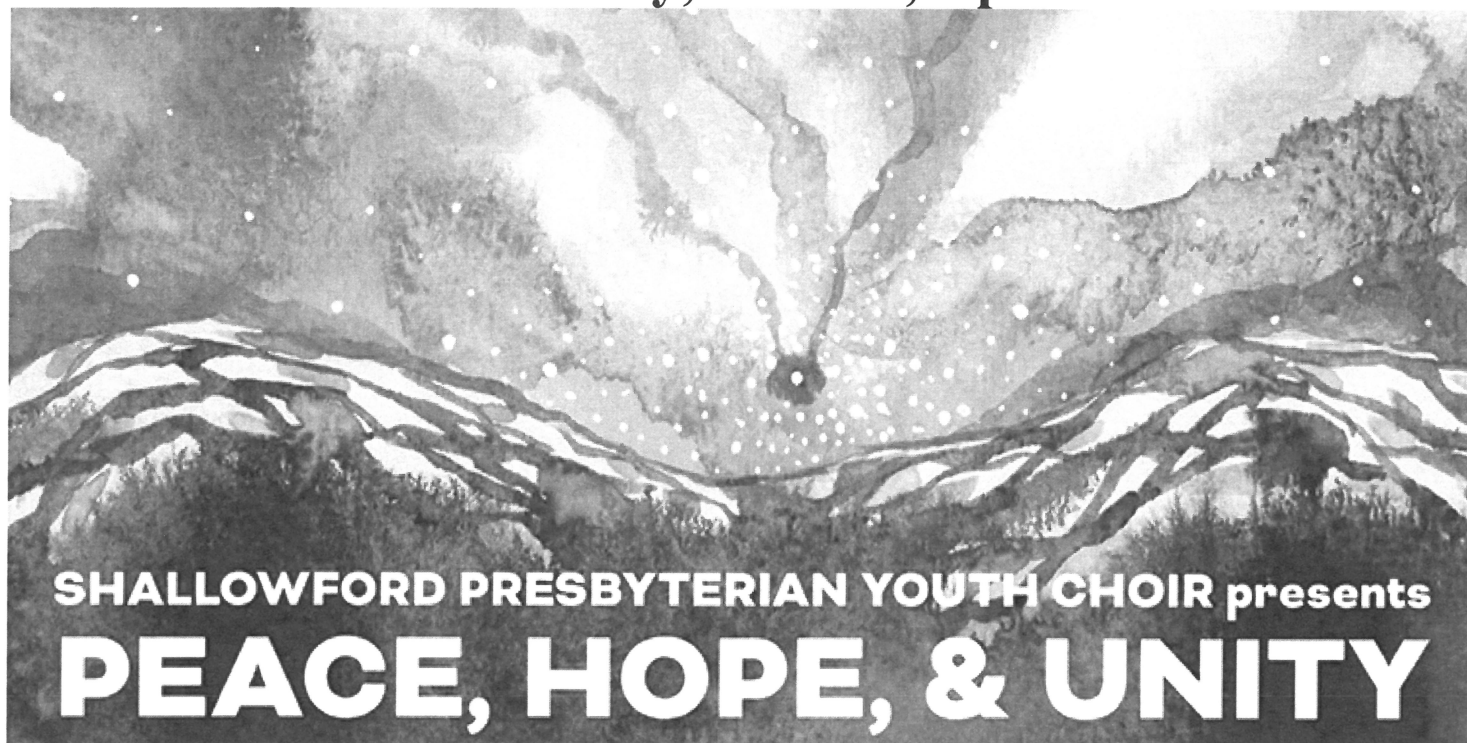
SATURDAY—June 1—AT 3 PM

[FIRSTPRES-DURHAM.ORG/FAURE-CONCERT/](http://FIRSTPRES-DURHAM.ORG/FAURE-CONCERT/)

The joint choirs of St. Philip's Episcopal and First Presbyterian churches of Durham will present a Spring Concert featuring the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, one of the most beautiful and beloved works in the choral repertoire. The concert, accompanied by orchestra and organ, will also include anthems by John Rutter. The concert is free and open to the public and is made possible by a gift from the *Horst and Ruth Mary Meyer Fund for Music and Gardens*. Please come and invite your friends.

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CORNER OF ROXBORO AND MAIN STREETS  
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Free Concert at First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC  
**Thursday, June 13, 7 pm**



**This vibrant Youth Choir from Atlanta is touring sites in the Southeast  
Beautiful, uplifting music by students in grades 6 – 12  
Not to be missed! Bring your friends!**

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**SAVE THESE JUNE DATES . . .**

**Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day Celebration**

You are invited to “Dine with Dad” at FPC following worship. A special menu is planned with dads in mind. Make a reservation for your family by completing the meal reservation slip in today’s bulletin and placing it in the offering plate, or respond to the EVITE. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

**Sunday, June 30 – Myrtlefest Fellowship Event!**

**11:00 a.m. Worship with an old-fashioned hymn sing  
followed by a picnic under our crepe myrtles**

Beginning next Sunday, June 2, you will be invited to submit the name of one or two of your favorite hymns, which we hope to include as part of a hymn sing in worship on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Following worship, we will fellowship over a picnic potluck lunch and enjoy more music by a mandolin player. A main meat and beverages will be provided by the church. Plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship under our beautiful crepe myrtles!

# 375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



## Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.



# 623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a  
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a  
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

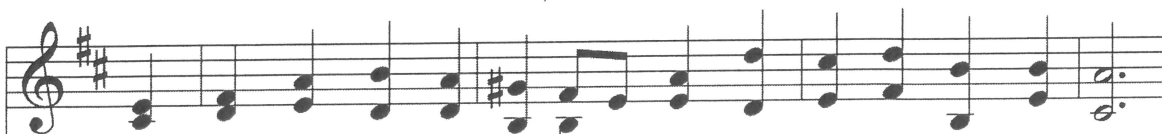
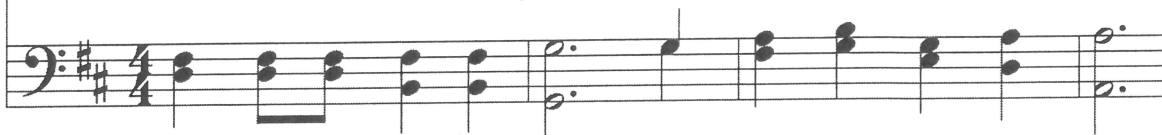
riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my  
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my  
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.



~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: *Marilyn Hedgpeth, John Weicher*

Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*

Ushers *John Mozart* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Julie Whiddon* (counting)

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship</b> Prayer Shawl Group (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>No Evening Youth Groups</p>	<p align="center"><b>Monday, May 27</b></p>  <p align="center"><b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i></p> <p align="center"><b>The Church Office is closed.</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday, May 28</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Newsletter today!</b></p> <p align="center"><b>8:00 – 8:45 AM</b> High School Youth Midweek Morning Meal (at Starbucks)</p> <p align="center"><b>11:30 AM</b> Daytimers' Luncheon (at Bennett Pointe Grill)</p> <p align="center"><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p align="center"><b>2:30 PM</b> Program Staff</p> <p align="center"><b>7:00 PM</b> Maxwell / Wang Cello and Piano Recital</p>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday, May 29</b></p> <p align="center"><b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b> Winesday Fellowship (at the Durham Co-op)</p> <p align="center"><b>5:00 PM</b> Bell Choir</p> <p align="center"><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p align="center"><b>Thursday, May 30</b></p> <p align="center"><b>6:30 PM</b> Families Moving Forward Circle of Support Volunteers (East Parlor)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Friday, May 31</b></p> <p align="center"><b>8:00 AM</b> FPC Men of Faith Breakfast / Conversation (at Nosh's Café)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, June 1</b></p> <p align="center"><b>3:00 PM</b> Community Concert (Fauré's Requiem) by the choirs of FPC and St. Philip's Episcopal Church</p>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday, June 2</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p align="center"><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School End-of-Year Celebration and Teacher Appreciation</p> <p align="center"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship with the Ordination and Installation of Officers, Teacher Appreciation, and Recognition of Graduates</p> <p align="center"><b>After Worship:</b> Membership Committee (East Parlor)</p> <p align="center"><b>2:00 PM</b> The Forest at Duke Worship with Communion</p>

### CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Vernon Cooper*, Administrative Support  
*Robert Daye*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor (on sabbatical)  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Marilyn Hedgpeth*, Associate Pastor



*Cheryl Henry*, Parish Associate  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

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