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First Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Stewardship

Will, Leslie and Laura McDow

PRELUDE

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Benjamin Culli

*INTROIT

“Jubilate Deo”

Trad. round

Sung by the Alleluia Children’s Choir under the direction of Brennetta Simpson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91)

Sam Miglarese

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

People: **Will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

Leader: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

People: **He will cover you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who
hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that
oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY (sung)

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us sing the Collect in unison, two times through.

Hymn No. 455

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Listen



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

* Those who are able, please stand.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (Pew Bible, OT Page 736)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (Pew Bible, NT Page 210)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SONG *Do, Lord, O Do Remember Me* Trad. Spiritual

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:19-31 (Pew Bible, NT Page 79)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “*Crossing Chasms*” Mindy Douglas
(*Silent reflection*)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from Romans 8*) John Weicher
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN NO.716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* *Beach Spring*

***THE PEACE** John Weicher
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
During the passing of the peace, children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for “A Time with the Children.”

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

My God Is There (sung by Alleluia Children’s Choir) Joseph M. Martin
(Following “A Time with Children,” children may return to the playroom or join their parents and siblings as they go back to their seats.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE MAORI LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: For God will command the angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
People: **On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**
Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

All: **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too**

great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Anthem

Awake My Heart

*Awake, my heart, and render to God our sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.*

Marilyn Hedgpeth
Jane M. Marshall

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

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

All: **God who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with everything, use these, our offerings, to take hold of and show us the life that really is. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

D. Buxtehude

*Stewardship packets are being distributed in the foyer following worship today.
You are also invited to Watts-Hill Hall for a free lunch and to hear a presentation
from the Stewardship Committee about our 2020 campaign.*

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 September 22, we welcomed 24 visitors to worship.

The **flowers** today are given by **Mal King** to the glory of God and in loving memory of his parents, **Malvern F. King, Sr.** and **Margareid McDonald King**.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. 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. 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* (2018). The Maori Lord's Prayer was reprinted from *New Zealand Prayer Book* (1989).

Copies of recent sermons are available from the table in the foyer and online via the church's website.

These Days devotional books for October – December 2019 are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex, while supplies last. Copies are free and available in large and regular print.

The *Bible* that has sat prominently on our lectern for more than 20 years is in dire need of repair, with a broken spine and a loose cover. It is now in the hands of a local Durham bookbinder, who expects to return it to us, stronger and more beautiful, in November.

~ **Serving Today** ~

Liturgist: *Michael Honeycutt*

Greeter: *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*

After Worship Greeters: *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* (rear/narthex), *Michael Honeycutt* (side/font)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Mary-Jo Keenan* (counter), *Miriam Morey*, *John Mozart*, *El Hess*,

~ **Our Concerns** ~

Added this week:

Jodi Koviach, friend of Amy Cummings

Laura McNab, recovering from the flu

Joseph Ngumi, a patient at Duke Hospital

Home:

Chuck Barenchi

Margaret Mubanga

Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

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

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*

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

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

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Treyburn Rehab & Nursing Center: *Paul Cornsweet*

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Ralph Edwards, grandfather of Amy Wilson

Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins

Frances H. Kennedy, mother of Emily Wilkins

Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece

Jeannine Romines, mother of Karen Romines

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

Renee Zimmerman, friend of Emily Wilkins



Help hurricane victims in recovery efforts using information from the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** website: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/>. The PDA account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to enable a significant response for relief and recovery from hurricanes and typhoons in the United States and internationally.

Church World Service is also providing relief and recovery to hurricane victims. Their information is available from the tables in the foyer and narthex.



October Happenings

- Sunday, October 6** **World Communion Sunday:** Wear something representing your nation or ethnic group. Bring your 2019 Peace and Global Witness Offering. Note: 25% of our offering will support Tomorrow's Youth Organization in Nablus, West Bank.
- Friday, October 11** **Mallarme Chamber Players, 7:30-9:30 p.m. FPC sanctuary**
Low & Lower, Brooks Whitehouse – cello and Paul Sharpe – bass, America's #1 selling cello/bass duo celebrates its popular mashup of comedy, virtuosity and satire with a new show, *A Series of Unfortunate Musical Events*. Ticket required.
- Sunday, October 13** **Dorothy Burns Graham Playground Dedication** (*Respond to the invitation/EVITE*)
Following worship, a naming ceremony and reception will be held on our playground (weather permitting) or in Watts-Hill Hall.
- Friday, October 18 -
Sunday, October 20** **Racial Equity Task Force trip to Montgomery, Alabama**
Trip includes a tour of The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and a visit to The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration exhibit.
Contact Eric Wiebe or Kathy Conner for seat availability and lodging details.
- Sunday, October 20** **Children's Sabbath: third & fourth graders will receive Bibles during worship**
Following worship, **Congregational Meeting** with lunch provided to discuss the proposed Long Range Plan for FPC.
- Sunday, October 27** **Reformation Sunday / Stewardship Sunday (Pledges dedication) during worship**
Movie: "Resilience" viewing in Watts-Hill Hall, 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a discussion over supper. Donation for the meal: \$8 per person / \$24 family.

Orange County Health Equity Council sponsors Free Groundwater Workshop!

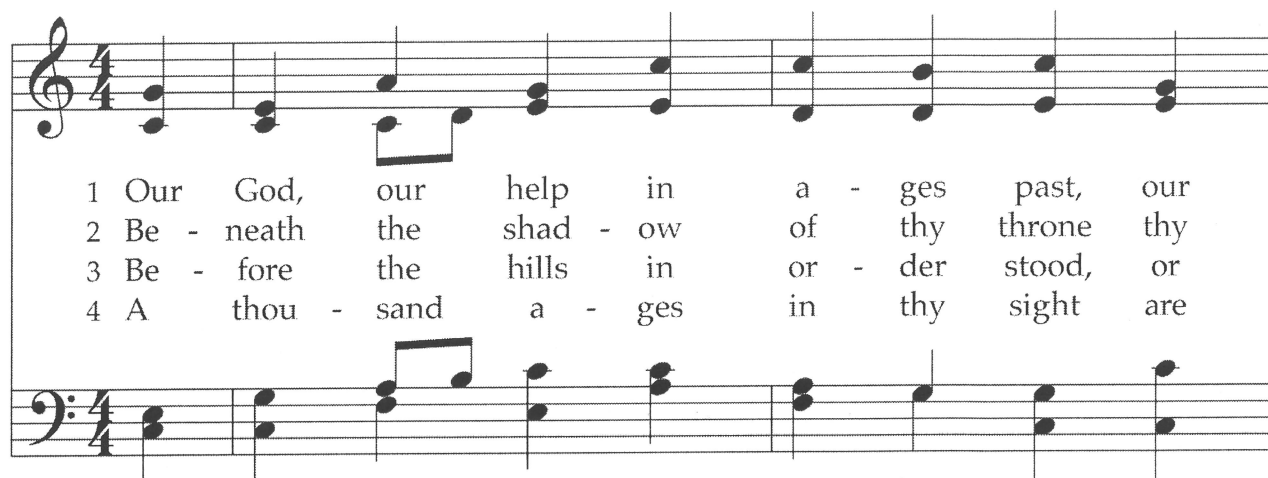
You are invited to a Groundwater Presentation with the Racial Equity Institute (REI) on **Thursday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the Whitted Building in Hillsborough at 300 W. Tryon Street.** The presentation is free but space is limited. You must register online to reserve a seat:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/groundwater-presentation-tickets-73027425997?aff=affiliate1>

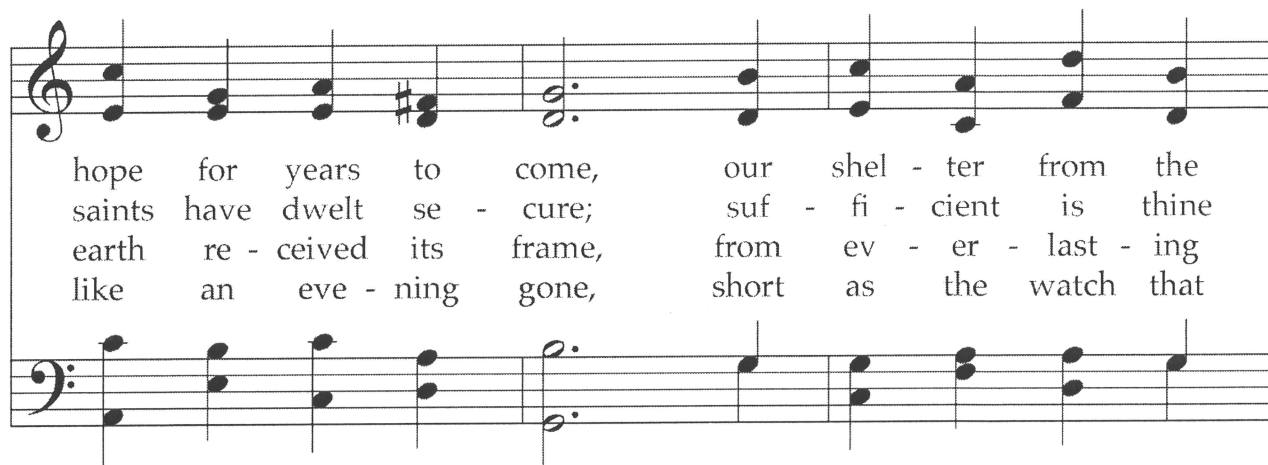
A typical Groundwater Presentation is a three-hour introduction to Racial Equity. In this lively and participatory presentation, REI organizers will use stories and data to present a perspective that racism is fundamentally structural in nature. By examining characteristics of modern-day racial inequity, the presentation introduces participants to an analysis that most find immediately helpful and relevant. The Groundwater Presentation dovetails with REI's Phase 1 workshop and is recommended as an introduction or follow-up to a full two-day workshop. The Groundwater metaphor is designed to illustrate the reality that we live in a racially structured society, and that is what causes racial inequity.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
 F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
 B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

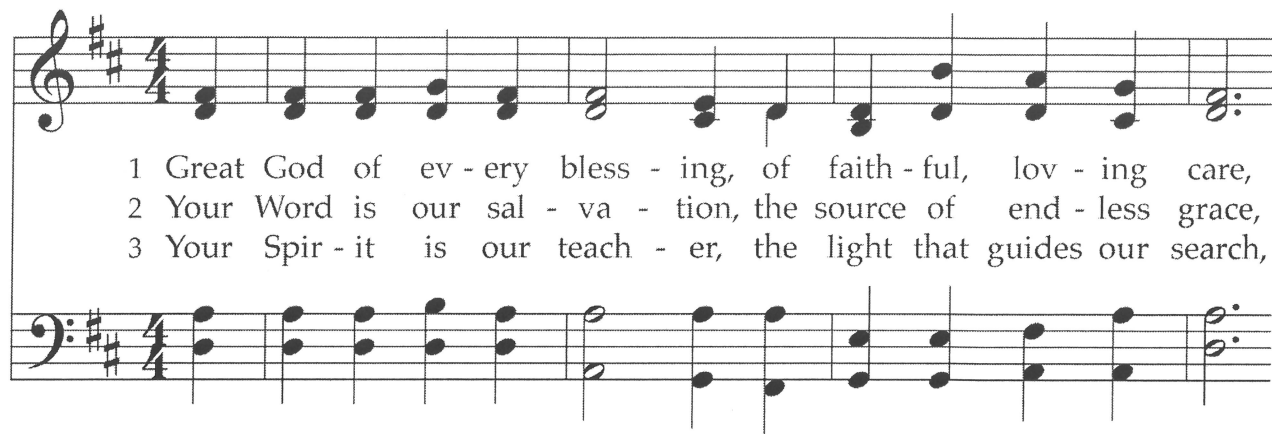
(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

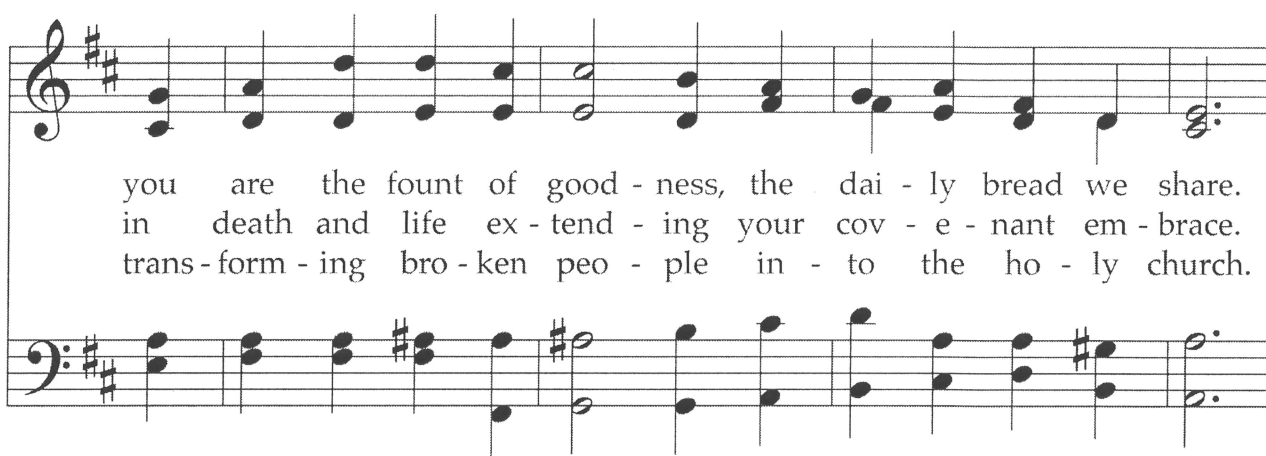
(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

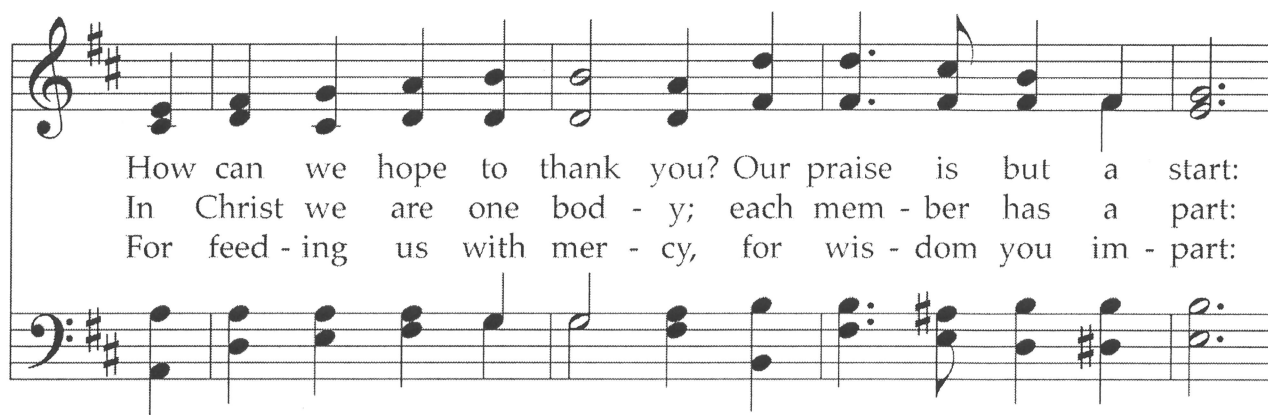
694 Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.




How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

This Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship Stewardship Season Kickoff Luncheon and packet distribution</p> <p>4:30 – 6:00 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p>5:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir Book Study: <i>Holy Envy</i></p> <p>6:00 – 6:30 PM Youth Groups Dinner</p> <p>6:30 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>	<p>Monday, September 30</p> <p>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p> <p>7:00 PM Slide Show on The Arctic by David & Judy Smith (in Watts-Hill Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 1</p> <p>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Church Office Hours</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>Newsletter Today</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 2</p> <p>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Church Office Hours</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, October 3</p> <p>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p>	<p>Friday, October 4</p> <p>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Church Office Hours</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 4 – 6 Presbytery Retreat for Middle School Youth</p>		<p>Sunday, October 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WORLD  COMMUNION</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship with Communion (Ordination and Installation of New Officers – makeup session)</p> <p>After Worship: Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>2:00 PM Forest at Duke Worship with Communion</p> <p>No Middle School Youth Group</p> <p>5:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir Book Study: <i>Holy Envy</i></p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>

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