



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 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

Michael and Maxie Honeycutt

PRELUDE (Handbell Choir)

“Rhosymedre”

Welsh Hymn Tune

INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

Trad. round

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth! Make a loud noise and rejoice! Sing praises!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

People: **Sing the glory of God’s name; give to God glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

People: **All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name.”**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have hidden our light
and failed to share the love of Christ.**

**We have walked away from the people Jesus came to serve,
from the cities and towns where he carried out his ministry.**

**We have deemed our church an escape from our city,
rather than a sanctuary for it.**

**We have deemed ourselves your chosen people
but forsaken the ministry of reconciliation.**

**In your infinite mercy, forgive us our sins
and set us on the path of true righteousness,**

**that we may find the joy of our salvation
as we seek the welfare of the world around us.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amy Wilson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Ever-loving God, whose Word is life, and whose touch brings healing and salvation,
make your Word real to us now. Speak your presence in our hearts and lives, that we
may know the reality of your grace, and bear it to others in your name. Amen.**

* Those who are able, please stand.

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 2:8-15 (Pew Bible, NT Page 212)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19 (Pew Bible, NT Page 80)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (Pew Bible, OT Page 731)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “*Seeking Peace in the City*” Mindy Douglas
(*Silent reflection*)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Confession of 1967*) Sam Miglarese
The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

***HYMN** (see page 6) *What Makes a City Great and Strong?* Melita

***THE PEACE** Marilyn Hedgpeth
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 Mindy Douglas
(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 John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Leader: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
People: **Nor withheld unfailing love from me.** (from Psalm 66:20)
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 John Weicher
Offertory Anthem *Glory Be to God* William Boyce
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward all.

*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!*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of heaven and earth, in your word you have given us a vision of that holy city to which the nations of the world bring their glory. Look upon and visit the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard that form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Help us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that all people from various cultures and with differing talents may find, with one another, the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 351**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Charlestown

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Ein' Feste Burg

Pachelbel

Following worship, the playground will be dedicated and named in honor of Dorothy Graham.

Please join us for the ceremony and reception that follows.

Today is your last chance to add a block to Marilyn's retirement quilt. Please stop by the table in the foyer. Supplies provided; bring your own creativity. Contact Dawn Carsey for more information.

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 6, we welcomed 21 visitors to worship.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God by **Chuck and Linda Barenchi**.

Special thanks to Gordon Campbell for serving as organist today while Kathy Parkins is away attending a funeral.

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 *Book of Common Worship* (1993 and 2018), *Liturgies for the Journey of Life*, and *Feasting on the Word*.

Copies of recent sermons are available from the table in the foyer and online at 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.



Caregiver Support Group

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First Presbyterian Church

Wilson Parlor
305 E Main Street
Durham, NC 27701

**Monthly, Second Sunday
at 2:00pm**

What is a Support group?

Safe place for caregivers to:

- Develop a support system
- Exchange information on challenges and possible solutions
- Talk through issues
- Talk about ways of coping
- Share feelings, needs, and concerns
- Learn about community resources

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT:

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~ Our Concerns ~

Home:

<i>Chuck Barenchi</i>	<i>Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett</i>
<i>Barbara Gerwe</i>	<i>Joseph Ngumi</i>
<i>Margaret Mubanga</i>	<i>Carolyn and Jim Wolfe</i>

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

Jodi Koviach, friend of Amy Cummings
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



Sunday, October 20 - Children's Sabbath

Third and fourth graders will receive Bible books during worship.

Following worship, all invited to Watts-Hill Hall for our monthly fellowship lunch.

Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

After lunch, we will reconvene in the sanctuary for a Congregational Meeting, at which time we will receive the 2018-2019 Annual Report and hear a presentation on the Long-Range Planning Team Report. Following the sanctuary presentation, you will be invited to divide into small groups, led by planning team members, to further discuss the priorities and goals of FPC as we look to our future together in the city of Durham.

(Note: this Monday, October 14, both reports will be sent by email to the congregation. Hard copies may be requested by calling the church office.) A limited number of hard copies will be available at the October 20th meeting.)

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday / Stewardship Sunday

Pledges will be dedicated and new members will be introduced during worship.

Dinner and Documentary Viewing and Discussion

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Childcare will be available upon request. There is no cost for the meal.

Our friends from Covenant Presbyterian have been invited to join us.

Resilience, the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope

Through shared testimonials and research, James Redford's documentary "Resilience" opens eyes to the toxicity of stress in the lives of children and youth, and the antidote of building strong relationships to counter that stress. It presents big questions that are creeping into multiple fields of work and society around issues of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, lower life expectancy and increasing incidence of heart disease and cancer that are afflicting our children and youth. While this sounds dire, the film emits positive energy as to how we might unite to combat these Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's, as they are called). First Presbyterian Church has been invited by Prevent Child Abuse NC to take part in a pilot program aimed at reaching out to faith communities to increase awareness of situations that lead to ACE's, and also to be part of the solution in building connections that foster resilience in children and youth. **Please make a meal reservation by responding to the EVITE or completing the MEAL RESERVATION card** in today's bulletin. All are welcome to join us. An accurate head count is needed for the meal. Our own Sharon Hirsch is the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse, NC, and the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring the Dinner and Documentary.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Amy Wilson*

Greeters: *Maxie Honeycutt, El Hess*

After Worship Greeters: *Tom Bacon* (rear/narthex), *Wendy McCorkle* (side/font)

Ushers: *John Mozart* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Katy Barron* (counter), *Julie Whiddon*

What Makes a City Great and Strong?

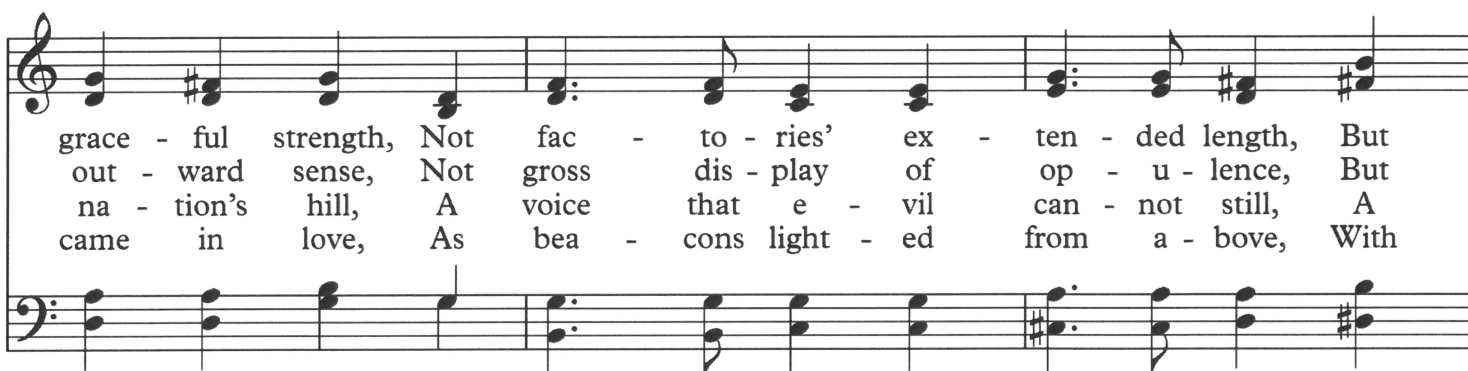
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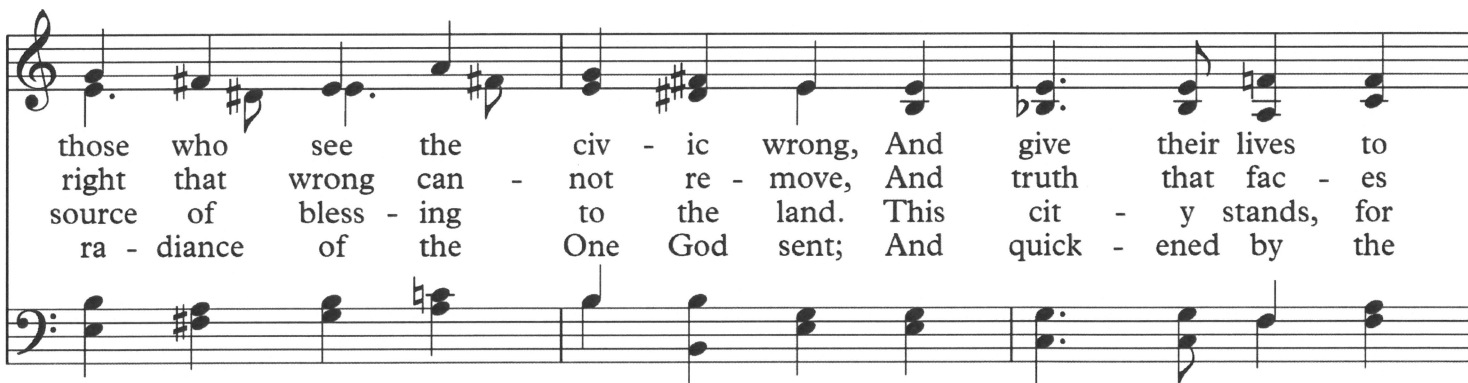
MELITA



1. What makes a cit - y great and strong? Not ar - chi - tec - ture's
2. What makes a cit - y all can love? Not things that charm the
3. This is a cit - y that shall stand, A light up - on a
4. A cit - y warm with our in - tent to serve the Christ who



grace - ful strength, Not fac - to - ries' ex - ten - ded length, But
out - ward sense, Not gross dis - play of op - u - lence, But
na - tion's hill, A voice that e - vil can - not still, A
came in love, As bea - cons light - ed from a - bove, With

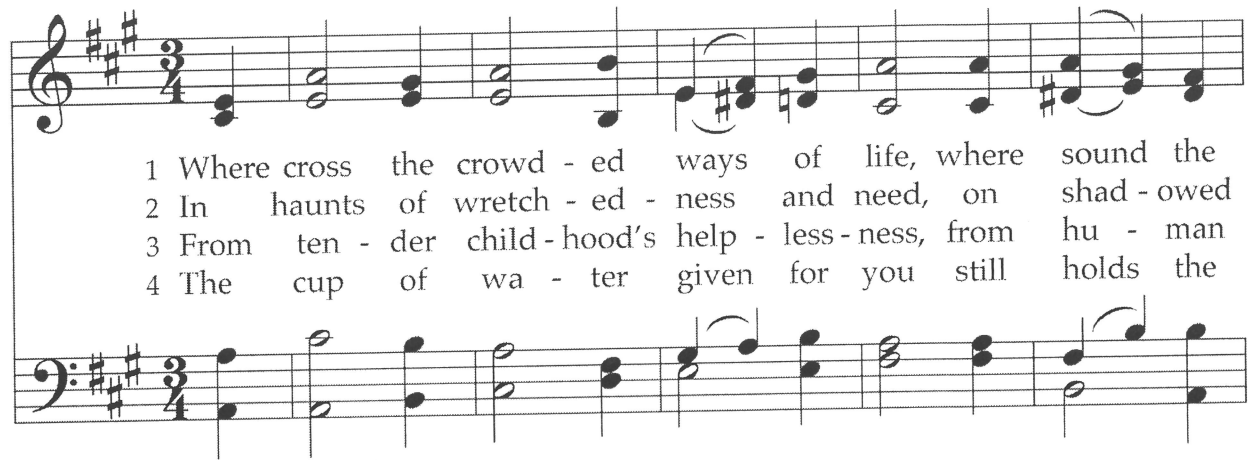


those who see the civ - ic wrong, And give their lives to
right that wrong can - not re - move, And truth that fac - es
source of bless - ing to the land. This cit - y stands, for
ra - diance of the One God sent; And quick - ened by the

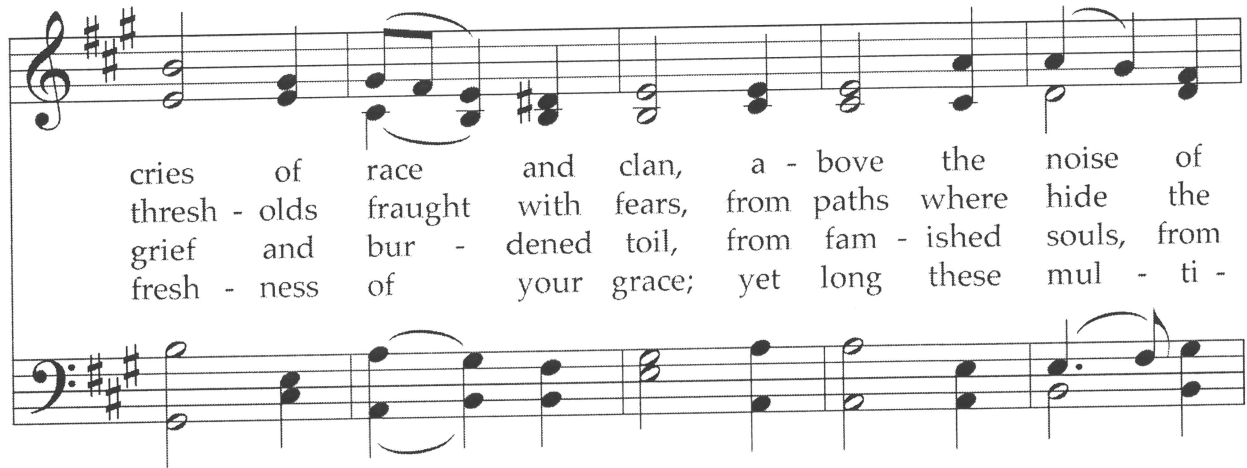


make it right, And turn its dark - ness in - to light.
civ - ic shame To ban - ish it in hon - or's name.
all to see, With jus - tice, love, and equ - i - ty.
Spir - it's power We serve God in this place and hour.

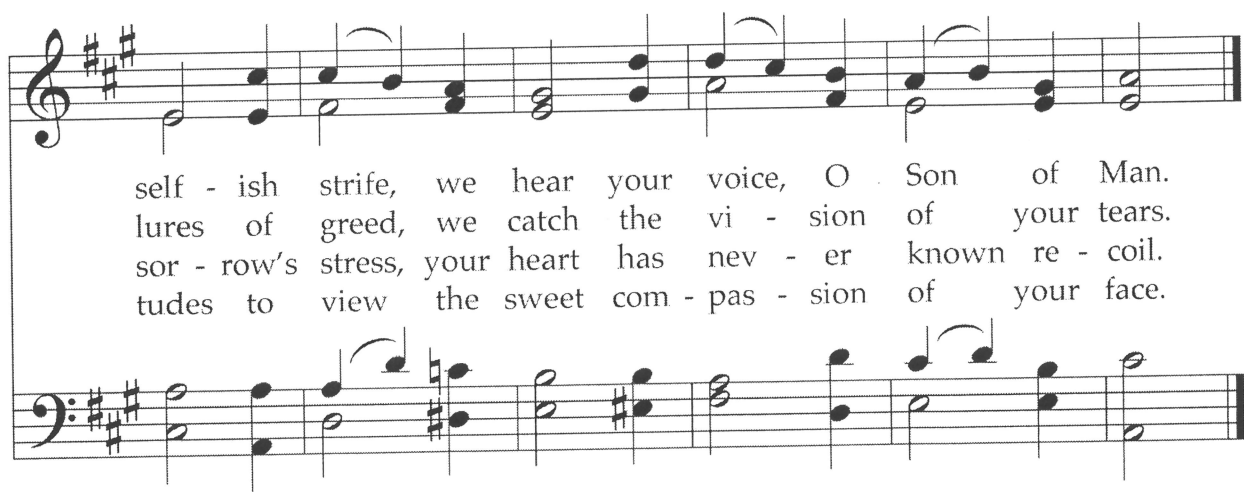
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

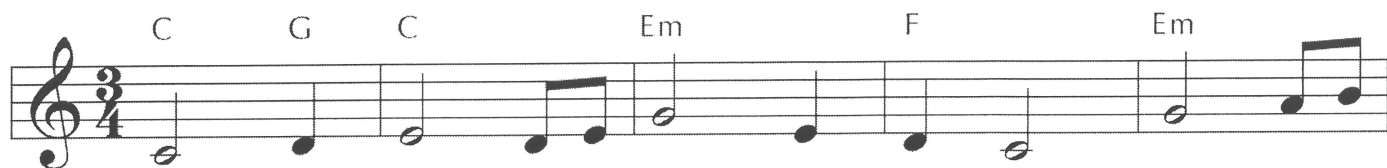


self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

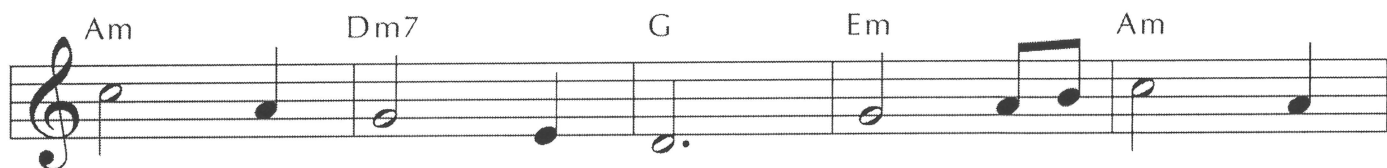
5 O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

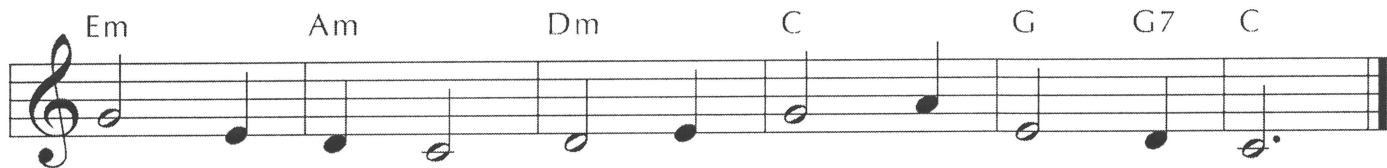
All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

This Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship Playground Dedication with reception</p> <p>2:00 PM Support Group for Alzheimer's Caregivers / Shape Note Choir</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</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>	<p>Monday, October 14</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p> <p>5:00 PM Time Out Radio Show interviews Joe Harvard and John Friedman (Listen live at FM 103.5 or online: wcomfm.org)</p> <p>6:00 PM Christian Education Property</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship & the Arts</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 15</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>Newsletter today!</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 16</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 PM Winesday Fellowship at the Durham Co-op</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, October 17</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p>	<p>Friday, October 18</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministry's Community Café</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday - Sunday, October 18-20 Racial Equity Task Force Trip to Montgomery, Alabama</p>	<p>Saturday, October 19</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir (practice at Covenant PC)</p>	<p>Sunday, October 20 <i>National Children's Sabbath</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Children's Choir at Covenant PC</p>  <p>11:00 AM Worship (New members introduced)</p> <p>After Worship: Congregational Lunch Congregational Meeting</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle Schoolers at Farm Church</p> <p>5:00 PM Book Study: <i>Holy Envy</i></p> <p>No High School Youth Group</p>

Today's **bulletin cover image** is from a wall mural inspired by Jeremiah 29:4-14. It was retrieved from https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/sancarlosmc/images/thumbs/blogs/10_14_cover.jpg on October 13, 2019.

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