

"No Words" – Sieger Koder

First Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2, 2020

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

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS John Weicher

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Malcolm Archer

***INTROIT** *Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place* *St. Columba*
*Come, Host of heaven's high dwelling place, come earth's disputed guest:
Find in this house a welcome home, stay here and take your rest.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Micah 6:6-8) Susan Dunlap
Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
People: **Shall I come before the Lord with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?**
Leader: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
People: **Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**
Leader: God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
All: **And what does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* *Laudes Domini*

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing) Susan Dunlap
Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We demand signs and desire wisdom, yet the cross of Christ is all we need. We boast about our strengths; yet the weakness of Christ has saved us. Forgive us; give us grace. Teach us what is truly wise and good and blessed: to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength. As we learn to do justice and to love mercy, may your rule come as blessing. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible, NT Page 4)

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

*Those who are able, please stand.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

(Pew Bible, NT Page 166)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Folly of the Cross”

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)*

(From A Declaration of Faith)

Susan Dunlap

We believe that at the Lord’s Supper the community of believers is renewed by the memory of Christ’s life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again. Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread. He offers us his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours. In turn, we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death. So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

***HYMN NO. 213**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

***THE PEACE**

(Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired). 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

Lenore Champion

(Following “A Time with the Children,” children may return to childcare or join their parents and siblings as they go back to their seats.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

The Beatitudes

James Biery

*Lift up your hearts, you poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is yours;
And blest are you, bent in two with mourning, God’s comfort sustains you through all.
Be still with gentle, quiet meekness, the plenty of earth will be yours;
And blest are you, filled with aching hunger, the satisfied heart will be yours.
With joyfulness show love and mercy, the mercy of God will be yours;
And blest are you, pure of heart and selfless, the vision of God will be yours.
Work tirelessly for peace and justice, as Children of God you’ll be known;
And blest are you, who are persecuted, the kingdom of heaven is yours.
Rejoice, be glad, be joyful people, the kingdom of heaven is yours;
So blest are you - hear the words of Jesus: The kingdom of heaven is yours!*

***Doxology**

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!***

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

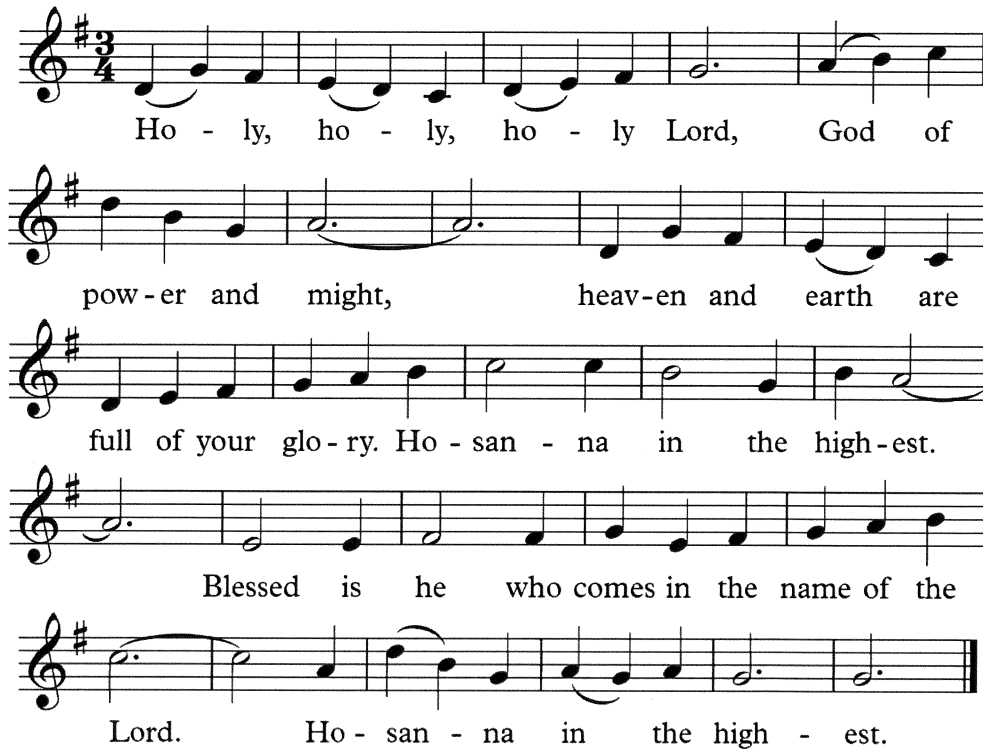
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord and God, for you have been everything you call us to be. You have been pure in heart, for you called Israel to be your people in whom all would find a blessing. You have been merciful, for in your tender mercy you made the dawn from on high to break upon your people; to guide us in the ways of peace. You have been a peacemaker, for in Jesus you broke down the dividing wall of hostility. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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: God our companion, in Jesus you comfort those who mourn and replenish those who hunger and thirst. Fill your people now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



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

Leader: God of glory, you promise that the meek will inherit the earth, and that to the poor in spirit belongs the kingdom of heaven. Visit now those who are persecuted for your righteousness and reviled on account of your name. Shape your church to reflect the image of those you call blessed, and lead all whom you call blessed to find a home in your church, that the church may be full of your prophets, and your prophets may be full of your grace, until all tongues cease and tears are shed no more, in the presence and communion of your Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

John Weicher, Mindy Douglas

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We celebrate communion by intinction, coming forward to dip the bread into the cup. Ushers will direct you to stations at the front of the sanctuary. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and remember God's greatest gift as you return by the side aisles to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and an elder will bring the elements to you in the pew. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Communion Hymn (all sing)

Eat This Bread

Berthier

"Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."
drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Communion Hymn (sung by choir)

Nunc Dimittis

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mindy Douglas

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

People: **Amen.**

All: **Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 536**

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Surge Ecclesia

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Fantasy in G

J. S. Bach

Souper Bowl Fundraiser today!

Members of the Christian Education and Service & Mission committees will be in the foyer after worship to offer dry bean soup packets in exchange for a donation to benefit the **Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC**. We only have 76 packets, so get them while they are dry!

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 Sunday, January 26, we welcomed 21 visitors to our worship service.

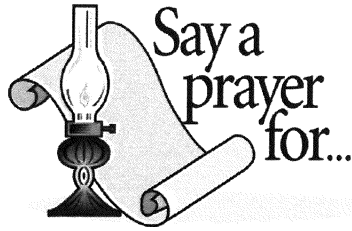
The *flowers* are given by *Laurie Ray* to the glory of God for the blessing of family. Honoring *Cynthia Mitchell, James Perry, Tina and Joe Ray* who rooted and ground Laurie still.

The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated: From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that, by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way. Of course, you may always choose to pray in the words closest to your heart, be those words debts or trespasses.

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 younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from *Call to Worship, Book of Common Worship* (2018), *Eucharistic Prayers*, and *The Hymnbook* (PCUSA, 1955).



Added this week: *Phyllis Verhey*, recovering from a fall

Paul Cornsweet, recovering at Treyburn Rehabilitation Center, Durham

Sara Radtke, recovering from hip surgery

Jim Robins, in hospice care in Raleigh

Judy Wood, mother of Sharon Hirsch, recovering from surgery

Margaret Mubanga

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*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: *Jean Lazarides*

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

Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: *Phillip Herndon*

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, companion of Mal King

Carley and Jon Meade, family of Bruce, Ellie, Kristin, and Dayton Meade

Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Cris Rivera*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Tom Bacon* (side door); *Luke Everett* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *John Mozart* (head), *Emily Wilkins, Bob Pleasants* (counter), *El Hess, Christy Gudiatis*

Communion Head Elder/replenish elements: *Luke Everett*

Bread: *Andy Henry* (B1/process), *Chris Brown* (B2), *Jane Williams* (B3), *Brent Curtis* (B4)

Cup: *Lenore Champion* (C1), *Sharon Hirsch* (C2/process), *Dawn Carsey* (C3), *Alice Raney* (C4)

Shepherds: *Jane Wettach* (font aisle), *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* (center aisle), *Cris Rivera* (pulpit aisle)

Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground Exhibit

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

6:00 p.m. Open House and Vigil at FPC (Watts-Hill Hall)

Sharing, Naming, and Healing is an open house event at FPC that will conclude with a vigil of Durham residents sharing their own stories of their housing experiences in Durham, community responses, and prayers of lament and hope for communal healing and justice.

CONCERT: *We ♥ Bach ... with the HIP Festival Orchestra*

Friday, February 14, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Celebrate Valentine's Day with early music expert and gambist/cellist Jaap ter Linden as he guides the HIP (Historically Informed Performance) Festival Orchestra (members of the NC Baroque Orchestra and Mallarmé HIP) in the most revered music in the Baroque repertoire – the Brandenburg Concerti. This is a ticketed event. Tickets available online at: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=109464>. HIPster pass holders have free admission. A few complimentary tickets are available from Kathy Parkins: k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org or 919-451-5300.

FPC HOSTING LUNCH & LEARN MISSION EVENT

Wednesday, February 19 from 12 noon – 2:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Durham (Watts-Hill Hall)

PC(USA) mission co-worker **Leisa Wagstaff** has returned to her native North Carolina for a few months on interpretation assignment and while here has been sharing about her 30+ years of ministry and life with our ministry partners in Lesotho, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, and South Sudan. Wagstaff will talk about her work with educators in war-torn South Sudan, which is predominately Christian. Sudan, to the north, is predominately Sunni Muslim. **Bring a bag lunch or order a box lunch (Call FPC at 919-682-5511 by February 16).** Lemonade and water provided by the church.

COLLABORATIVE CONCERT

Choral Society of Durham Chamber Choir with NC Central University Choir

Friday, February 21, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

Rodney Wynkoop and Roberta Laws, conductors

Performance: *Together We Dream – Spirituals, hymns and inspirational music*

Free admission – open to the public!

GINGER JONES-ROBINSON VOICE RECITAL

Saturday, February 22, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

**Join Ginger Jones-Robinson and Alan Rudell for an afternoon of art songs
and spiritual arrangements by African-American composers.**

Ginger Jones-Robinson, soprano, originally from Garner, NC, earned her Bachelor of Music Degree at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and her Master of Music Degree from the University of South Carolina. She is currently pursuing the Doctorate of Musical Arts at USC. Accompanying Ginger will be Alan Rudell who holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of South Carolina. Prior to his appointment at Allen University, Alan served on the faculties of Presbyterian College and South Carolina State University. In addition to an active performing career, he is engaged in research projects on music of 20th century African- American composers. The recital is free and open to the public.

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

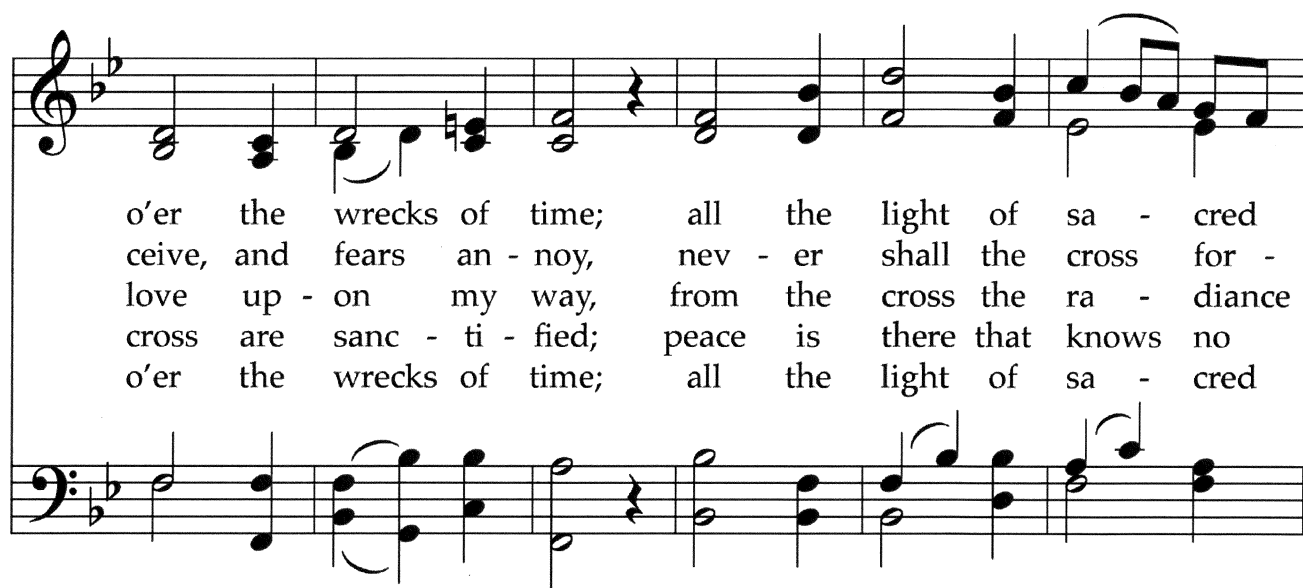
like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

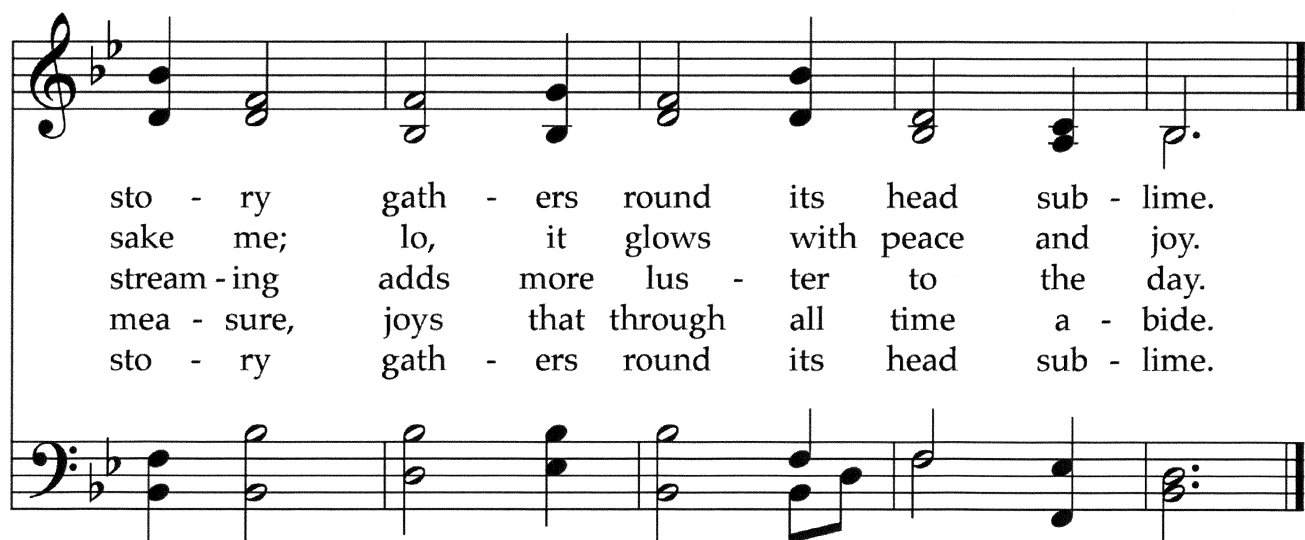
In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

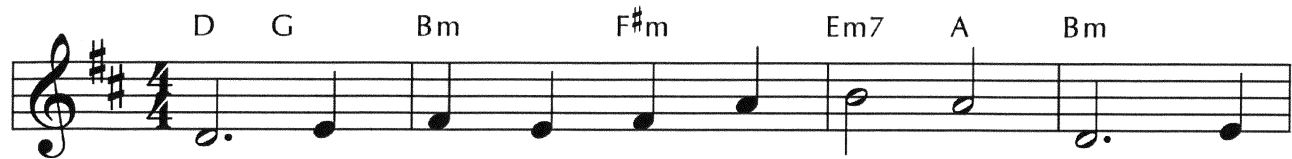


o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

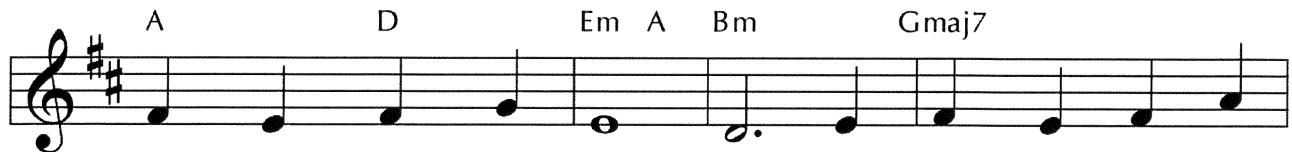


sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



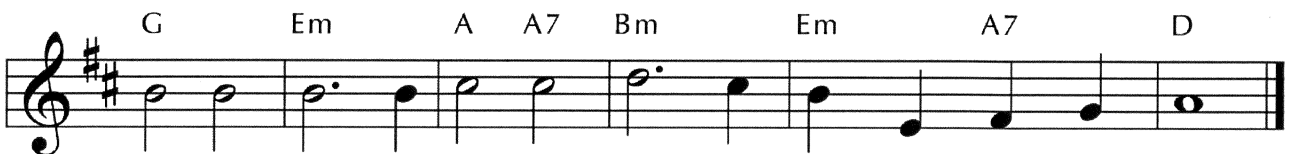
1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Souper Bowl fundraiser for hunger relief • Racial Equity Task Force Meeting • Nominating Committee • High School Youth prep for Youth Sunday <p>1:30-4:30 PM Middle School Youth sports event (meet in FPC foyer at 1:30 PM)</p> <p>5:00-6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir</p> <p>No evening Youth Groups</p>	<p>Monday, February 3</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle/Study</p> <p>5:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision Team Meeting • "Time Out" Radio: Bill Hendrickson talks with Gene Nichol about faces of poverty (Listen live on FM-103.5 or online at wcomfm.org) 	<p>Tuesday, February 4</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>5:00 PM Durham 150 Banner Exhibit Open House followed by a prayer vigil</p> <p>6:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potluck for Women at the home of Kathy Conner • FPC Basketball v. Grey Stone ** <p>7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus rehearsal</p> <p>**Church League basketball games are played at Grey Stone Family Life Center located at 2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 5</p> <p>8:00-8:45 AM High School Youth Midweek Morning Meal at JVG</p> <p>11:30 AM FPC Legacy Society Luncheon at Croasdaile Village</p> <p>5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, February 6</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>7:00 PM Fundraising Concert at Judea Reform for East Durham Children's Initiative</p>	<p>Friday, February 7</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday, February 8</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Friends & Families Potluck at the Momsen-Hudson's home • FPC Basketball v. Grey Stone** 	<p>Sunday, February 9 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> YOUTH SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30 AM DCM Search Committee</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship led by FPC Youth / Alleluia Children's Choir sings</p> <p>2:00 PM Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers' Support Group (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>2:00 PM Triangle Shape Note Choir rehearsal</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group</p> <p>5:00-6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir</p> <p>No evening High School Youth Group</p>	

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