

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Second Sunday in Lent/Youth Sunday

February 28, 2021

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Morning Has Broken*  
*Prelude in a*  
Ruby Barron, piano

arr. Fling and Niemiec  
Anonymous

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

### PRELUDE

*Concerto de Aranjuez (movement ii)*  
Charlie Kelley, trumpet

Joaquin Rodrigo

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellis Merritt

- Leader: God calls us to worship today.  
Come with all the places you've traveled,  
People: **and we will use these to serve God.**  
Leader: Come with all your relationships,  
People: **and we will use these to serve God.**  
Leader: Come with all your experiences,  
People: **and we will use these to serve God.**  
Leader: Come with all your interests and passions,  
People: **and we will use these to serve God.**  
Leader: Come with all your curiosity, questions, and doubts,  
People: **and we will use these to serve God.**  
Leader: God calls us to worship today.  
People: **Come and let us worship God.**

HYMN No. 394 (verses 1-2)    *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*    Sung to *Regent Square*  
Griffin Momsen-Hudson, cantor

*Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your loving-kindness;  
hear your people as we pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within these walls today.*

## CONFESSON OF SIN

Laura McDow

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Dear God, we have strayed from our faith.**

**We want to keep our comfortable lives**

**and that causes us to clutch onto the wrong dream.**

**We lose sight of the right path**

**and instead, we choose the easy one.**

**We do this because we want to avoid the challenges and hurdles of life.**

**Sometimes, we care too much about material money and material possessions,**

**and we don't care enough about your world and your people.**

**We get lost in small problems and overlook you.**

**Forgive us.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ruby Gentithes

Response (Hymn No. 394, verses 3-4)

Sung to *Regent Square*

*Here bestow on all your servants  
what they seek from you to gain;  
what they gain from you, forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory  
while unending ages run!*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Vanessa Armstrong

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O Marvelous and Holy God,  
Please illuminate these words.  
As you make this new day,  
please help us understand what you are building up.  
Take us and guide us,  
turning these passages into building blocks for our understanding.  
Help us see your light in these scriptures,  
so that we will rejoice and be glad,  
giving thanks to you. Amen.**

## PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 118:21-29

Izzy Allison-Pleasant

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 8:31-33 Isa Cummings

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Sophie Wilkins

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 8:34-38 Isa Cummings

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Aiden James

**HYMN No. 729 (verses 2-3)** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* African-American Spiritual

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Griffin Momsen-Hudson

God calls us to do what is right.

To do what is right is to follow in the footsteps of the Lord.

The Lord invites us to take up our crosses.

To take up one's cross means to take on burdens.

Burdens of knowing the pain and suffering involved in a life of faith.

Faith is the good path into the unknown future.

We affirm the challenges of faith as well as its blessings –

Blessings like community, love, and hope,

Hope that better days are ahead.

We believe challenges help us to grow,

To grow into faithful disciples,

Disciples of the risen Christ. Amen.

**INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING** Gretchen Sims

(*The Hunger for Change Offering* is received today.)

Offertory Music *Concerto in G, Opus 13 (movement iii)* Ruby Gentithes, violin

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication Charlie Kelley

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Webb Cummings

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS** Lily Brigman

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

Minna Fullenkamp

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.

**HYMN No. 729 (verses 1, 4)**    *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*    African-American Spiritual

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;*  
*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*  
*In my heart, in my heart,*  
*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*  
  
*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;*  
*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*  
*In my heart, in my heart,*  
*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Sophie Wilkins, Aiden James

**POSTLUDE**

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Marty Parks

Aiden James, piano

**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 February 21, 100 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

**Today's worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of **David Rimmer** by **Martha & Steve Rimmer** (David's parents) and **Lyn & John Williams** (David's sister and brother-in-law).

**Many thanks** to **John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck**, for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are also grateful to **Eleanor Cole** for the images accompanying today's online services.

The **Hunger for Change Offering** is received on the fourth Sunday of each month. These funds are sent to the Presbytery of New Hope to combat hunger locally. The Presbytery disperses the funds to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries, and Iglesia Emanuel are frequent recipients. In 2019 FPC's Walk-in Ministry received a grant from the Presbytery which was used to purchase blessing bag supplies. Thank you for your offering which combats hunger in our community.

**All of today's worship texts** are written by the youth of our church. **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted from *Glory to God* under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

### Interested in becoming a Liturgist?

**Steve Rimmer and Cris Rivera** are leading two introductory interest meetings for those interested in participating in worship as liturgists. We'd love to see new faces in online worship (and, one day, at the lectern) so newcomers are always welcome! It's not just about being a good reader. It's about helping your fellow congregants engage with prayer and lectionary texts in a way that is integral to worship. Join us on Zoom either **Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** or **Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m.** Please RSVP to Cris ([mcrisrivera@gmail.com](mailto:mcrisrivera@gmail.com)). Use this Zoom Link to access the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016357525>.

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HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY, FPC!

**Well, not quite yet, but soon! December 31, 2021 to be exact!**

**This is a BIG DEAL and we want to celebrate appropriately!**

We are looking for a **FEW GOOD PEOPLE** to help us celebrate this milestone in our lives. If you are a good event planner, if you love history, and if you are looking forward to gathering in person together, we invite you to join our **CELEBRATION TEAM**. Be a part of something that happens only once every 150 years! We need you! Contact **Mindy Douglas** to join the team.

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### Flowers for Worship

Flower donors are needed for Sundays this spring and summer. If you would like to donate flowers for worship, you can [sign up](#) by going to the church's website and clicking "Flowers for Worship" from the home page. No internet access? Contact the church office (919-682-5511) for instructions on how to donate flowers.

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### ~ Our Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Will McDow and family** on the death of his uncle, **Dan Rambo**, who died this week from COVID-19.

Concerns:

- **Dewey Lawson** is recovering at Hillcrest Convalescent Center following a brief hospital stay
- **Pat Turner**, grandmother of Matthew Eggleston, and **Jill Turner**, Matthew's aunt, are both battling COVID-19. Matthew's parents, **Drake and Emily Eggleston**, have almost recovered from COVID-19. They are no longer contagious but still haven't regained their full strength.

### Recovering at their homes

**Grace Abels**

**Catherine Dumas**

**Kerry Holbrook**

**Robin Morey**

**Kathy Parkins**

**Margaret Sims**

**Alfred Tisdale**

**Carol Wills**

**Care Communities:**

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

The Laurels of Chatham County: **Ann Prospero**

**Family and Friends of the Congregation:**

**Peggy Boulden**, mother of Dick Boulden

**Linda Capers**, a friend of Li-Chen Chin

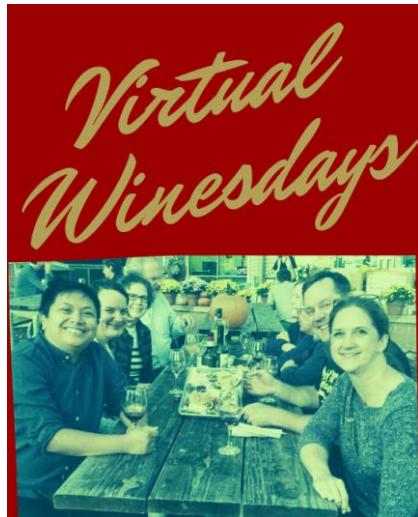
**Flora Estrella**, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

**Phil Goss**, a friend of the congregation

**Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

**Margaret Nelson**, sister of Charlotte Nelson

**Shannon Putman**, daughter of Mary Putman



*Fellowship.  
Drinks & Noshing  
SEE THE FPC FACEBOOK  
GROUP FOR THE ZOOM LINK.*

**Winesdays**

**Every other Wednesday**

**March 3, 17, and 31**

You are invited to make a soul collage card between now and **March 3**, and we will process them together with certified Soul Collage facilitator Becky Hambrick. Please take some time to read these [instructions](#) about preparing a Soul Collage. Let [Laurie Williamson](#) know if you have any questions.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97569349009>

Meeting ID: 975 6934 9009

**FROM THE  
CREATION CARE COMMITTEE**



Join the Creation Care Committee in a discussion of biodiversity: what it is, why it's important, and what humans have sometimes done in ignorance to disturb the balance of ecosystems and even cause extinction of species. Join us at our monthly Creation Care meeting, **Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. ([Zoom](#))**. All are welcome. For more information about the Creation Care Committee, check out our [page](#) from the church's website.

#1 New York Times bestselling author  
**BRENÉ BROWN**  
Ph.D., LMSW

The Quest for True Belonging  
and the Courage to Stand Alone

**BRAVING THE  
WILDERNESS**

First Presbyterian Church, Durham

**Book Study**  
Tuesdays  
6:15 pm  
Beginning  
Feb. 23

**Link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430970980?pwd=eGxBcGJO OHczai9Pa3RJY0NFT0l tUT09>

Note the new start time is 6:15 p.m. This study is led by **Mindy Douglas**. Contact the church office (919-682-5511) for ways to access this class via Zoom.

**New Series!**

# Growing thru Grief

**Six-week Introduction to Grief series:  
March 23 through April 20**

## Offering Help for Those Who Mourn...

Growing thru Grief is a coalition of Triangle area religious and civic organizations to bring ongoing support and comfort to those who mourn. This program features small group discussion.

We meet every Tuesday except holidays from 4-6 pm, for now on zoom. All attendees must have both audion and video available. To register, please contact [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) by 8 am on the Monday before the meeting. All are welcome!



Photo by Leonard Beeghley

## New Introduction to Grief Series to Begin

Aaron Klink is Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator at Pruitt Hospice in Rocky Mount, NC. He is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Yale Divinity School and Duke Divinity School. He will discuss the following topics:

- Mar. 16 Grief and the New World after Loss
- Mar. 23 The Geography of Grief — Relearning Spaces
- Mar. 30 Relearning Relationships with the Living
- Apr. 8 Relearning our Relationship to the Dead
- Apr. 13 Relearning Ourselves
- Apr. 20 Relearning the Vision for the Future

This is an open program, with each week standing on its own. Feel free to come when you can.

## Support the Day School using Amazon Wish List

Like so many other organizations in our community, the First Presbyterian Day School has been seriously impacted by the pandemic, and was forced to close in mid-March 2020. After reopening at the end of June to meet the needs of children of essential workers, the Day School has seen its enrollment remain at around 25, or half of normal capacity. Through heroic efforts by the faculty and staff, the school has not experienced any cases of COVID-19, has maintained its 5-Star status, and has kept all faculty and staff on board. The school is doing well and providing a vital service to the community, but it has a need for supplies that are beyond its current capacity to purchase. Rather than asking for donations of supplies, the Day School has set up an Amazon site that lists the supplies needed. Those wishing to contribute can go to the site, purchase items of your choosing, and the supplies will be sent directly to the school. Request a Monday or Friday delivery. The link is [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QNXF2NAUV1TB?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QNXF2NAUV1TB?ref_=wl_share). Thank you for your support.

Iglesia Emanuel still needs our support . . .

1. **Bag rice or beans from home.** For instructions and to sign up, contact [Margaret Rubiera](#). Put on music, sing, and have fun while you fill those bags!
2. To help in person at Iglesia Emanuel, grab your trusty mask, and come join others in a safe environment to help organize donated food, fill bags and boxes in preparation for the Wednesday food pantry. You will work hard but leave after your 2-hour shift knowing you have made a big difference in the lives of many families. For more information, and to sign up, click here: [Iglesia Emanuel COVID-19 Food Bank Signup Genius](#)
3. **Your financial support** is always welcome, and will help us purchase more food. Online: [emanueldurham.org](#), or mail your check to Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel, 2504 N Roxboro Street, Durham NC 27704.

Thank you so much for the **150 boxes of cereal** donated to Iglesia Emanuel collected at the Lenten Drive-Thru on February 21. What a tremendous blessing! - **Margaret and Miguel Rubiera**

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**Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator  
**Lenore Champion**, Children's Ministry Director  
**Mindy Douglas**, Pastor/Head of Staff  
**Susan Dunlap**, Parish Associate  
**Sybil King**, Administrative Assistant



**Mitzi Leshner-Thomas**, Associate Pastor  
**Valerie McMillian**, Parish Administrator  
**Kathy Parkins**, Minister of Music  
**John Weicher**, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:  
[info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org) or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

# Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;  
you to gain; what they gain from you, to for - ev - er  
to the Son, laud and hon - or the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,  
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
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