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YOUTH SUNDAY

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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5th Sunday after Epiphany

Youth Sunday

February 9, 2025

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Noah Dillon

PRELUDE

O Worship the King

David Johnson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Doran Cummings

Leader: God is the one who calls us to worship.

People: God calls everyone. God calls everyone.

Leader: God is compelling us to prepare for what worship supplies.

People: God calls on us to watch, listen, focus.

Leader: God wants us to question ourselves.

People: God wants to know how we will be different when we leave here today.

All: Let us worship our calling God.

***HYMN NO. 41**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Call to Prayer

Evelyn Walters

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Dear God, we confess that in hard times,
we may blame you, we may forget you,
and we may lose trust in you.**

We confess that we struggle to love those different from us.

We may act in anger, instead of in love.

We harm ourselves through words and actions.

**We lie, blame, and hurt others,
to try to make ourselves feel better.**

**Forgive us, and help us to love you, O God,
our neighbors and ourselves.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Izzy Allison-Pleasants

*Those who are able, please stand.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Izzy Allison-Pleasants

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***REGATHERING HYMN NO. 399**

God Welcomes All

Themba Amen

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karl Sims

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Dear God, open our eyes and ears
to your love and wisdom through your guidance.
Please help us to be strong and courageous
while listening, absorbing and responding.
Teach us to sit down and be truly humble in your presence.
Lead us in learning to live into your vision.
Please be with us as we listen to your Word. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1:1-9

(Pew Bible, OT page 194)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Giselle Cowden

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Sam Brown

INTERLUDE

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho
Rory Dillon, Piano

Trad. African-American Spiritual

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-40

(Pew Bible, NT page 25)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Sibu Admay

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Thilo Fullenkamp

SERMON

Ruby Gentithes

(Silent reflection)

*** HYMN NO. 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

**Christianity is a complicated religion,
and we, as Christians, strive to reflect on our mistakes
to create a better future.**

**Our Christian life fosters a sense of community within the church.
We try to focus on using our Spiritual gifts, resources and privileges,
to help others and the world,
following in the example of Jesus.**

We believe that people who don't follow Jesus can do so as well.

**We believe that God is Almighty, loving and powerful.
God created everything with unique purposes.
God is beyond our comprehension,
so we don't always understand God's plans for us.**

**We believe that the Holy Spirit is mysteriously powerful.
The Spirit is the Word of the Lord in movement.
When we pray, the Lord hears us,
but it is the Spirit who goes into effect.
The Trinity is three-in-one,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
They are distinct but not separate.**

**We believe that Jesus cared for others, no matter who they were,
and taught them to spread that kindness, as well.
Jesus was a humble and caring Jewish, Middle Eastern man,
who let his toes shine.
His miraculous actions and life were told through stories,
which we know as the Bible.
Jesus died for our sins,
so we could have joy!**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mary Ellis Merritt

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Ellie Everett

Voluntary

Jupiter (from "The Planets" opus 32)
Leone Mbugua, Cello

Gustav Holst, arr. Deborah B. Monday

*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 THANKSGIVING

Michael Baker

Leader: O God, we give you thanks for so many things...

People: for Aardvarks, Bubbles and Cacao,

Leader: for Dreams, Electricity and Friends,

People: for Games, Hearts and Imagination,

Leader: for Jackets, Kangaroos, and Love,

People: for Minds, Neighbors and Opportunities,

Leader: for Pop music, Quesadillas, and Romps,

People: for Souls, Tyrannosaurus rexes, and Uniqueness,

Leader: for Windshield Wipers, Vibes and eXcitement,

People: for Youth, Zoom and so many other things.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gretchen Sims

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. 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn To Joy

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Sam Brown, Thilo Fullenkamp, Ruby Gentithes

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude Voluntary in D

Henry Heron (18th cent. English)

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY!

Children's Music

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 are invited to the choir room after worship today
for a time of music with Kathy Parkins.

Meaning in the Middle Fellowship at 8:00pm

Zoom



Sign In

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning the QR code to the left. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right.



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

Today's *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dewey Lawson** by *Bet Lawson*.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers for use in the sanctuary during worship. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary. **If you accidentally took one home, please return it to the church so it can be recharged, sanitized, and used again.**

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Youth-Led Worship: As happens every Youth Sunday at FPC, this entire service was selected, crafted and prepared by the youth of the church. This began with discerning our two Bible passages - Joshua 1:1-9 and Matthew 22:34-40 - from among many suggestions. It continued with study of them and then liturgy writing, bulletin art, hymn selection and sermon writing based upon them. Simply put, everything comes from our youth. Overall, 29 youth have contributed to the creation and leadership of this service.

Special thanks to the adult volunteers who have helped guide our youth - youth advisors **Brent Curtis, Mimi Dunn, Kati Ruark, Parker Stiles,** and **John Weicher**, usher trainer **Wil James**, and our Minister of Music, **Kathy Parkins**.

The **bulletin artwork** is by 11th grader **Mason Armstrong**. It depicts the newly chosen leader of Israel, Joshua, leading his people across the Jordan River.

Portions of today's worship resources were reprinted from: *The Rockfish Confession of 2022*, which was created by our 2022 confirmation class as their capstone experience. Many of our current seniors and juniors were a part of that cohort, including preachers Thilo Fullenkamp and Ruby Gentithes. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

THINGS THAT MATTER BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00pm in Watts-Hill Hall

Join us for *Poems*. Laura McNab will host and would appreciate helpers. We will discuss the poetry of Nikki Giovanni. Please bring your favorite poem to share.

RSVP to Laura to let her know you will attend.

Chosen Family




Youth Group Event	Date & Time
Registration for Summer Trips Opens	1/3
Youth Sunday I: Passages	1/5, 5-7p
Youth Sunday II: Liturgy	1/12, 5-7p
Bowling w/TAPC	1/19, time TBD
MLK Day of Service w/FPC	1/20, time TBD
Youth Sunday III: Liturgy	1/26, 5-7p
Youth Sunday IV: Creativity	2/2, 5-7p
Youth Sunday Rehearsal	2/8, 9:30-11a
Youth Sunday Worship	2/9, 9:45a-12p
Western NC Service Trip w/TAPC	2/14-16
Trampolines w/Future YGers	2/16, 5-7p
Chosen Family: Senior Project	2/23, 5-7p
6th Annual Minigolf Tourney w/TAPC	3/2, 5-7p
Chosen Family: Senior Project	3/9, 5-7p
Beach Retreat - HS & MS	3/14-16 // 3/15-16
Farm Church w/TAPC	3/23, 5-7p
DPS Spring Break - No Youth Group	3/30
Downtown Lunch (separate groups)	4/6, 12:15-1:15p
CROSS Service Trip w/TAPC	4/11-13
Mystery Adventure w/TAPC	4/13, 5-7p
Easter - Christ is Risen! (no YG)	4/20
Cookie Baking & Care Packages	4/27, 5-7p
Flour War w/TAPC & WPC	5/4, time TBD
Senior Blessing in Worship	5/11, 11a-12:15p
Downtown Lunch w/Rising 6th	5/11, 12:15-1:15p
Kickball vs. Somethings & Sr. Blessing	5/18, 5-7p







White - for all youth, grades 6th-12th.
Purple - w/other churches or other FPCers.
Red - middle schoolers only.
Blue - high schoolers only.

Friends Welcome - Jesus Loves You - Dinner Provided

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

Condolences - We extend our love and concern to:

Laura Hanson and **David Cecelski** upon the death of Laura's cousin **Kirsten Hanson** on February 4th.

We remember in prayer:

Jim Gudaitis, husband of Christy Gudaitis, a patient at Duke Hospital.

Andy Henry, recovering from hip surgery.

Kerry Holbrook, recovering from a fall.

Mac McCorkle, recovering from pneumonia in Sydney, Australia.

Tom Rokoske, father of Keith Rokoske, a patient at UNC hospital.

Carol Wills, has an upcoming medical procedure.

Lin Bentel

Catie Brockman

Tony Brown

Paul Cornsweet

Sam Crabtree

Susan Cyr

Lee House

Ann Huff

Jenni James

Maryn Leonard

Jen McGonigle

Madge McKeith

Harriett Mitchell

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Franzi Rokoske

Keith Rokoske

Alfred Tisdale

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley, Harvey Estes**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Carol Wills**

Brookdale Senior Living: **Debbie Mathews**

Durham Ridge: **Phillip Herndon**

Pruitt Health - Durham: **Fred Callaway**

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Janet Bodisco-Massink, friend of Emily Wilkins

Francisca Cristobal, relative of Al and Judy Arrowwood

Jacqueline Culver, niece-in-law of Mary Jo Keenan

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Linda Foster Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Cheryl Fowler, friend of Cheri Reece

Jennifer Hervey, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey

Katie Jackson, wife of Matthew Hirsch

Donna Johnson, mother of Ann Huff

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Wu-Chou Su, father of Claire Su

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

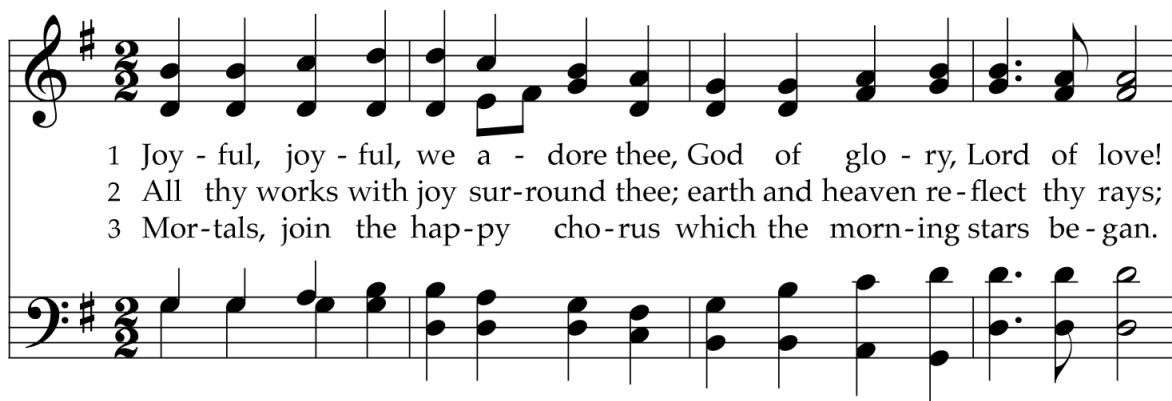
Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

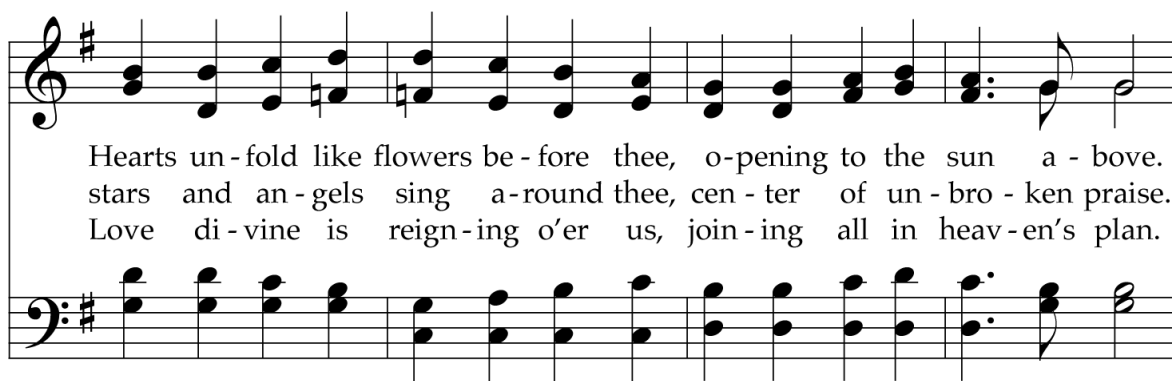
(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



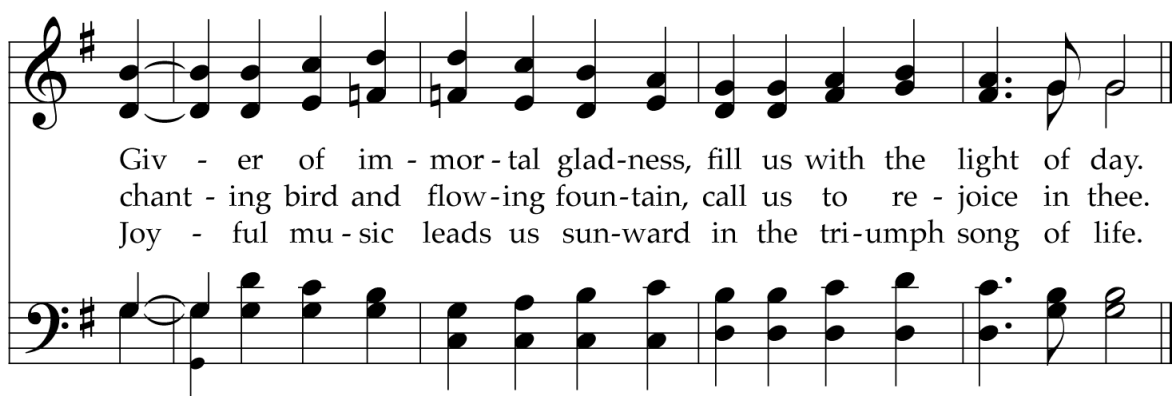
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM (Choir Room) Children's Choir</p> <p>8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnM's/Meaning in the Middle Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, February 10</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-In Ministry</p> <p>1:30 PM (Mindy's Office) Worship Planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM Property Committee (Room 205) Christian Education Committee (via Zoom) Personnel Committee (Daye Metting Room)</p> <p>6:30 PM (Watts-Hill Hall) Service & Mission</p> <p>7:00 PM (via Zoom) Worship & The Arts Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, February 11</p> <p>6:00 PM (Watts-Hill Hall) Things That Matter Book Group</p> <p>7:00 PM (Wilson Parlor) Somethings Prayer Service</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 12</p> <p>10:30 AM - 2:30 PM (Home of Susan Dunlap) Program Staff Planning Retreat</p> <p>3:30 PM (Room 201) Yoga</p> <p>7:00 PM (Choir Room) Choir</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, February 13</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Walk-In Ministry</p> <p>6:30 PM (Home of Kathy Parkins) Something to Love</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, February 14</p> <p>10:30 AM (Room 201) Yoga</p> <p>5:30 PM (Parking Lot) Western, NC HS Service Trip</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, February 15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, February 16 6th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9:45 – 10:45 AM Faith Formation (children, youth, and adults)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 AM Worship – Mindy Douglas, Preaching</p> <p>12:15 – 12:45 PM (Choir Room) Children's Music</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Youth Group (Youth Room) Middle School w/Future YGers, 3rd – 5th (Sky Zone)</p> <p>8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnM's Fellowship</p>	

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