

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE**

*Sonata in G (Adagio – Allegro)*  
Tatum Eppinger, Violin

G. F. Handel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Shine on us, Lord like the sun that lights up day!

People: **Chase away the dark and all shadow of sin.**

Leader: May we gather, eager to hear your Word;

People: **As day follows night, may we be bathed in your glory.**

All: **Come, let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN NO. 662**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

*Ratisbon*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Faithful and loving God,**

**we confess that we have not lived in faith and love.**

**You show us the measure of justice, but we seek to tip the scales in our favor.**

**You teach us the way of service, but we still pass by neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Let us lead lives that are pleasing to you,**

**growing in faith and knowledge and bearing fruit in every good work;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**\*REGATHERING HYMN NO. 305**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*Darwall's 148th*

*Come sing, O church, in joy!*

*Come join, O church, in song!*

*For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!*

*In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Richard Anderson

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God,  
your Word is a living word.  
By your Spirit awaken us,  
that we may see and hear your presence in the world  
and in the scripture that we read today.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:1-14

(Pew Bible, NT Page 199)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Richard Anderson

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

(Pew Bible, NT Page 71)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*"Neighbor Love"*

Mindy Douglas

*(silent reflection)*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From A Declaration of Faith*

Esther Hethcox

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.**

**He commanded his disciples to live the same way.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives**

**that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor,**

**to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,**

**to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have.**

**We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness,**

**to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.**

## \*HYMN NO. 203

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love*

*Chereponi*

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Esther Hethcox

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Anthem

*Sonata in d minor (Grave)*

G. F. Handel

\*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!***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Esther Hethcox

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

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

**\*HYMN NO. 22**

*God of the Sparrow*

*Roeder*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*POSTLUDE**

*March from Judas Maccabeus*

G. F. Handel

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### *Happening Today*

**FPC 101** (following worship): See *page 5* for more information.

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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.

The ***flowers*** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of ***Julian Lincoln Boswell*** on what would have been his 100th birthday by ***Pam Boswell Gunn & family***.

We thank ***Tatum Eppinger*** for sharing their musical gifts with us. Tatum is a rising junior at Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music.

***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.

***Restroom locations***: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the first and second floors 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.

***Portions of today's worship resources*** were reprinted from: *Book of Common Worship* and *Call to Worship*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

## ~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

### Condolences:

We extend our love and concern to **Walker Winslow Stephenson** and wife **Haley** upon the death of Walker's grandfather, **Andrew Winslow**, who died on July 9, 2025 at 102 years old.

### We remember in prayer:

<b>Tony Brown</b>	<b>Dennis Buckley</b>	<b>Paul Cornsweet</b>	<b>Sam Crabtree</b>
<b>Susan Cyr</b>	<b>Barbara Gerwe</b>	<b>Wilson Gunn</b>	<b>Kerry Holbrook</b>
<b>Michael Honeycutt</b>	<b>Lee House</b>	<b>Ann Huff</b>	<b>Jenni James</b>
<b>Mal King</b>	<b>Mitzi Lesher-Thomas</b>	<b>Jen McGonigle</b>	<b>Madge McKeithen</b>
<b>Harriett Mitchell</b>	<b>Franzi Rokoske</b>	<b>Keith Rokoske</b>	<b>Alfred Tisdale</b>
<b>Phyllis Supple</b>			

### 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

<b>Julia Allen</b> , grandmother of Amy Wilson	
<b>Evan Breyer</b> , grandson of friends of Jo Ann Moore	
<b>Francisca Cristobal</b> , relative of Al and Judy Arrowwood	
<b>Kim Cummings</b> , father of Drew Cummings	
<b>Linda Foster-Momsen</b> , mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson	
<b>Cheryl Fowler</b> , friend of Cheri Reece	<b>Aaron Pritchard</b> , friend of Kathy Parkins
<b>Jennifer Hervey</b> , daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey	<b>Wu-Chou Su</b> , father of Claire Su
<b>Katie Jackson</b> , wife of Matthew Hirsch	<b>Jim Vacca</b> , father of Jamie Chambliss
<b>Donna Johnson</b> , mother of Ann Huff	
<b>Martha Neece</b> , sister-in-law of Vernon & Beth Neece	

**We remember in prayer** all who have suffered the loss of life in Texas and here in North Carolina from flooding, all who still wait for news of missing loved ones, and all who have lost property and are despairing. We give thanks for all who are providing comfort, help, financial and emotional support, and hope to neighbors in need. The psalmist speaks to us in times such as these and reminds us of God's power and presence:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

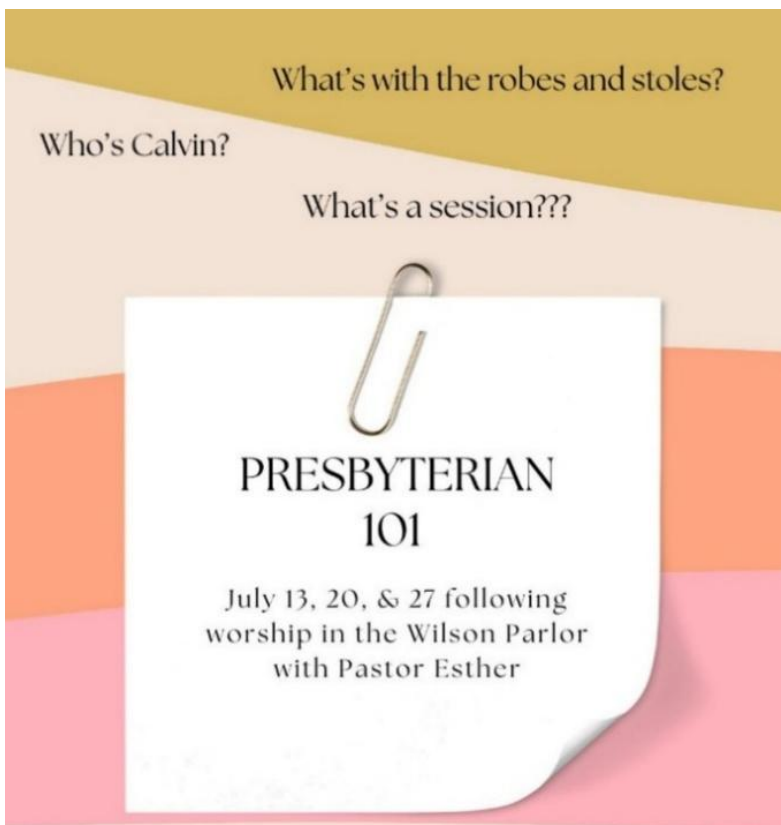
- From Psalm 46

## Upcoming Activities & Events



### *The annual “Fill That Bus!”*

school supply drive is here! Every year, we count on the community to restock our shelves with the classroom essentials our Durham Public Schools educators need to fuel their students’ success. Drop off supplies from **July 4-August 8** in the marked bins in the church foyer! You can also always make a financial donation to support this work. *Thanks for supporting our public school community!* Use the QR code to donate.



### **Presbyterian 101**

*With Pastor Esther*

July 13, 20, & 27

Wilson Parlor

What's with the robes and stoles?

Who's Calvin?

What's a session???

If you're a visiting friend (or a new member!) and have questions like these, come join Pastor Esther for a time of conversation about Presbyterian theology, polity and worship. Come as you are—with all the small questions or big doubts. Following worship on July 13, 20 and 27 in the Wilson parlor (with a building tour on July 27!) light refreshments will be provided!



**St Philip's**  
episcopal church

# Celtic Christianity Retreat

**Saturday, July 26**

**9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Durham**

*Discover the sacred woven through everyday life in this day-long retreat.*

- Journey into the roots and living practices of Celtic Christianity
- Teaching, reflection, and Celtic-inspired worship
- Suitable for newcomers and those familiar with the tradition



*The Rev. Bill Livingston, Episcopal priest, has a deep love of the Celtic Christian tradition. He regularly leads Celtic Christianity retreats and Celtic Eucharists.*



To register, visit  
**[Tinyurl.com/StPCelticRetreat](https://tinyurl.com/StPCelticRetreat)**

**Cost: \$20**  
Includes lunch  
**Register by July 23**

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

403 E Main Street, Durham, NC • [stphilipsdurham.org](https://stphilipsdurham.org)



#### **FPC'S COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Sign up via [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
& use the code "firstpres".

### **Community Blood Drive**

Thursday, July 31 from 1-6 pm  
Watts-Hill Hall

Donating blood helps save lives. You can save up to three lives every time you give blood. First Presbyterian Church is coordinating with the American Red Cross to have a Community Blood Drive at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, July 31 from 1 to 6 PM.

### ***Save the Date for FPC Summer Events***

#### **Summer Sizzle**

Saturday, August 9 at 5:00 pm

Location: Home of the Momsen-Hudson's

#### **First Friends Summer Potluck**

Saturday, August 16 at 5:30 pm

Hosted by Mark Higgins

*First Friends is a fellowship group that meets approximately monthly, primarily for potlucks in homes. We are generally people 55 and older, couples, and singles, but all are welcome!*

#### **The "Somethings" End-of-Summer BBQ**

Sunday, August 24 at 5:00 pm

Location: TBD



## **HELLO SUMMER**





How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!  
Isaiah 52.7

## **ANNOUNCING: FPC's Western NC Hurricane Recovery Mission**

With our friends at [Fuller Disaster ReBuilders](#), we will travel to help our North Carolina neighbors rebuild from the Hurricane Helene disaster and to engage in fellowship with our FPC friends. No building skills are required.

**If the Spirit is calling you, use the link below to register.**

**Here are some details:**

**Who:** YOU! (Must be 16+ years)  
**When:** September 14-19  
**Where:** Swannanoa, NC (near Black Mountain, NC)  
**Cost:** \$200 (financial assistance available)

**Contact Andy Henry with any questions:**  
[andrew.joseph.henry@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.joseph.henry@gmail.com), 919-599-9405.



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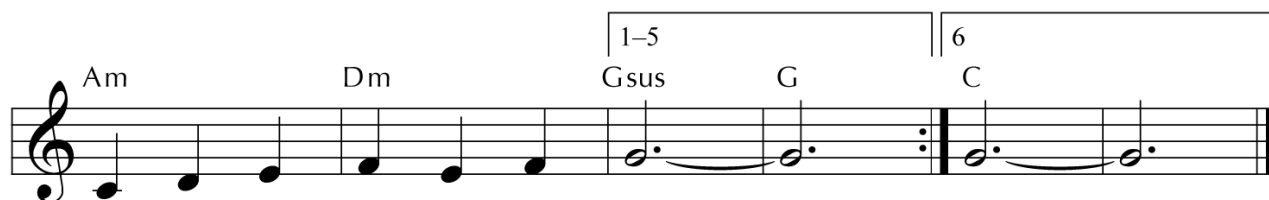
## God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
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 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)  
*Refrain* F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)  
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin-ing to the per - fect day.



## This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Later Today</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:15 PM</b> FPC 101 (Daye Meeting Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, July 14</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM</b> Property Committee (Room 205)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, July 15</b> <i>Newsletter Release</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00 AM</b> Digital Literacy Training for Seniors (room 205) You Are Not Alone (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30 PM</b> Digital Literacy Training for Seniors (room 205)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Day School Board Meeting (Zoom) The "Somethings" Summer Book Group (offsite)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, July 16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00 AM</b> Digital Literacy Training for Seniors (room 205)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 PM</b> Program Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30 PM</b> Digital Literacy Training for Seniors (room 205)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, July 17</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00 AM</b> Digital Literacy Training for Seniors (room 205)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30 PM</b> Digital Literacy Training for Seniors (room 205)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, July 18</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, July 20</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Church floor work through July 26.</i></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Faith Formation (Classes available for children and adults.)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship; Sam Miglarese, Preaching</p> <p><b>12:15 PM</b> FPC 101 (Daye Meeting Room)</p> <p><i>We will have floor work completed during the week of July 20 – July 26. The front of the sanctuary and choir seating area will be impacted.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, July 19</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 PM</b> Deacons Retreat (Watts-Hill Hall)</p>		

### CHURCH STAFF

Shakira Bethea, Church Administrator  
Tom Bloom, Business Administrator  
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director  
Vernon Cooper, Sexton  
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate  
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus  
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor  
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music  
John Weicher, Associate Pastor  
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor  
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