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REFORMATION SUNDAY

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

OCTOBER 30, 2022

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Stewardship

Mindy Douglas

Kai Bryant, NCCU student

PRELUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Benjamin Collin

INTROIT

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Erhalt Uns Herr

*Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword
would seek to overthrow your Son and to destroy what he has done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your Christendom that we may sing your praise eternally.*

*OPENING SENTENCES (from Psalm 32:6-7, 11)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

People: **At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

People: **You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

People: **And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

*HYMN NO. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors

and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Sung Response

Sung to *Llangloffan*

*While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief.
Your hand was heavy on me; my life found no relief.
But when I made confession and hid no sin from you,
when I revealed my failings, you gave me life anew.*

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

Sung to *Llangloffan*

*How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven;
whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin:
whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts, made true again.*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

John Weicher

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Living God,**

**help us to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

(Pew Bible, NT page 206)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Cris Rivera

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 1:10-18

(Pew Bible, OT page 630)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

British Hyrams

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"The Heart of the Matter"

British Hyrams

***HYMN NO.771**

What Is the World Like

New World

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the *Heidelberg Catechism*

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Q. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

All: **A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live
according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.**

Leader: Q. What are good works?

All: **A. Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are
done for God's glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human
tradition.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (Bibles presented to Third Graders)

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher
Jane Marshall

Offertory Anthem

Awake, My Heart and Render

*Awake, my heart, and render,
To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.*

*Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.*

*My heart shall be thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture giv'n
To bring me on toward heaven.*

*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!*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Amy Heit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amy Heit

**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. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

*BENEDICTION

British Hyrams

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "A Mighty Fortress"

Karl Osterland

Later today: TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us this evening from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** for this new community outreach event at church. It's like trick or treat, but in our own parking lot, and car trunks take the place of homes. FPCers are invited to decorate their trunk around a theme of their choosing and give out candy. FPC's children and youth will join children and youth from the neighborhood and some of our local mission partners in this fun activity. Costumes are welcomed.



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

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, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and ability 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.

We welcome to the pulpit today *British Hyrams*. British hails from Chicago, IL and its surrounding suburbs. She is a graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and holds two master's degrees from Union Presbyterian Seminary - a Master of Divinity (M. Div.) and a Master of Arts in Christian Education (M.A.C.E.). She currently serves as campus minister for Presbyterian Campus Ministry at North Carolina Central University. British has served at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC and in the wider denomination. British is a cancer survivor with a zest for new experiences and a passion for lifelong learning. She seeks opportunities to build bridges with people of varying perspectives as an integral part of her Christian service and witness. British is married to Kevin, her college sweetheart, and they have three adult children.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the ministers, staff, and members of First Presbyterian Church by the **Worship and the Arts Committee**.

Reformation Sunday: You will notice that the liturgical color for Reformation Sunday is red. Red is used on days which invoke the Holy Spirit (Ordinations, Installations, Pentecost). We affirm the Holy Spirit's movement in the church "Ecclesia reformat, semper reformanda" that is, "the church reformed, always reforming." Red is also the color which reminds us of the blood of martyrs and all those who died for the cause of purifying the Church and espousing the truth that we are saved by grace alone, and not through our works. —Kathy Parkins

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. 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 an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

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.

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.

Today's ***bulletin cover*** was created by Isa Cummings for Reformation Sunday.

~ Our Joys & Concerns ~

CONDOLENCES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to:

- ***Tim O'Brien and Mindy Douglas*** on the death of Tim's uncle, ***Paul Quirk***, on October 27;
- the family of ***Rev. Robert (Bob) Singdahlsen***. Bob died October 22. In addition to being a Presbyterian minister, Bob taught at Durham Academy. Before retiring to Brevard, NC, Bob and wife Julie were active here. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Home in Martinsburg, WV.

CONCERNS:

Julian Boswell, recovering from hip surgery

Chris James, recovering from back surgery

Margaret Meade, mother of Bruce Meade, receiving end of life care

Karen Shelton, mother-in-law of Dawn Carsey Shelton

Wes Carson *Paul Cornsweet* *Susan Cyr* *Lara Duffney & Art Baker* *Kerry Holbrook*

Jancy Johnstone *George Kafula* *Mitzi Leshner-Thomas* *Franzi Rokoske* *Carol Wills*

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

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

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Liz Block, cousin of Jane and Bill Brown

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Charlie Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

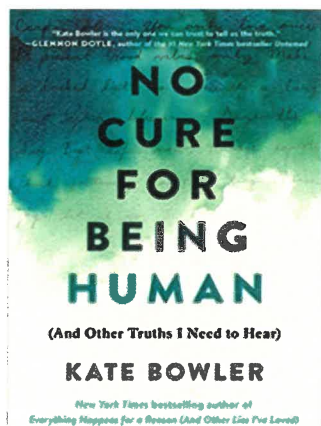
Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

Bob, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Diane Lesman, friend of FPC

Richard Smith, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece



FALL BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

No Cure for Being Human by Kate Bowler

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmdUNZdXRSZ09NUkxhZkIDTlkzQT09>

Check in with Mindy Douglas if you need a copy of the book.



FPC Hosting Fall Blood Drive

Thursday, November 3, 2022

from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

FPC - Watts-Hill Hall – open to the community

Go online to RedCrossBlood.org using code **firstpres** to schedule your appointment.



EARLY VOTING IN PROGRESS through November 5

General Election Day is November 8.

Visit <https://www.youcanvote.org/wob>
to learn more about your ballot!

Durham county residents can register and vote
same day at any early voting site in the county.

First Presbyterian Church: Lunch & Learn with Peter Storey

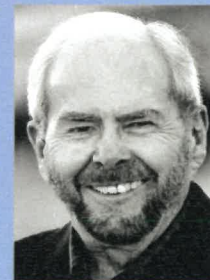
Monday, November 7, 12:00-2:00p.m.

First Presbyterian Church in Durham is hosting Peter Storey for a lunch and interview about his life and ministry.

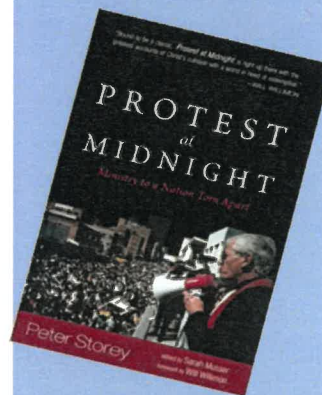
Storey was the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and President of the South African Council of Churches, working alongside Desmond Tutu during the height of the anti-apartheid struggle. He was chaplain to Nelson Mandela on Robben Island and integrated churches in Cape Town and Johannesburg, providing healing and hope against the ravages of the apartheid regime.

LUNCH IS PROVIDED AT NO COST.

At the end of the event, there will be a book signing of his recently published memoir, *Protest at Midnight: Ministry to a Nation Torn Apart*.



PETER STOREY



Contact Valerie McMillian in the church office (919-682-5511 x 215)
if you would like to purchase a copy of Peter's book prior to the event.
The cost is \$25. Payment in cash is accepted as well as
a personal check made payable to Sarah Musser.

Use this link to make your meal reservation:
<https://forms.gle/Hr1cQwJqvJsErYdj6>.

Please RSVP by November 2.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

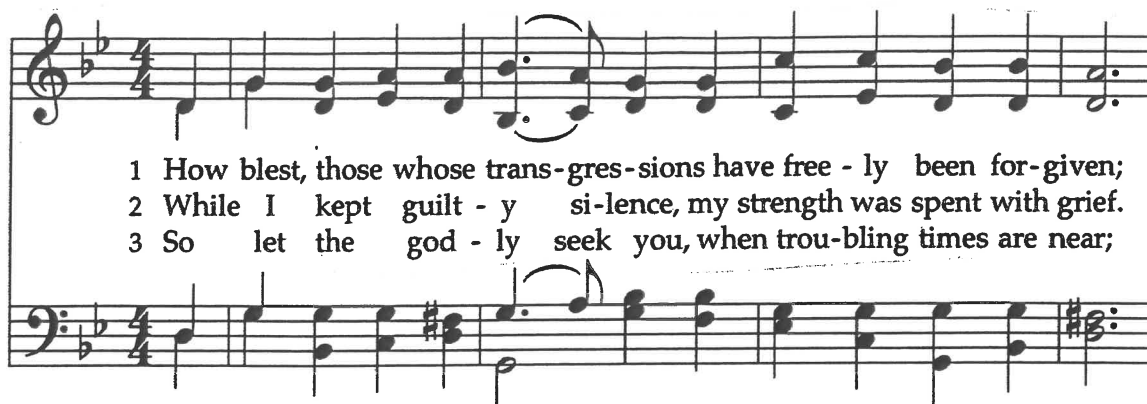
my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

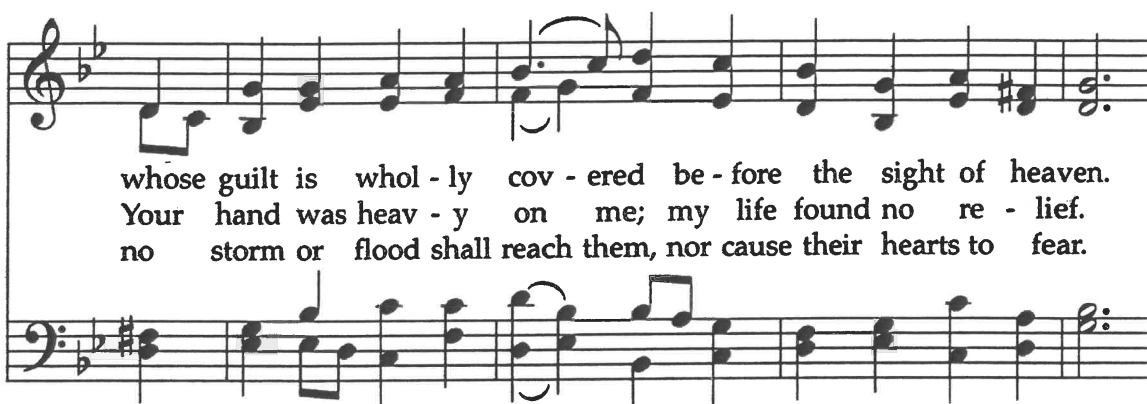
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

Sing verse 2, then verse 1.

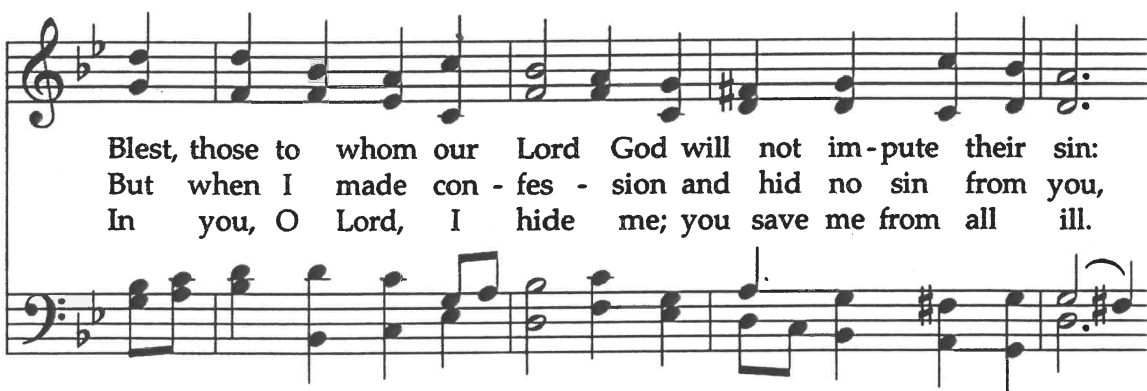
How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions (Psalm 32)



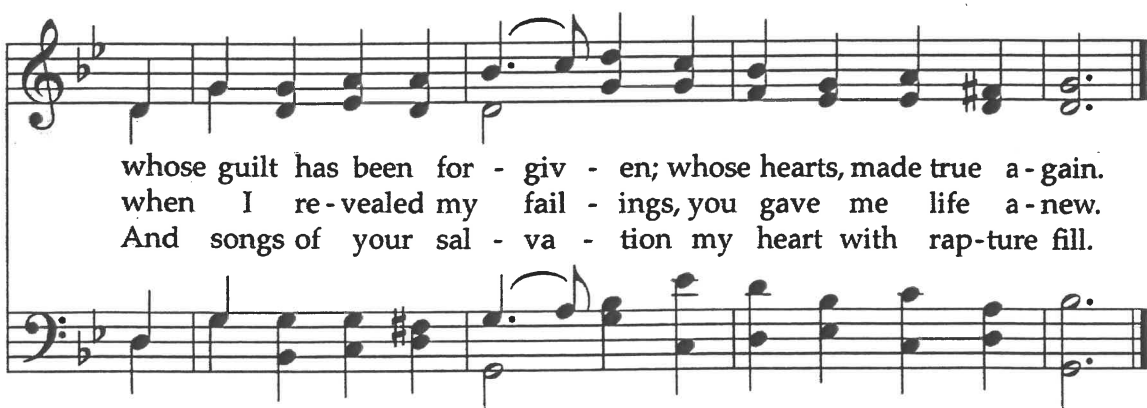
1 How blest, those whose trans-gres-sions have free - ly been for-given;
2 While I kept guilt - y si-lence, my strength was spent with grief.
3 So let the god - ly seek you, when trou-bling times are near;



whose guilt is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heaven.
Your hand was heav - y on me; my life found no re - lief.
no storm or flood shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.



Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not im-pute their sin:
But when I made con - fes - sion and hid no sin from you,
In you, O Lord, I hide me; you save me from all ill.



whose guilt has been for - giv - en; whose hearts, made true a - gain.
when I re-vealed my fail - ings, you gave me life a - new.
And songs of your sal - va - tion my heart with rap-ture fill.

What Is the World Like

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Capo 1: (G) A^b (Em7) Fm7 (C) D^b (D) E^b

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) Fm (C) D^b (Am) B^bm (B7) C7

Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

(Em) Fm (Am) B^bm (D) E^b (G) A^b

roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

(C) D^b (Em7) Fm7 (Am7) B^bm7 (D) E^b (G) A^b

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values and rests. The lyrics are: "armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er."

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today 5:00-7:00 PM Trunk or Treat (FPC parking lot)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, October 31</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 1 <i>All Saints' Day</i></p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p> <p>6:15 PM Book Study: <i>No Cure for Being Human</i> (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 2</p> <p>11:00 AM Book Study: <i>No Cure for Being Human</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 3</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p>1:00-6:00 PM Red Cross Community Blood Drive (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>4:00-6:00 PM CSA Distribution</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p>Friday, November 4</p>	<p>Saturday, November 5</p> <p>3:30-5:30 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship Gathering (at Hi Wire/Two Roosters)</p>	<p>Sunday, November 6</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation (Classes for all ages)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (We remember those who joined the church triumphant during the past year.)</p> <p>12:15 PM Youth Group Lunch</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

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

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Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



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