

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023

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

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

Toccata on Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)

Denis Bédard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

John Weicher

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely

Leader: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

People: looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN NO. 326**

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

***CONFESSION OF SIN** *(remain standing)*

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people
to live and die in faith.**

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,

that joined with those from ages past,

who have served you with faith, hope, and love,

we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

PASSING THE PEACE

John Weicher

PSALM 84 (Hymn 402, sing verses 1, 3)

Merle's Tune

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.*

*A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.*

*The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.*

* Those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carl Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
All: In your Word, O God, show us heaven.
By your Spirit, show us truth;
through Christ the Living Word,
in whom we see your face. Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

(Pew Bible, NT Page 249)

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

Carl Rist

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT Page 4)

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

Mindy Douglas

SERMON

“Living the Good Life”

Mindy Douglas

***HYMN**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.*

*They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God’s love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there’s not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn’t be one too.*

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) (From the *Heidelberg Catechism*)

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: A. That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Creator in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

(Affirmation continues next page.)

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Anthem

Wayfaring Stranger
Gordon Campbell, pianist

American Folk Melody,
arr. Howard Helvey

*I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger, I'm trav'ling through this world below;
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger, in that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father, I'm going there no more to roam:
I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home.*

*I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my pathway's rough and steep;
But golden fields lie out before me, where weary eyes no more shall weep.
I'm going there to see my mother, she said she'd meet me when I come;
I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home.*

*I'll soon be free from every trial, this form will rest beneath the sod;
I'll drop the cross of self-denial and enter in my home with God.
I'm going there to see my Savior, who shed for me his precious blood;
I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

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: It is indeed right and our greatest joy
to give our thanks and praise
to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Miriam and Moses,
Joshua, Deborah, Ruth,
David, priests, and prophets,
Mary, Joseph, Peter, and Paul,
apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints.
You are the God of our parents
and our children to all generations.

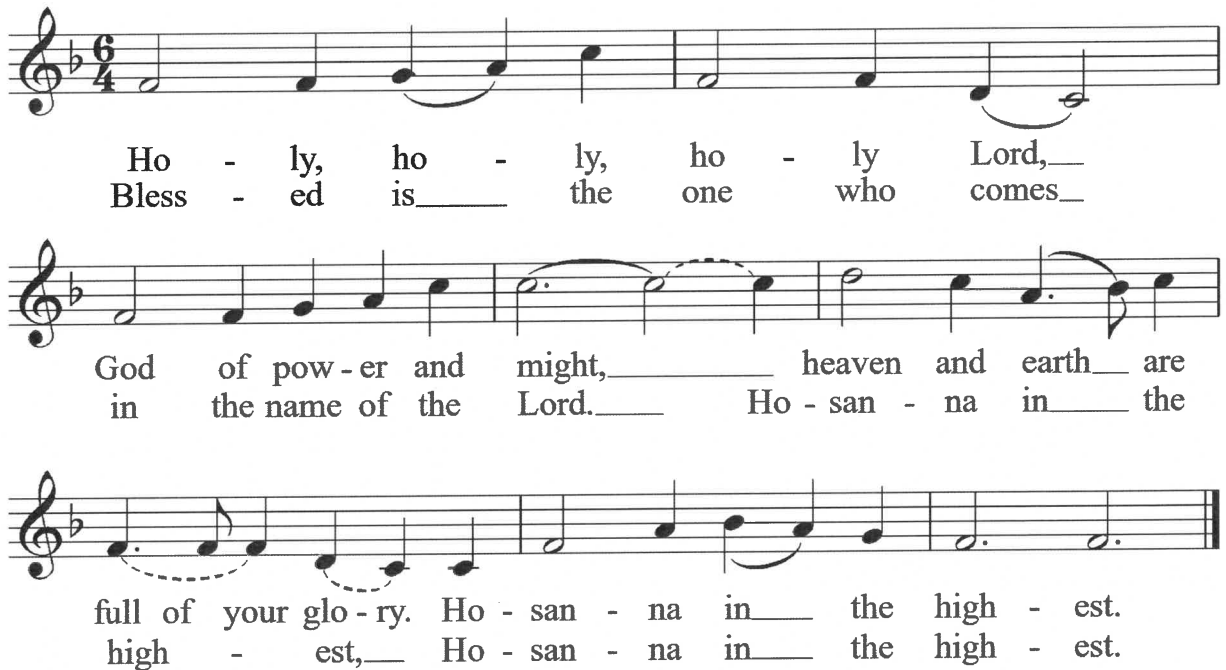
(Prayer continues next page.)

You fashion us into one people,
 and continue to love us
 even when we deny our godly heritage.
 Still, you call us home to you
 through saints dedicated to your will.
 Therefore we praise you,
 joining our voices with all the people of faith of every
 time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Bless - ed is the one who comes
 God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Blessed are you, most gracious God,
 for the gift of your child,
 our brother, Jesus Christ,
 who lived in accord with your will.
 On the night of his arrest,
 he taught us how to serve one another in love
 with a ritual of table fellowship
 enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.
 And so, in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves with thanksgiving
 as a living sacrifice.

In union with Christ's offering for us,
 we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Spirit of the living God,
 make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us
 so we might be in communion with you and one another.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Leader: Hear us now as we remember and give thanks
for those in our number who have followed you in faith
and joined the great cloud of witnesses:

Marc Arrowood

Richard Baker

Robert Bloom



Phil Boyle

Dan Bulquillon

Wes Carson†



Arthur Clark†

Tom Clift

Gregory Alan Dale



Betty Danielson

Brenda Tarpley Forsyth†

Margaret Frederick



Carnie Gillespie

Michelle Goette Greenberg

Lynn Guerrant



Mable Guess

Pam Hanson

Bobbie Heit



Jean Jasman

James Kamutu

George Kimani Ruiyi



Norma King

Yihong David Kong†

Margaret Meade



Tom Means

Peggy Mordecai

Parker Morton†



Gayle Munday

Mary Myers

Felister Njeri Mjuguna



Clement O'Brien

Mark Pellin

Jean Robinson



Hugh Robinson†

Ofelia Gallegos Sanchez

Edward D. Schultz



Robert Sciretta

Rosemary Seve†

Karen Shelton



Sheri Watson

Andy Widmark†

Mattie Jean Wilkins

Frances Winslow



† member of FPC

Leader: Number us among your saints, O God,
and join us with the faithful of every age,
that strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us
and may with them receive the unfading crown of glory
when we stand before your throne of grace.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages
we will feast with you at your table in glory.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor and praise are yours, almighty God, now and forevermore.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

★ Ecumenical version

**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

Mindy Douglas, Esther Hethcox

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The bread is gluten free, and the elements were prepared in a gluten-free area. Servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. If you are able, come forward to receive communion. The bread server will dip a pre-cut piece of bread in the common cup for you and then pass it to you. After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)

Communion Solo

Shall We Gather at the River
Ginger Jones-Robinson, soprano

Adapted by Aaron Copland

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Esther Hethcox

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

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

All: God of glory, in this holy feast
you have made us one with Christ
and with that great multitude of the faithful –
those who hunger and thirst no more
and worship night and day in your temple.
Lead us in the paths of righteousness
and guide us to the springs of the water of life,
until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing:
Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 550

Give Praise to the Lord

Laudate Dominum

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in D

Johann Pachelbel



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.
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 identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

The *flowers* today are given by **Kathy Parkins** to the glory of God and in memory of all those killed by wars, and in honor of all those working for peace.

“A true revolution of values will lay hand on the world order and say of war,

‘This way of settling differences is not just.’” —Martin Luther King, Jr.

*“God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.”—Jesus (Matthew 5:9)*

We welcome our friend **Ginger Jones-Robinson** as our soloist today. Ginger has performed solos and concerts in our sanctuary for many years. She recently completed her Doctorate in Music at the University of South Carolina and has moved back to the Triangle to become the Director of Choirs at Northern High School in Durham.

★ ***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.

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 the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary. 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.

Portions of ***today's texts*** were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* (2018), *Feasting on the Word* (Year A, Volume 2), *The United Methodist Hymnal*, and *Glory to God* (Presbyterian Hymnal). Music and hymn text reprinted with permission under One License.net: A-713926.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Condolences:

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to ***Ginny Widmark*** and ***Leann Jocius and her family*** on the death of Ginny's husband/Leann's father. ***Andy Widmark*** died October 28th at the age of 81. He was a longtime member of FPC and a faithful worshipper. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held Monday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of FPC. The family will greet friends at a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following the service.

Concerns:

Carol Wills, a resident at Hillcrest, is recovering from a recent fall.

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas has been undergoing biopsies this week.

Tony Brown Paul Cornsweet Susan Cyr Kerry Holbrook Lee House Jenni James
Franzi Rokoske Alfred Tisdale Emily Wilson

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: ***Dub Gulley***

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: ***Phillip Herndon***

Hillcrest Convalescent: ***Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills, Jim Wolfe***

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Sylvia Elder, grandmother of Esther Hethcox

Kelley Keller, friend of Kerry Holbrook

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Larry Hethcox, father of Esther Hethcox

Gabe Lamazares, assoc. rector, St. Philip's EC

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Calvin Rogers, friend of Steve Rimmer

Pauli Murray Video Showings

Pauli Murray is the unofficial saint of Durham, and we have the special opportunity to view the award-winning film "My Name is Pauli Murray" at the homes of FPC members on dates in November. The 91-minute film depicts Pauli's life and struggles and influence on Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Thurgood Marshall. **Sign up to view a showing at:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-44740033-pauli#/>

Sunday, November 12 – Potluck follows Worship!

Join us for a congregation wide potluck lunch immediately following worship in the fellowship hall on next Sunday. Please bring either a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share and drop it off in the fellowship hall on the way into worship. (Please remember that oven and microwave spaces are limited). This will be a time of fellowship for all ages, so no childcare will be offered during the meal. We hope to see you there! Please respond to the EVITE with what you will bring.

Shop at Bull City Fair Trade and support FPC's Walk-in Ministry!

Bull City Fair Trade Market, located at 811 9th Street, is partnering with FPC - offering an incentive day to shop their market on **Sunday, November 19 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.** Ten percent (10%) of the proceeds that day will go to FPC's Walk-in Ministry. For more information, contact **Teddie Brown** (tambrown@duke.edu or 919-419-6141).

FPC's Thriving Congregations Committee presents . . .

November 19

River of Life Gallery Walk

What

Gallery Walk to explore and reflect on FPC's recent history

When

Kickoff on November 19th, will remain available through December 3rd

Where

Fellowship Hall

Several groups from our church family worked together to create Rivers of Life. These are visual depictions of First Presbyterian Church in Durham's history, spanning the last 20 years. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on November 19 to reflect on the art and grab a cup of coffee. The gallery will be open until December 3rd.

There will be some questions to prompt your reflection and insights to share either written in space provided at the gallery walk. We also encourage you to take these ideas into a listening session, if you choose to participate. Autumn inspires reflection, let's do it together.

The Piano Performance Team



IN CONCERT

Sunday, November 19 3:00
First Presbyterian Church
305 Main St. Durham, NC
FREE and Open to the Public



The church office and day school will be closed
in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday
and Friday, November 23-24, 2023.



Reign of Christ Sunday

Sunday, November 26
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion



The Season of Advent Begins!

Sunday, December 3 **ADVENT FESTIVAL &** **ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FAIR**

- ✓ Advent devotional materials can be picked up
- ✓ Advent activities provided for children and youth
- ✓ Purchase alternative gifts from mission partners

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

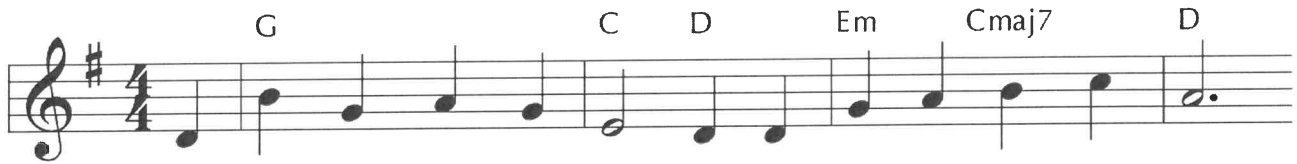
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

to stanza 4

Verses 1 and 3

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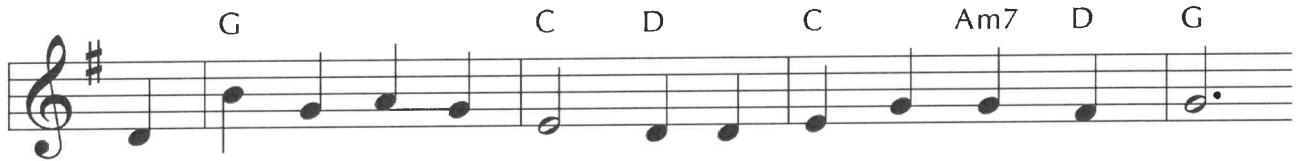
How Lovely, Lord (Psalm 84)



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;

~~2 In your temple, O God, we sing, O God, we sing, O God, we sing.~~

3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long-ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.

~~4 Let us thank you, O God, for you are our God, O God, we sing, O God, we sing.~~

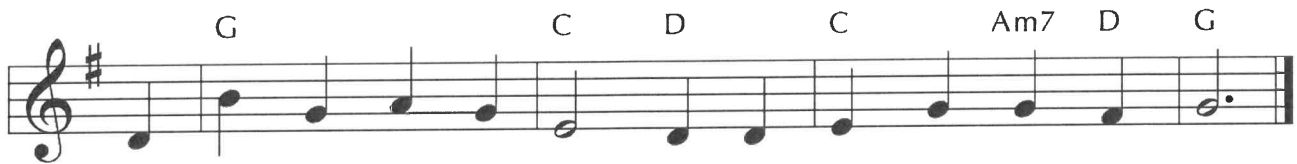
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;

~~5 The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest, O God, we sing, O God, we sing.~~

The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.

~~6 The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest, O God, we sing, O God, we sing.~~

and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

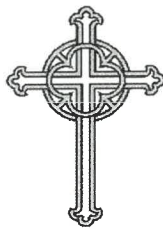
all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group – Mental Health (w/parents)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, November 6</p> <p>9:00-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Study (Robert Daye Meeting Room/East Parlor)</p> <p>1:00 PM Plan Worship</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 7</p>  <p>6:00 – 7:00 PM Tutoring (Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <p>6:00-7:00 PM ESL for women (Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <p>7:00-8:30 PM ESL for men (Iglesia Emanuel)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 8</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff</p> <p>7:00PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 9</p> <p>9:00-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>6:00 – 7:00 PM Tutoring (Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <p>6:00-7:00 PM ESL for women (Iglesia Emanuel)</p> <p>7:00-8:30 PM ESL for men (Iglesia Emanuel)</p>	<p>Friday, November 10</p>	<p>Saturday, November 11</p> <p>Veterans' Day</p>  <p>6:00 PM First Friends Potluck (Joy & Mike Kerner's home)</p>	<p>Sunday, November 12 <i>32nd Sunday Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for all ages</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship An all-church potluck lunch follows worship (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

CHURCH STAFF

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, Sunday Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Bowers Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Designated Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (medical leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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