

First Presbyterian Church Durham, North Carolina

May 28, 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023

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

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

In preparation for celebrating communion via live stream, please have your own bread and cup available at the beginning of worship so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's service.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE Spirit David Blackwell

INTROIT Spirit of God Steve Garners-Holmes (Dove Song)

Cathy Snell, soloist

Spirit of God, bright wind, breath that bids life begin,

blow as you always do; create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,

held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright dove, grant us your peace and love,

healing upon your wings for all living things.

for when we live your peace, captives will find release,

held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

*OPENING SENTENCES

Mindy Douglas

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Darkness was over the deep,

and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

People: Centuries before Jesus walked among us,

the Spirit of God was promised to him,

so that he would bring justice to the nations.

Leader: Jesus sent the Spirit of truth to teach us and give us peace. **People:** At Pentecost the Spirit came,

as the rush of violent wind and tongues of fire.

All: That same Spirit is among us now.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN No. 282 Come Down, O Love Divine

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^{*}All who are able, please stand.

*CONFESSION OF SIN Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,

the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible

in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift.

We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Yet, so often we put conditions on our love—

and joy and peace are difficult to discern

when our words and actions deny their presence.

Response (sung):





Leader: By desiring instant results to most things these days,

we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient.

We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others

because we run out of time to be kind to other than ourselves.

Sung: Spirit of the living God...

Leader: When we persistently make self-centered decisions

rather than Christ-centered ones,

our understanding of your goodness and faithfulness is weakened

and our discipleship lacks credibility.

Sung: Spirit of the living God ...

Leader: In this aggressive world,

it's easy to believe one can't get anywhere

by exercising a spirit of gentleness or even self-control.

Sung: Spirit of the living God ...

Gracious and merciful God, All:

> grant us your forgiveness and your love so that we may truly care for one another. Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit

so that we are fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: Leader:

everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All this is from God

with whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

Thanks be to God! All:

Esther Hethcox *THE PEACE

Laura McNab PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: The Lord be with you. And also with you. People:

Leader: Let us pray.

God our creator, earth has many languages, All:

but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit,

all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen

Acts 2:1-21 (Pew Bible, NT page 119) **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Laura McNab

The Word of the Lord. Leader:

Thanks be to God! People:

Numbers 11:24-30 (Pew Bible, OT page 129) HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! People:

"As the Wind" Mindy Douglas **SERMON**

(Silent reflection)

Wairua Tapu *HYMN No. 292 As the Wind Song

Esther Hethcox *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world.

By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel.

By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered.

By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with his church. (Affirmation continues next page.) We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life, the renewer and perfecter of God's people the one who makes real in us what God has done for us.

We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Amy Sanchez

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher Invitation to Give

(Use the enclosed envelope for your Pentecost Offering which supports faith building and ministry programs in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for at-risk children, youth, and young adults.)

Offertory Anthem

Come Thou, Lord, Creator Spirit

Jeffrey H. Rickard

Come thou, Lord, creator spirit, tune the humble heart to thee.

From the flame of love now kindle flame in spirits born for thee.

Thou the father of thy children; thou the orb of liberty.

Thou the treasure we do cherish; thou our hope and destiny.

Come thou, Lord, in all thy splendor, let the wall of temple ring.

Seraphs' cry allow to render clear the anthem we would sing.

Thou so mighty, now recover for thyself thy majesty.

Thou, so gentle, now deliver for thyself thy people free.

(The *Hunger for Change Offering* will be received following the anthem.)

*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!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Weicher

The Lord be with you. Leader: And also with you. People: Lift up your hearts.

Leader:

We lift them to the Lord. People:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Leader: It is right to give our thanks and praise. People:

Leader:

In the beginning, God of creation, your wind swept the darkness, stirring up life from heights to the depths.

Your Spirit raised us from dust and formed us

to be like your children with one common breath.

We couldn't see where the wind had come from.

We couldn't tell where the wind would go.

Divided, we hid behind walls turning away from the breath of life.

But you blew through the prophets,

you gave visions to slaves,

you spoke in the whirlwind and promised salvation.

You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath,

receiving your Spirit in the river Jordan.

He proclaimed freedom to captives,

and good news to the poor.

He gave hope to the suffering,

and life to the dead.

Therefore, we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels

and with the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 565





Leader: God of endless mercy,

of all the things that are yours

we offer you these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine,

which are yours especially.

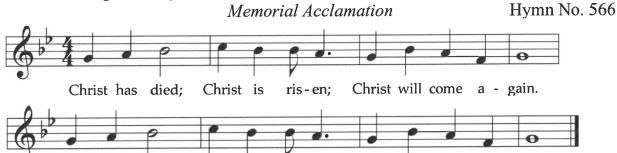
We offer them gladly, as he told us, giving thanks for his death and resurrection.

Filled with your Spirit, and drawn together in his peace,

we praise you and offer our very selves to you

to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service:

All (sung):



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader:

Now pour out your Spirit once more

to make this bread and wine the body and blood of Christ,

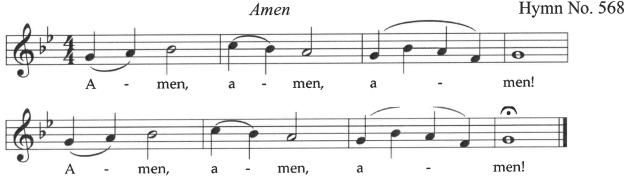
that we might blow through the world

with his love healing and forgiving,

until the heights and depths are filled with your children from every tribe and language and people and nation

joined with the angels in one triumphal song:

All (sung):



THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

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. As 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.)

Anthem during the Communion

The Lone, Wild Bird

arr. David Johnson (Prospect)

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,

And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far-off land. And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

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

People: Amen.

All: Gracious God,

may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,

that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN No. 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Every Time I Hear the Spirit

A.D. Miller

Young Adults Pop-Up Lunch

The Somethings (young adults from their 20s-30s) will gather for a pop-up lunch following worship at Bull City Burger.



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 identity, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and ability to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may know who is

sitting nearby, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by *Tony and Teddie Brown* in memory of their mothers: *Gale Gokey Brown* and *Rose Gadoury Marrotte*.

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.

The *Pentecost Offering* concentrates on building a foundation of faith among youth, young adults, and children at risk. This offering confronts the inequities of our educational system and helps shape the faith of young people so that they might serve in witness to Matthew 25 their whole lives. Congregations retain 40% of this offering for initiatives they choose. FPC's 40% will be given to Epworth Freedom School for their summer enrichment program.

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 to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

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.

Restrooms are in the narthex (to the left and right as you exit 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 narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were written by *Chip Hardwick* and *Sara Miles*; others were taken from Moira Laidlaw's *Liturgies Online* website and *Book of Common Worship* (2018). Music reprinted from *Glory to God* online Presbyterian Hymnal.

Hunger for Change Offering

First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably the Hunger for Change Offering and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we provide volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect and bag food for the Iglesia Emanuel food pantry, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world. The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

40% - Local Hunger Programs

10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. FPC was a recipient of a grant to purchase blessing bag supplies for our Walk-in Ministry.

It's graduation season!

We will acknowledge Class of 2023 graduates on Sunday, June 4. Is someone in your family graduating in the Class of 2023? TODAY is the deadline to email their name and degree, major, and school to Valerie in the church office: *v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org*. Thank you.

Our Joys and Concerns

Condolences: We extend our condolences to the family and friends of *Dan Bulquillon* who lost his fight with depression. Dan was a friend of *Kathy Parkins*.

Birth Announcements: Congratulations to *Leslie Winner* and *Jerry Postema* on the birth of a grandchild. Leslie's daughter (Jerry's stepdaughter), *Lily Schorr* and her husband, *Mike Goldstein*, welcomed *Dorothy Ann Schorr* into this world on May 22.

Congratulations to *Bob and Sheila Breitweiser* on the birth of twin great-grandsons. *Henry Thomas Hannigan* and *William Robert Hannigan* were born in Charlotte on May 22 to Bob and Sheila's eldest grandchild, *Madeline King Hannigan*.

Concerns: *Marie Sappenfield* is recovering at home following hip surgery. *Bet Lawson* will have knee surgery this week.

Bob BreitweiserWes CarsonPaul CornsweetSusan CyrKerry HolbrookLee HouseGeorge KafulaMitzi Lesher-ThomasFranzi RokoskeCarol Wills

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: Dub Gulley

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: Arthur Clark

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: Phillip Herndon

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell*, *Maxie Honeycutt*, *Jim Wolfe*The Forest at Duke Health & Wellness Center: *Joe & Carlisle Harvard*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Jane Austin, friend of the congregation Sylvia Elder, grandmother of Esther Hethcox Grace, Chris James' great-niece Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James Alfred Tisdale, husband of Nora Tisdale

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings
Father of Andres, friend of the congregation
Pam Hanson, mother of Laura Hanson
Clem O'Brien, father-in-law of Mindy Douglas
Pam Tabb, friend of Mindy Douglas
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Support the CSA Project with Sankofa Farms

First Presbyterian, through the Creation Care Committee, is once again participating in a community supported agriculture (CSA) project with Sankofa Farms in Orange County. Boxes of vegetables will be delivered to FPC every **Thursday** afternoon and will be available for pickup between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. in the church foyer. This cycle will run until **June 22**. Other pickup options include **Thursday** evenings at Westminster Presbyterian from 6:00-7:30, and **Saturday** mornings at the Hillsborough Farmers Market from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The cost is \$35 per week for a full share and \$25 for a half share. For the full six weeks the total is \$210 for a full share and \$150 for a half share.

If you wish to participate, go to the Sankofa Farms website, and once there, click "**Shop.**" Pay at checkout. The website is *www.sankofafarms.com*. Contact <u>Tom Bacon</u>, <u>George</u> or <u>Johanna</u> Bernhardt, <u>Cris Rivera</u>, or <u>Larry Brockman</u> if you have questions.

Share your insights with the Thriving Congregations Committee

Sign up using this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-sign

This campaign is only interested in collecting your perspective and insight. If you are not able to make any of the available dates, please email Janefrancesbrown@gmail.com to let her know. We are going to be scheduling more sessions in the Fall and want to gauge interest.

It is important that our leaders, staff, and planners hear from our beloved community as they consider our next steps. We will send a short list of questions for reflection for anyone who signs up and we will also review them at the listening session. Don't let not being able to do "homework" keep you from signing up.

Help retire medical debt in North Carolina

Our first of three campaigns raised \$26,000 and paid off \$5 million in medical debt in NC in Durham and other counties in NC. On May 1, 2023, we launched a second campaign which targets the counties with the greatest number of people of color in their boundaries (including Wake, Guilford, Forsyth, and Mecklenburg). Please share the link below with anyone who wants to eliminate medical debt for our eligible neighbors in NC.

Link to give: https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/building-beloved-community/

Want to join a small group dinner fellowship?

In response to our recent fellowship survey, FPC is forming dinner small groups. The groups will meet six times a year, approximately, and we are hoping participants will commit to the group for one year. This will be a time for fun and fellowship. We will gather in homes or at church for potlucks or at restaurants. Please sign up (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4ca5ab2dab9-first2#/) for the times that you are interested in gathering and indicate the number of people. Groups will be formed and notified in the next few weeks. **Today is the deadline to sign up!** If you are willing to serve as a group coordinator for scheduling, please indicate in the comments. Contact Deborah Momsen-Hudson: <code>dmomsenhudson@gmail.com</code> for more information.

Looking for a place to volunteer?

- Church Office (First floor weekday receptionist):
 Contact Sarah Wright (swright1951@gmail.com or 919-218-7890)
 See opportunities at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aacae28aafac61-first/1438266#/
- Communion servers:

Contact Mary Ann Compton (<u>maryannmac@bellsouth.net</u> or 919-363-8822) Sunday, June 4 (<u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion1#/</u>) Sundays, July-December (<u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion2#/</u>)

• Media techs needed: The audio and video streaming consoles at the back of the sanctuary are operated by volunteers, and we need more. If you're not afraid of technology and are interested, please speak to one of the operators on any Sunday. Middle and high school youth are particularly welcome. Interested persons should send an email to: mediatech@firstpres-durham.org.

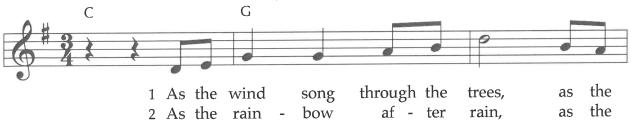
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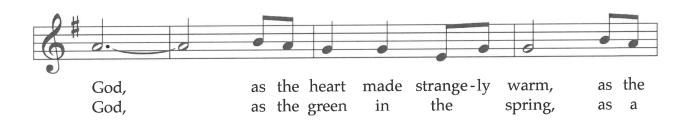
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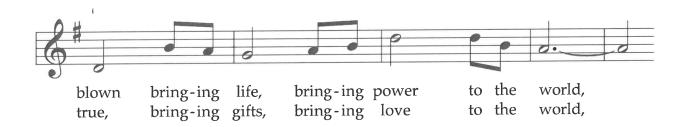


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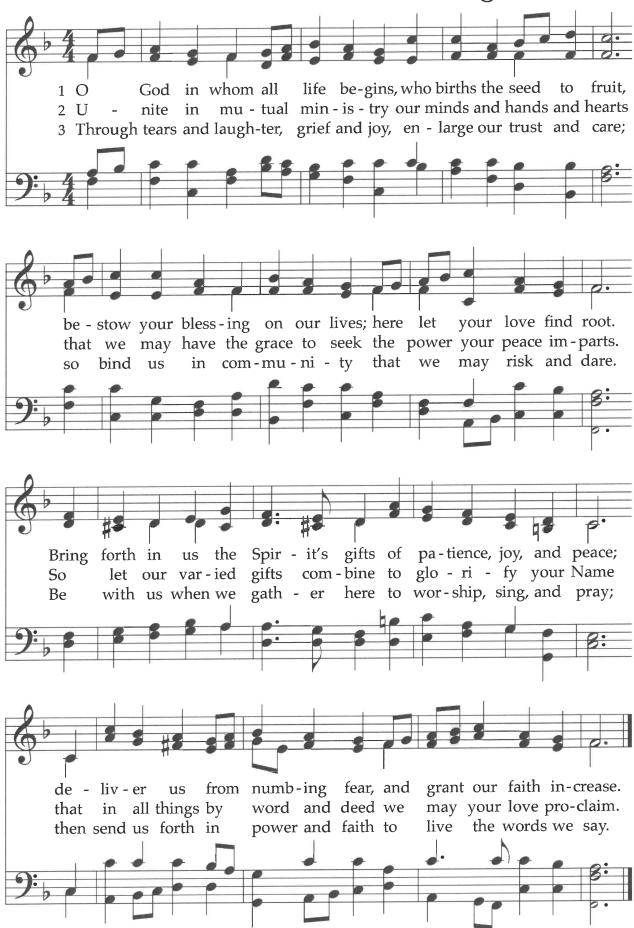




as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de - as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the



O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



The Week at a Glance!

Later Today 12:15 PM

Young Adults Pop-Up Lunch (Bull City Burger)

Monday, May 29



The church office is closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Tuesday, May 30

Newsletter today

Wednesday May 31 6:00 PM

Stewardship Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 1

9:00-12 Noon

Walk-in Ministry interviews

3:30-5:30 PM

Sankofa Farms CSA project distribution

7:00-8:00 PM

Youth Hangout (The Parlour)

Friday, June 2

8:00 AM

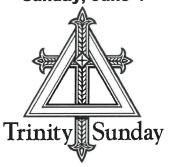
Men of Faith Breakfast Fellowship (Mad Hatter Café)

Saturday, June 3

10:00AM -12 Noon

Day of Service at Iglesia Emanuel (bagging rice & beans)

Sunday, June 4



9:45 AM

Summer Faith Formation class for children, Adult Lectionary, Journeys, and MnMs

11:00 AM Worship & Communion Esther Hethcox, preaching

12:15 – 1:15 **PM**

Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)

8:00 PM

Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship Meet via Zoom

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, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



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

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