



Hildegard of Bingen and the Unjust Steward; *Codex Latinus 1942*.

First Presbyterian Church
September 18, 2022

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission

Mindy Douglas
Karolyn Mangeot

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Taylor Eppinger, violin

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us
God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Lauda Anima

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God,
high above the heavens in glory?
People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**
Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust
and lifts up the needy from the ashes?
People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**
Leader: Who makes light shine in darkness,
gives joy in sorrow,
and brings life out of death?
People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting**
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

***HYMN NO. 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Heidi Biermann

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people.
We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them.
We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them.
We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.
Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness.
Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love
others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful
with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Heidi Biermann

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Kathy Parkins

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ
you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory
and the treasure of your grace.

Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts,
that we may show your love to this generation,
and welcome us into your eternal home,
where we will worship and serve you forever;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 8:4-7

(Pew Bible, OT page 856)

Kathy Parkins

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

(Pew Bible, NT page 208)

Kathy Parkins

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

(Pew Bible, NT page 79)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"One Strange Parable"

Mindy Douglas

***HYMN NO. 655**

What Shall I Render to the Lord

Martyrdom

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Declaration of Faith (Chapter 9, selected lines)*

Mindy Douglas

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by one another, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Mindy Douglas

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Loving Hands

Cary Ratcliff

*Loving hands, we all need loving hands, for the sea and the sands cannot hold
all the rain, all the tears, and the pain. Where is God's loving hand?*

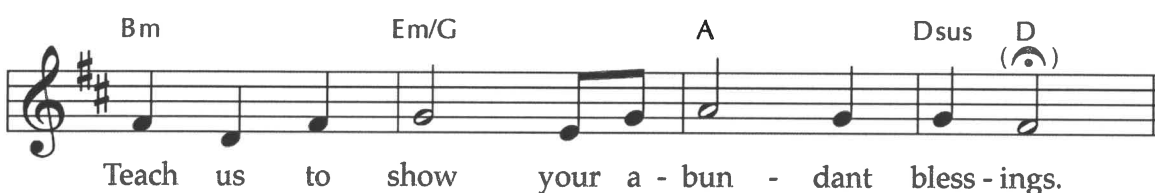
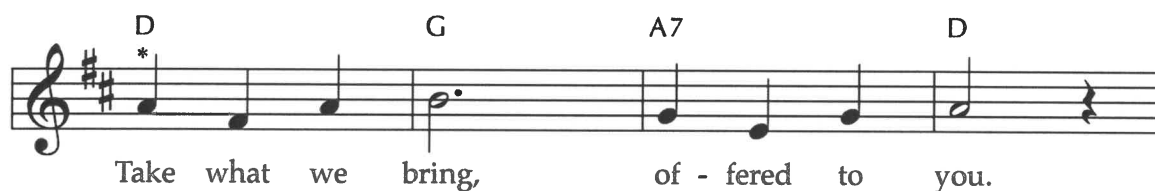
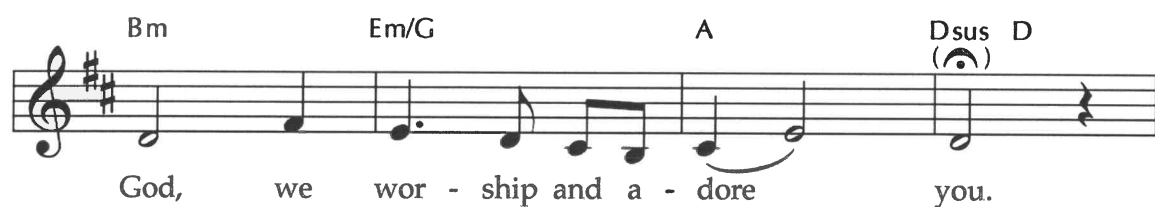
Loving hands left a sign in the sand; strong his call:

Jesus' hands reach to all, reaching out, teaching all,

looking up to see God's loving hand, to be God's loving hand.

*Giving hands, will there be giving hands? Healing hands, when we're hungry or cold,
people sick, people old can all hold onto God's loving hand. Come be God's loving hand.*

*Offertory Response (sung twice)

Abundant Blessings

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Heidi Biermann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Heidi Biermann

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. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Toccata & Fugue in C

18th c. *Italina*



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 ***Ritual of Friendship pad***, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

Special thanks to ***Taylor Eppinger*** for providing violin accompaniment in worship today.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by ***Jane and Robert Brawley*** in memory of their daughter, ***Sara***, whose birthday is September 19.

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.

Sources for today's worship texts: *Lectionary Liturgies*, *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal) and *Feasting on the Word*.

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.

A ***Liturgist Training Class*** will be scheduled in the very near future for four training sessions. **ANYONE** interested in becoming a part our Sunday morning worship service as a liturgist please contact ***Steve Rimmer*** in person or by email csrimmer@nc.rr.com. The training sessions are planned for the Sunday morning Faith Formation hour. If this time doesn't work for some we will find a time to meet during the week. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 at the church. The choir welcomes new people and, as long as you can “carry a tune,” that’s all that’s required. If you are interested in joining, please email **Kathy Parkins** at k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org or speak to Kathy after worship. Please help us “make a joyful noise” to God!

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Diane Lesman**, a friend of FPC who sings in the Chancel Choir, on the death of her sister. **Christine Brownlie Flack** died from progressing dementia on September 15.

- **Scott Barenchi**, stepson of Linda Barenchi, received a diagnosis of a rare form of cancer
- **Kerry Holbrook** is recovering from back surgery.

Paul Cornsweet

Lee House

Jancy Johnstone

George Kafula

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Katy Loebrich

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: **Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe**

The Forest at Duke Health Center: **Wes Carson**

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Gladys Arrowood, mother of Al Arrowood

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

Sydnor Patrick, friend of FPC

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

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Bob, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

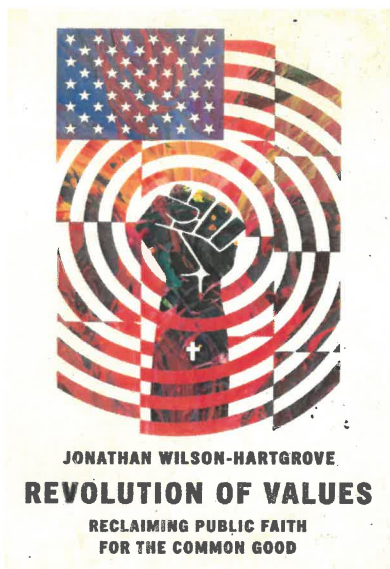
Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Grace, Chris James’ great-niece

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard



OUR FALL BOOK STUDY HAS BEGUN!

Tuesdays, at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Our first book, *Revolution of Values*, was chosen to help us think about the upcoming election and how we "reclaim public faith for the common good." This book is written by our local friend Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. Check in with Mindy Douglas if you need a copy of the book. Here’s the study schedule:

September 13/14

September 20/21

September 27/28

October 4/5

October 11/12

chapters 1-2

chapters 3-4

chapters 5-6

chapters 7-8

chapters 9

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmUNZdXRSZ09NUkxhZk1DTlkzQT09>

LET'S SUPPORT THE PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 24 – 10:30 a.m.

Duke's East Campus Quad – 1304 Campus Drive, Durham



Marchers will line up along the wall of Duke's campus that runs along Main Street towards Buchanan Drive between 9:00-10:00 a.m. Parking will be very limited around Duke's East Campus. You are encouraged to arrive early (9:00 a.m.) and you can carpool from FPC.

We are Entry No. 17 so please meet our group there by 9:30 a.m. The route is two miles so please hydrate, bring sunscreen, and wear comfortable shoes. Stroller, wheelchairs, wagons, and mobility aids are permitted.

Bring reusable containers and clean up any litter as you see it along the route. Stay to the righthand lane of the street. Please plan to finish the route and stay for the remainder of the parade on East Campus. There will be an opportunity to exit the parade route if you are unable to finish. The parade is rain or shine. Following the parade, there will be a Festival for an afternoon of entertainment, food trucks, and vendors. In the evening, there will be a concert in Durham's Central Park from 5:00-8:00 p.m. again featuring food trucks, local breweries, and truly incredible queer musicians. FPC's organizer is Mindy Douglas.

Honoring the Season of Peace at FPC

Sunday, October 2 is the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering that supports initiatives in the US and around the world. This year our local 25% portion goes to Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham: <https://nonviolentdurham.org/>.

On Wednesday, October 5 we will host Mr. Maina Talia, Climate Action Network Secretary in Tuvalu, an island country in the Pacific Ocean. From 6:00 p.m. he will talk with us about climate change, theology and indigenous issues. Snacks will be served at 5:30 and we will be taking reservations for a 7:00 p.m. box supper with Mr. Talia. His talk is sponsored by FPC's Creation Care and Service and Mission committees and the Peacemaking Network of New Hope Presbytery. **Please join us in promoting peace!**

Supporting Duke's Presbyterian Campus Ministry

College students love eating home cooked meals. If you would like to provide a Sunday night dinner for Duke students who participate in campus ministry, please contact Duke campus minister **Jackie Rodriguez** (jacquelyn.rodriguez@duke.edu) for more information.



Hospitality

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35

Stewardship Season Kickoff

Sunday, September 25

Luncheon following Worship

Love in the heart of Durham

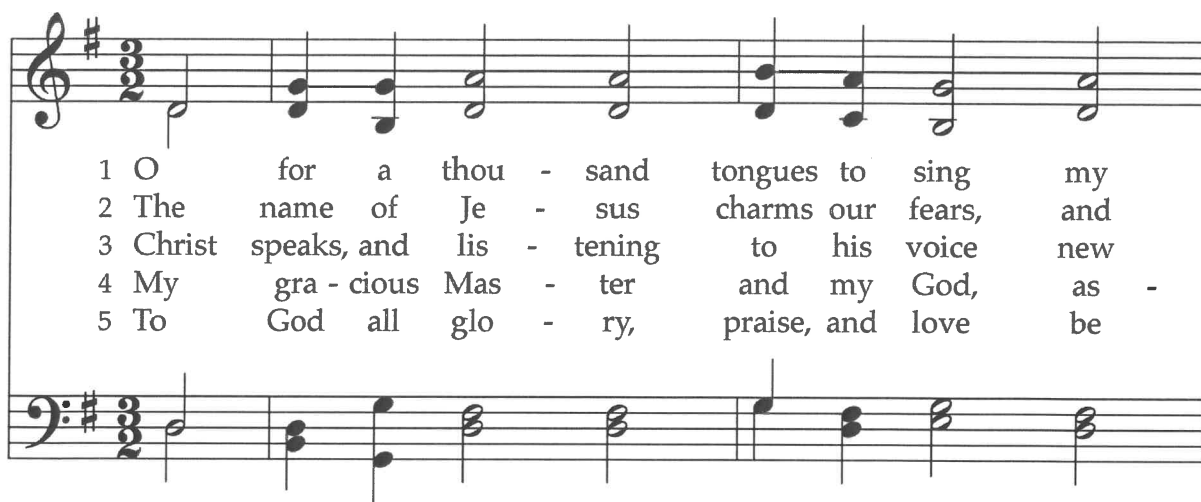
Join us for lunch (free catered meal) following worship on Sunday, September 25 as we kickoff our 2023 Stewardship Season.

This year's theme is "Hospitality" and our own Business Manager, **Tom Bloom**, will challenge us to generously giving through pledges and offerings to the work we hope to accomplish together in 2023.

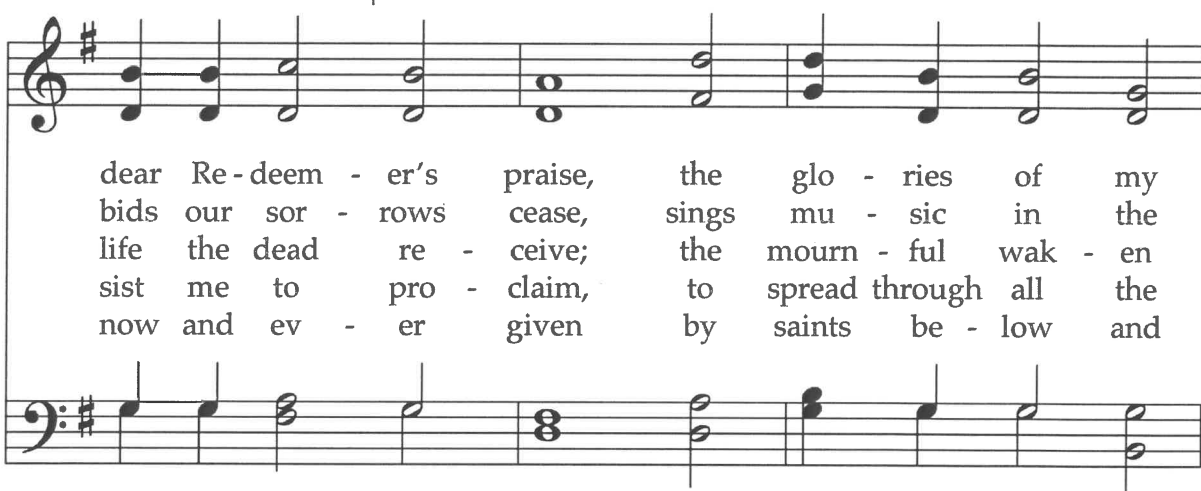
We ask that you let us know if you and your family will join us for the meal by replying to the EVITE, completing the enclosed meal reservation slip, or calling the church office (919-682-5511 x 217) by Wednesday, September 21. One response per household is appreciated. All ages will share in the meal together (no childcare) with the option of eating outdoors in the courtyard.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Contact **Ashley Swavely** (864-933-4674) if you can help before the meal with setup or after the meal with clean up. Thank you.

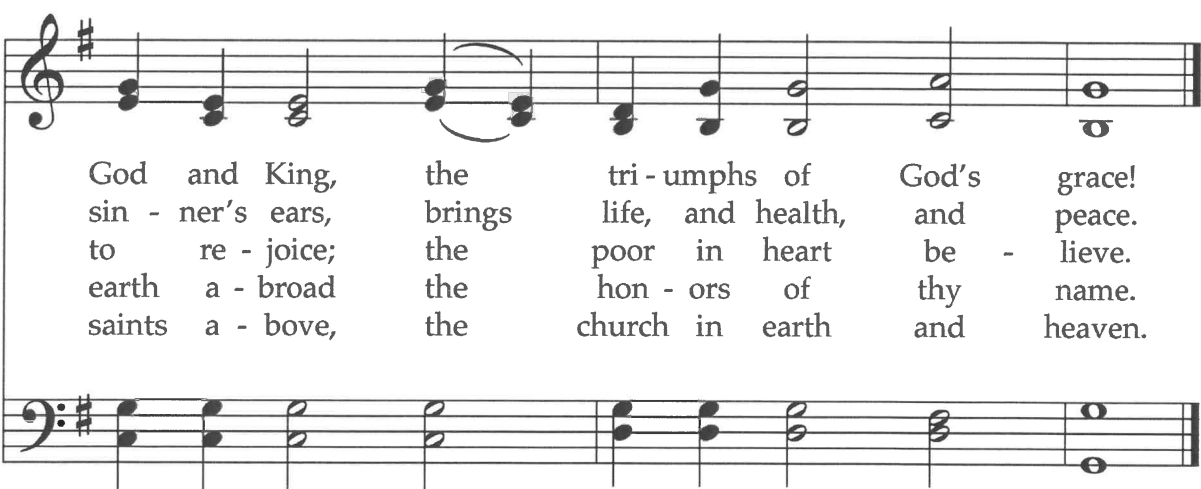
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



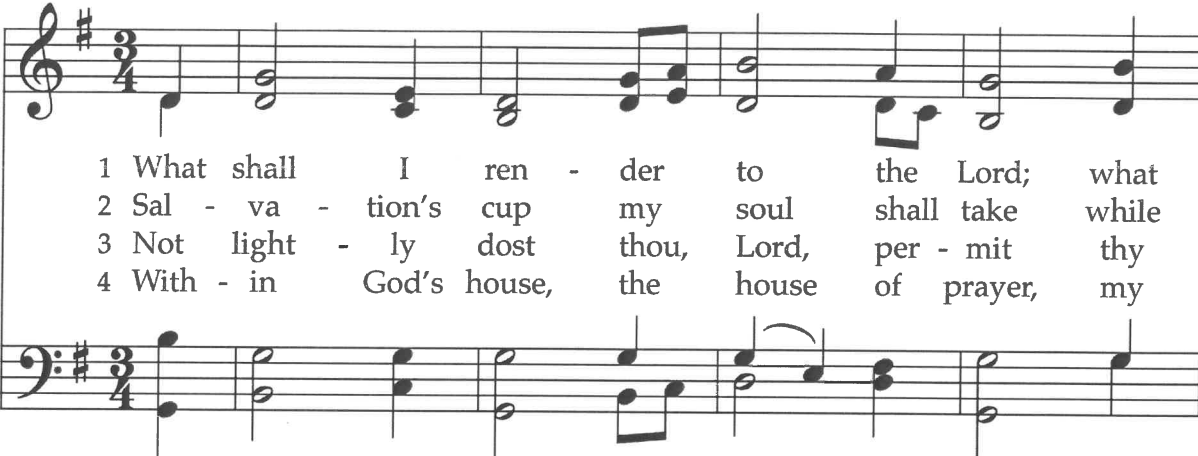
dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



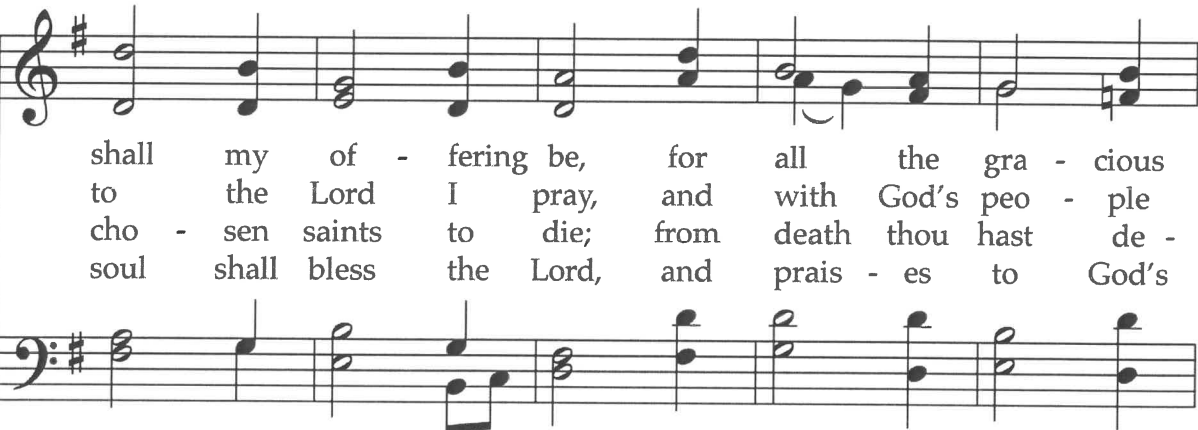
God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

655 What Shall I Render to the Lord

(Psalm 116)



1 What shall I ren - der to the Lord; what
 2 Sal - va - tion's cup my soul shall take while
 3 Not light - ly dost thou, Lord, per - mit thy
 4 With - in God's house, the house of prayer, my



shall my of - fering be, for all the gra - cious
 to the Lord I pray, and with God's peo - ple
 cho - sen saints to die; from death thou hast de -
 soul shall bless the Lord, and prais - es to God's



ben - e - fits God hath be - stowed on me?
 I will meet, my thank - ful vows to pay.
 liv - ered me; thy ser - vant, Lord, am I.
 ho - ly name let all the saints ac - cord.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Robert Daye Meeting Room)</p> <p>4:00-6:00 PM Youth Groups (Tree Runner, Raleigh)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p> <p>8:00 PM PBS Documentary: The US and the Holocaust (watch on UNC-TV)</p> <p>https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/us-and-the-holocaust/episode-guide/#tv-schedule</p>	<p>Monday, September 19</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>4:00 PM Building Committee</p> <p>6:00 PM Capital Campaign Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 20</p> <p>5:00 PM Finance Committee</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p> <p>6:15 PM Book Study: <i>Revolution of Values</i> (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 21</p> <p>11:00 AM Book Study: <i>Revolution of Values</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p>1:00 PM Program Staff</p> <p>7 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, September 22</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p>Friday, September 23</p>	<p>Saturday, September 24</p> <p>10:30 AM Durham Pride Parade (FPC walks in slot No. 17; lineup at 9:30 AM, rain or shine.)</p> <p>Interested in walking? Watch for a separate Parade logistics email with details.</p> <p>The Pride Festival will follow parade event on Duke's East Campus quad.</p>	<p>Sunday, September 25</p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation (classes for all ages)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>After Worship Stewardship Luncheon</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Groups</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

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info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: <http://firstpres-durham.org>.

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