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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

For those joining worship via live stream, please prepare your bread and cup before worship begins so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee, arr. Matthew Corl

INTROIT

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,

but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader:

We gather from the west to the east,

People:

from the south to the north,

Leader:

to celebrate the God of peace

People:

who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

Leader:

This God of peace accompanies us

People:

in each and every circumstance around us.

All:

We praise God's name! Amen!

*Hymn No. 388

Come All You People

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*CONFESSION OF SIN

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory,

but people find only hardened hearts.

We would like to be transformed people,

but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.

We long to stand with those who are in need,

but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment.

Forgive us, God who came down to us.

Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.

(Prayer continues next page.)

(Prayer continues in unison.)

Split open our frozen hearts,

that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.

Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,

that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

into that kingdom of grace and hope.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*PASSING THE PEACE

Esther Hethcox

Kerry Holbrook

John Weicher

Hymn No. 450 (verse 1) Slane

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung) Be Thou My Vision Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;

thou my best thought, by day or by night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:23-32 (Pew Bible, NT page 23)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:1-11 (Pew Bible, NT page 197)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "That You Have" John Weicher

(Silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From A Declaration of Faith) Mindy Douglas

We believe that at the Lord's supper

the community of believers is renewed

by the memory of Christ's life and death,

by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,

and by the promise of his coming again.

Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.

He offers us his body broken for our sake

and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

We accept his promises and gifts

and depend on his life to sustain ours.

In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving

to the risen Lord who has conquered death.

So we celebrate his victory here and now

and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.

Reunited around one loaf and cup,

we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

*HYMN No. 508 Come to the Table Come to the Table

Kathy Colville

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

The annual Peace and Global Witness Offering that supports initiatives in the US and around the world is being received today. You may use the specially marked envelope for this offering.

Offertory Anthem

Come Before the Table

Karen Marrolli

Lesley Curtis and Shelley Turkington, soloists

Anna Blair, percussion

Come before the table, come before the table,

come and share the love that makes us one.

O come with one spirit, come with one hope,

come with one song, O come and share the love.

Come as you are, knowing we all belong,

come and share the blessing, O come and share the promise.

Come with one mission, come with one love,

come with one voice, come all near and far.

Let all the world rejoice.

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,

who at this blessed feast are pleased to be.

O come and share the love that makes us one.

*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 TABLE

Esther Hethcox

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

loving God, Creator and Sustainer of all life.

You planted the first fields -

wheat, barley, rice, and maize

and made us in your image

to care for your creation.

You fed your people in the wilderness with manna from heaven leading them to a land of milk and honey.

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Leader:

When human greed trampled the poor you spoke through the prophets, calling us to worship you with justice and peace.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, the living bread, to lift up the oppressed and lowly and fill the hungry with good things.

Therefore, we praise you,

joining the faithful who hunger and thirst for righteousness and singing the hymn of the whole creation:





Leader:

We praise you, most holy God,

for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh.

He taught us to share the abundance of your love,

feeding the multitude,

eating with sinners and strangers,

offering his own body to save us,

and pouring out his life for the world.

Leader:

Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ, we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving as we share this feast of love and grace.

All (sung):



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

Leader:

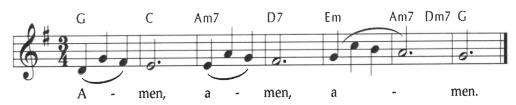
Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and one with all who share this meal, a great multitude from every nation.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

All (sung):



THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Spanish)

Julio Manceras

As we participate in the unity of World Communion Sunday, let us hear *The Lord's Prayer* spoken in Spanish.

Leader:

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,

santificado sea tu nombre.

Venga tu reino.

Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra.

El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy.

Y perdónanos nuestras deudas

como también perdonamos a nuestros deudores.

Y no nos dejes caer en tentación,

mas líbranos del mal;

porque tuyo es el reino,

el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos.

All:

Amén.

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.)

Hymn No. 495 (all sing)

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee

Adoro Te Devote

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Esther Hethcox

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

People: Amen.

All: Loving God, you have given us a share

in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn No. 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant The Servant Song

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION John Weicher

*POSTLUDE The Welcome Table Matthew Corl



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 <u>then return</u> <u>it to the starting point</u>, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given by *Torrell and Laura Armstrong* to the glory of God and in memory of Laura's father, *Tom Clift*.

We are grateful to *Lesley Curtis* and *Shelley Turkington* (soloists) and *Anna Blair* (percussion) for providing music for today's worship.

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. To mark World Communion Sunday, it will be prayed aloud in Spanish today by Deacon Julio Manceras.

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. 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 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.

Sources for today's worship texts: Presbyterian Church of Colombia, Lectionary Liturgies, Feasting on the Word, and Book of Common Worship (2018).

These Days daily devotional booklets for October – December 2023 are available from the table in the church foyer. Get your free copy while supplies last.

Copies of recent sermons are available from the table in the foyer. Please feel free to take a copy for yourself and to share copies with our homebound members and friends of the church.

Todays' bulletin cover was created by Isa Cummings for World Communion Sunday.

~ Our Concerns ~

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to *Lanny Pratt* on the birth of a grandchild. *Eloise Mae Requena* was born September 27th to Lanny's youngest daughter, *Lydia Marie White*.

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Caroline Means* on the death of her grandfather, *Tom Means*.

Added this week: Joy Wintermute, friend of FPC, recently hospitalized

Bob Breitweiser Mitzi Lesher-Thomas Paul Cornsweet Franzi Rokoske Kerry Holbrook Alfred Tisdale Jenni James Julie Whiddon Lee House

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

Robert (Bob) Clark, regular online worshipper Ellen Doyle OSU, friend of Karolyn Mangeot Lynda Frank, mother of Leah Graves Jasper Yeatts Gunn, child of Wilson Gunn Kelley Kelleher, friend of Kerry Holbrook Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer Dennis Tiede, nephew of Mary-Jo Keenan John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings
Sylvia Elder, grandmother of Esther Hethcox
Grace, Chris James' great-niece
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
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Philippians in Six Sessions

Paul wrote the book of Philippians from a prison cell as a letter to a community he loved. This book is full of themes of joy and community life together. While we will focus on the study of scripture, this group will also be a way to deepen our spiritual lives and our fellowship with each other. The class began September 24 and continues in the basement parlor at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for six sessions. For more information, please contact *Susan Dunlap*, sjd4@duke.edu.

Learn about FPC's CARE Team Ministry

For the first three Sundays of October, Faith and Community Class is focusing on refugees and asylum seekers in the U.S. On **October 8**, several young immigrants who attend Immaculate Conception will be sharing their experiences as immigrants to the U.S. from Central and South America. On **October 15**, we will be viewing a film from PCUSA, "Genesis of Exodus," which provides an intensive look at why people in Central and South America are leaving to make to perilous journey to the U.S.

FALL EVENTS

2024 STEWARDSHIP SEASON KICKOFF

Sunday, October 8

9:45 a.m. Stewardship Presentation for parents (CE Building, Room 205)

11:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Stewardship reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres in Watts-Hill Hall

ALL HALLOW'S TIDE AND MONASTICIEM PRACTICES

Saturday, October 14

5:00 p.m. Matthew Eggleston is hosting *The Somethings* at his home.

This potluck during the Halloween season will explore Monasticism spiritual practices with us! Together we will learn the history of this discipline and we can explore together how to incorporate this strain of spirituality into our daily lives.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 15

11:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders

AWESOME AUTUMN Fun Fellowship

Sunday, October 15

3:00-5:00 p.m. at Forest Hills Park

Bring picnic-style food to share.

COMMUNITY-WIDE TRUNK OR TREAT

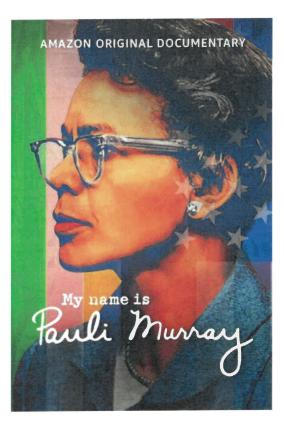
Sunday, October 29

5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church's parking lot

Families can decorate and host a TRUNK.

Families can dress up in costumes and kids can go for TREATS!

Face-painting and refreshments will be available.



Pauli Murray Video Showings

Pauli Murray is the unofficial saint of Durham, and we all now have the special opportunity to view the awardwinning film "My Name is Pauli Murray" at the homes of FPC members on five different dates in October.

The 91-minute film won the Peabody Award in 2022 and has been described by critics as a film that "educates and uplifts in equal measure while paying stirring tribute to a largely unsung -- yet hugely important -- individual." It depicts Pauli's life and struggles and influence on Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Thurgood Marshall.

This October, four members of FPC's Racial Equity Task Force are opening their homes and inviting you to share this movie that is only available on Amazon Prime.

The schedule for the showings of the movie is below. You can sign up for a showing at this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-44740033-pauli#/.

DATE AND TIME	Ноѕт	PETS IN HOME	# OF SLOTS
Saturday, October 7 – 2 PM	Kerry Holbrook	cats	3
Saturday, October 7 – 4 PM	Sharon Hirsch	1 small dog	5
Saturday, October 21 – 5 PM	Jennie Alwood	2 cats	5+
Thursday, October 26 – 7 PM	Jon Abels		10
Saturday, October 28 – 2 PM	Kerry Holbrook	cats	3

31st Annual Community Vigil Against Violence

Join us to honor and remember 50 lives taken from us by violence in Durham County during 2022. Over 90% ended by gunshot wounds. Each is a tragic reminder of the more than 1000 lives in 31 years, similarly, snatched away and still powerfully missed. Each one an enduring, immeasurable loss to our community. Join us **Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. on the grounds of Elizabeth Street UMC** (1209 N. Elizabeth Street) **for a ritual of sacred attention to these 50 loved ones**. For the 31st time, we offer this Annual Vigil Against Violence as a space to unite in public mourning for the inequitable human toll of our violence. All are welcome. Vigil is sponsored by Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham. For more information, contact Rev. Annette Love (919-746-6751or aclove58@gmail.com).

WORKSHOP: Building Bridges with Asylum Seekers Saturday, October 14 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church 4900 Kaplan Dr, Raleigh

Learn how you and/your congregation can become allies to asylum seekers, and imagine how communities can be prepared to welcome our neighbors.

Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

RSVP by October 8.

Event sponsored by New Hope Presbytery Peacemaking Committee.

To register and for more information
contact Libby Johnson at 865-789-8912 or Linda Rapuanon at 917-991-4138.

Durham CAN Candidates Assembly Sunday, October 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church 316 Hebron Rd, Durham

Come hear "yes" or "no" answers from candidates for City Council and Mayor on issues affecting Durham CAN members, including affordable housing and services for victims of gun violence. Issues are developed through relational meetings, caucuses, and listening sessions throughout our member congregations, associations and neighborhoods and formed into actionable issues by our research action teams. For more information on supporting this event, contact Susan Dunlap at 919-801-5968 or sjd4@duke.edu.

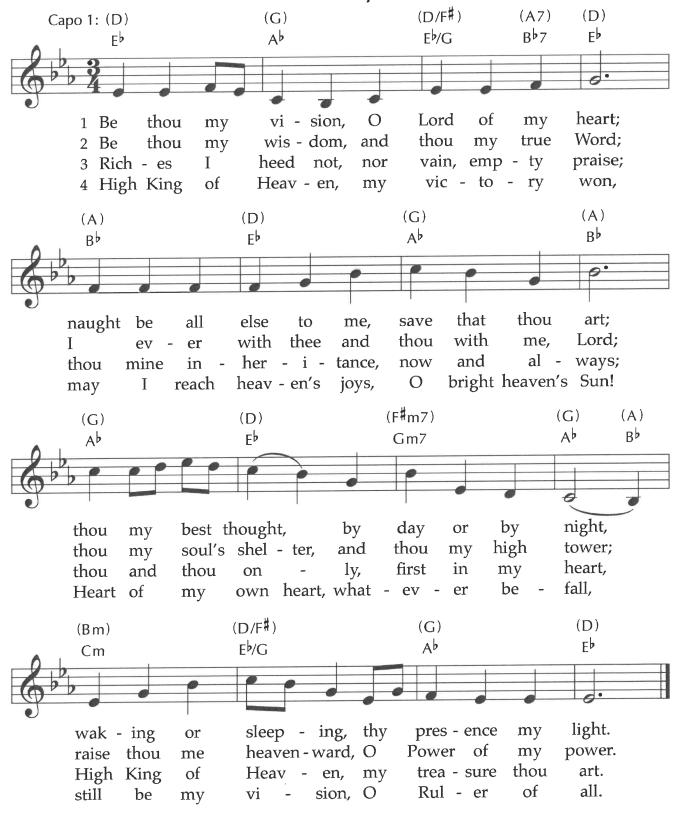
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Be Thou My Vision



Come to the Table

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The Week at a Glance!					
Later Today	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,		
5:00-7:00 PM	October 2	October 3	October 4		
Youth Group at Farm Church (meet at Watts & Green St.)	9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone Interviews		1:00 PM Program Staff 7 PM Chancel Choir		
8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)	10:30 AM Presbyterian Women (Robert Daye Meeting Room)		7 PW Charcel Choir		
	1:00 PM Worship Planning				
Thursday,	Friday,	Saturday,	Sunday,		
October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8		
9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Phone Interviews			9:45 AM Faith Formation (classes for all ages)		
			11:00 AM Worship		
			12:15 PM Stewardship Season Kickoff with Food and Fellowship (Watts-Hill Hall)		
			5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group		
			8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)		

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

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