



**First Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina**

June 4, 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 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

Esther Hethcox

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune on "Love Divine"

Michael Helman

INTROIT

Round the Lord in Glory Seated

Rustington, C.H.H. Parry

*Round the Lord in glory seated, cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated each to each the alternate hymn:
"Lord, thy glory fills the heaven, earth is with thy fullness stored:
unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy Lord."*

*"Lord, thy glory fills the heaven, earth is with thy fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy Lord."*

*Thus thy glorious Name confessing, with thine angel hosts we cry
"Holy, holy, holy," blessing Thee, the Lord of hosts most high.*

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

People: **Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

People: **Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

People: **Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

People: **Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

People: **Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Giver, Gift, and Giving:

People: **Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

People: **Glory to you forever!**

Leader: Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

People: **Glory to you forever!**

*All who are able, please stand.

Leader: Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:
People: Glory to you forever!
 Leader: Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:
People: Glory to you forever!
 Leader: God who was, God who is, God who is to come:
People: Glory to you forever!

***HYMN NO. 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Presence, Life, Fire,

God who is Three-in-One,

we confess that we have turned away from you.

We gaze upon ourselves

as if we are worthy of worship.

We take your creation into our hands,

not to love, but to use and then to discard.

We go to the people of the land,

not to serve, but to press them into our service.

We do not deserve that you would even notice us,

but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.

Flames of Love, purify us from sin;

Eternal Now, lead us to your truth;

Risen One, baptize us into union with you.

Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone,

God who is Trinity.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

***THE PEACE**

John Weicher

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ben Gunn & Candace Knotts

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy One,

guide us by the Spirit of truth

to hear the Word of life you speak,

and to give all glory, honor, and praise

to your threefold name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Pew Bible, OT page 492)
 Ben Gunn & Candace Knotts

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 28:18-20

(Pew Bible, NT page 34)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Esther Hethcox

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“God with Us”

Esther Hethcox

(Silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith

Amy Heit

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls people to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,

praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Amy Heit

Offertory Anthem

Hymn to the Trinity

P.I. Tchaikovsky

(The words to the anthem are the same as Hymn No. 1.)

**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

Esther Hethcox

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Amy Heit

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: Holy, holy, holy God, blessed Three-in-One:
you created the cosmos and called it good.
Your Word became flesh and gave us new life.
You made us a church by the power of your Spirit
and you sustain us still.
You call us to righteousness;
challenge us with your justice,
and overwhelm us with your love.

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 552

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
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: Bless now these gifts of bread and wine,
fruits of your good earth,
body and blood of Christ,
our communion with you and one another.
Conform our wills to your will;
open our minds and enlarge our hearts;
renew our hope and strengthen us in faith
until we feast together at your table in glory.
Great in the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

Memorial Acclamation

Hymn No. 553



(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

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

All (sung):

Amen

Hymn No. 554



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

Esther Hethcox, Amy Heit

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

Hymn No. 21

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works
Dan Huff and Amy Wilson, soloists

Lacquiparle

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Amy Heit

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

People: **Amen.**

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

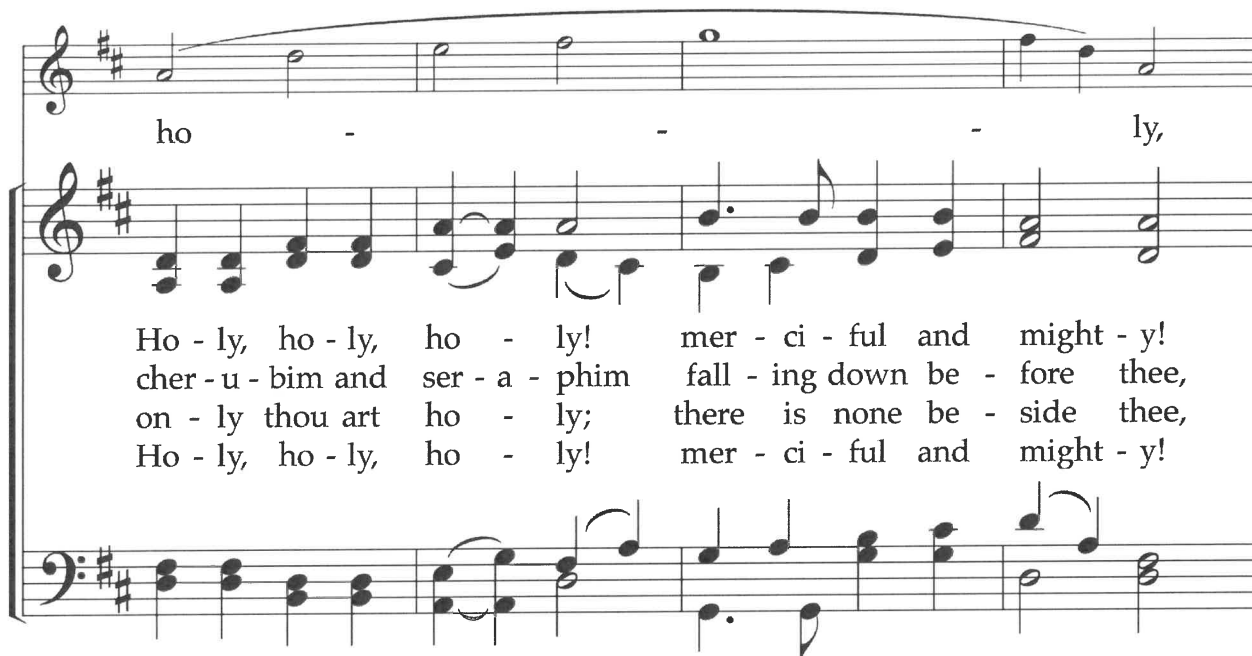
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

The first system of the musical score is for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!'. It features a descant at the beginning. The music is written in treble and bass staves with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are provided for four parts: a four-part setting of 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!' followed by the main text 'Lord God Al - might - y!'. The descant is a melodic line in the treble staff that spans across the first two measures of the first system.

ho - - - ly,

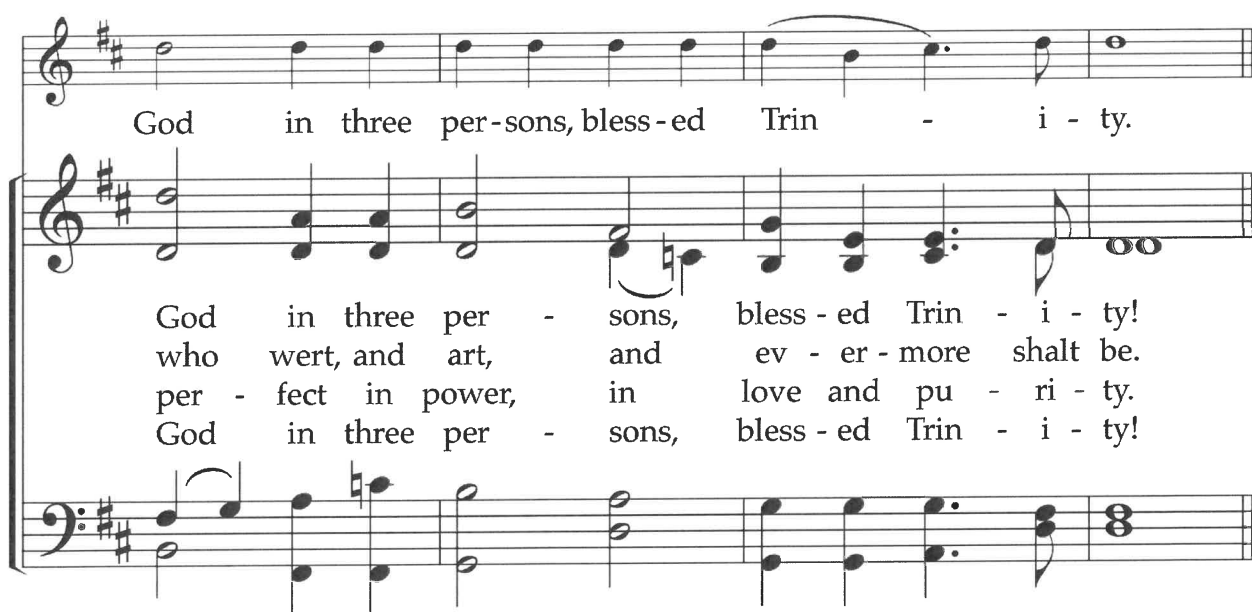
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system of the musical score continues the hymn. It features a descant at the beginning. The music is written in treble and bass staves with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are provided for four parts: a four-part setting of 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!' followed by the main text 'Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see, All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.' The descant is a melodic line in the treble staff that spans across the first two measures of the second system.



ho - ly,

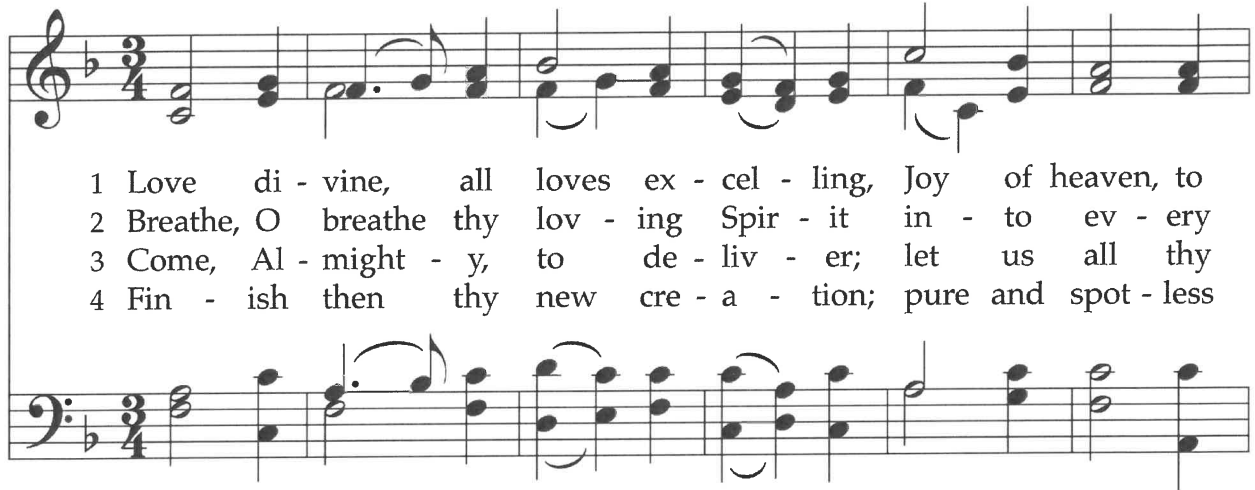
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



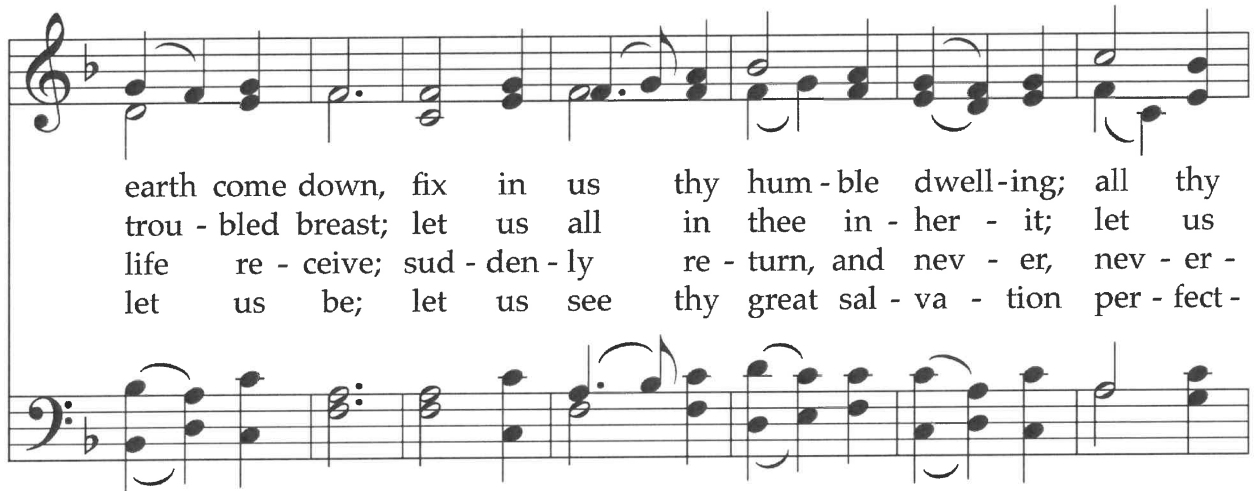
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

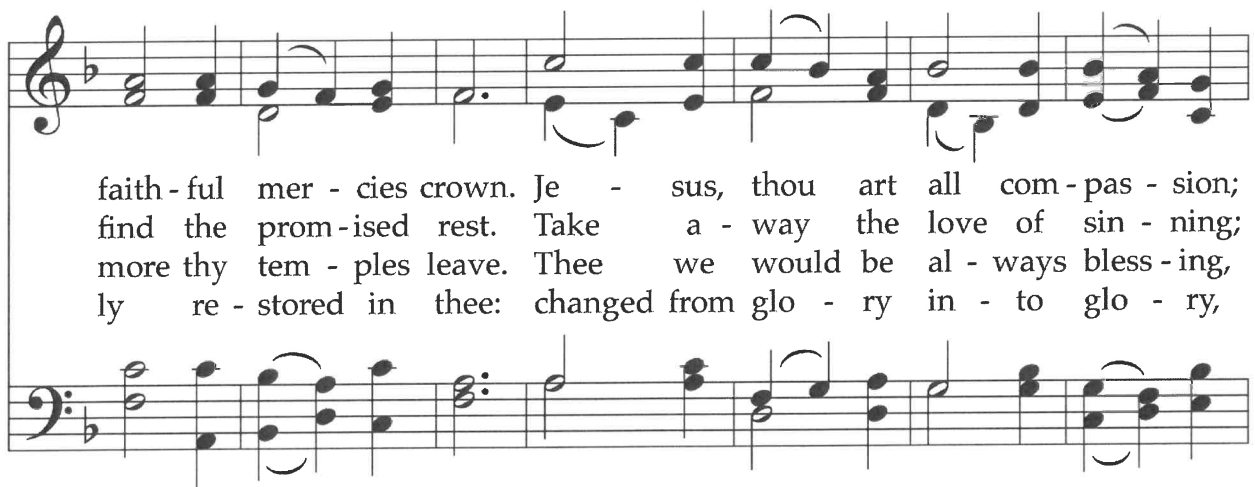
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



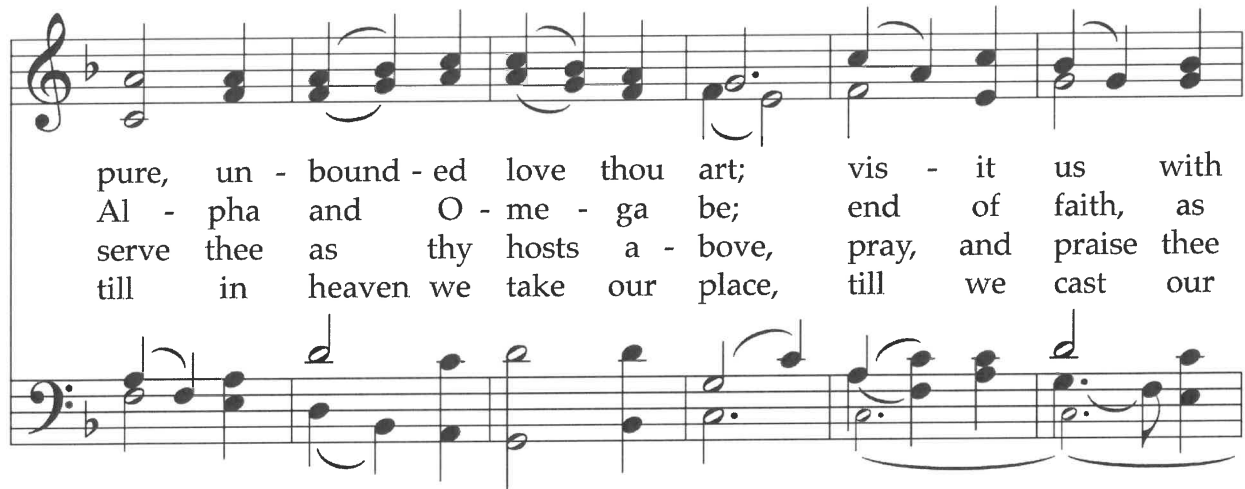
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



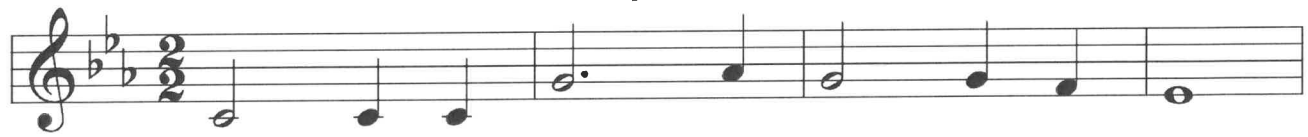
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



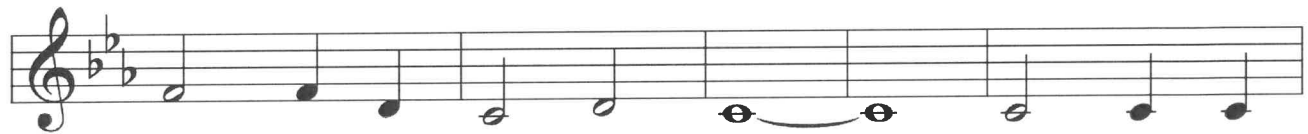
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

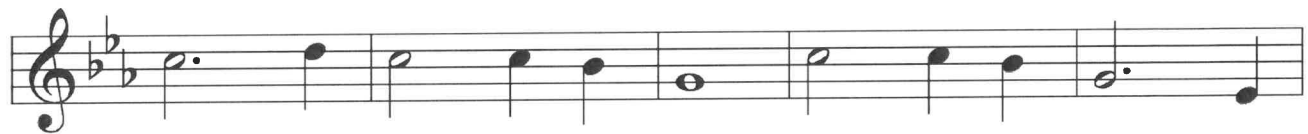
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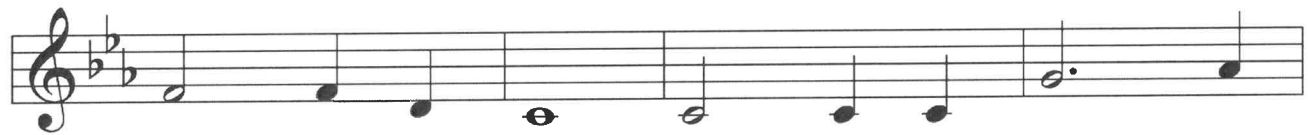
1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with thee,



Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have
thou star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to



set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us. With thee are found the



moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that



wa - ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

In Christ Called to Baptize 297



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Our Joys and Concerns

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Emily Wilkins, Bella,* and *Sophie* on the death of *Neal Wilkins'* mother (Emily's mother-in-law; Bella and Sophie's grandmother). *Mattie Jean (Mémé) Wilkins* passed away on June 1 in High Point NC. A funeral service will be held Saturday, June 10 at 11:00 a.m. at The Church at Pin Hook in Wallace NC.

Concerns: *Bet Lawson* is recovering from knee surgery this week.

Cathy Guajardo is recovering from a fall.

Norma King, mother of Sheila Miglarese, is in the ICU following a bad fall.

Bob Breitweiser

Wes Carson

Paul Cornsweet

Susan Cyr

Kerry Holbrook

Lee House

George Kafula

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Franzi Rokoske

Marie Sappenfield

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 & 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

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/10c0d4aaca28aafac61-first/1438266#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca28aafac61-first/1438266#/)

- **Communion servers:**

Contact Mary Ann Compton (maryannmac@bellsouth.net or 919-363-8822)

Sundays, July-December (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion2#/#/>)

- **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.

“Birding in Southern India” Slide Show

Many tourists to India (birders and others) spend most or all their time in the northern part of the country, visiting New Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, and maybe the foothills of the Himalayas. But there are lots of great birds and mammals, along with culture and scenery, to be found in the south. Our members **David and Judy Smith** spent three weeks last fall in southern India and returned with many memories and photos, which they will share in a slide show on **Tuesday, June 6, at 7:15 in Watts-Hill Hall**. If you’re interested in a Zoom option, please contact David at davidjudysmith@frontier.com.

Share your insights with the Thriving Congregations Committee

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 Jane francesbrown@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 to anyone who signs up, and we will also review them at the listening session.

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

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/>

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 are 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. 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 Tom Bacon, George or Johanna Bernhardt, Cris Rivera, or Larry Brockman if you have questions.

The Week at a Glance!

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| <p>Later Today</p> <p>12:15–1:15 PM Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>2:00 PM Youth Training for Appalachian Service Project (Momsen-Hudson's home)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship Meet via Zoom</p> | <p>Monday, June 5</p> <p>9:00-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <p>12 Noon Presbyterian Women Spring Picnic (home of Linn Lopez)</p> | <p>Tuesday, June 6</p> <p>7:15 PM "Birding in Southern India" Slide Show with David & Judy Smith (Watts-Hill Hall; Zoom option available – contact David Smith)</p> | <p>Wednesday June 7</p> <p>7:00 PM The Somethings (gather at Motorco)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> |
| <p>Thursday, June 8</p> <p>9:00-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <p>3:30-5:30 PM Sankofa Farms CSA project distribution</p> <p>7:00-8:00 PM Youth Hangout (at Locopops on Hillsborough Rd)</p> | <p>Friday, June 9</p> | <p>Saturday, June 10</p> | <p>Sunday, June 11</p> <p>9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation class for children Adult Faith & Community and Lectionary classes</p> <p>10:00 AM Youth leave for Appalachian Service Project</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship Meet via Zoom</p> |

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Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
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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 Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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