



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DURHAM  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Confirmation Sunday

March 31, 2019

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

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

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE** *Upon the Cross Extended* Richard Proulx

**INTROIT** *Are You Weary of Your Burden?* David Ashley White

*Are you weary of your burden, are you sore distressed?  
Come to me, says Christ, and coming, be at rest.  
If I find him, if I follow, what is given here?  
Many a sorrow, many a labor, many a tear.  
If I still hold closely to him, what has he at last?  
Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION OF SIN** *(from Psalm 32)* Mindy Douglas

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered;  
People: **Those whose sins the Lord does not count against them.**  
Leader: When I kept silent my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long;  
People: **Your hand was heavy against me, my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**  
Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover my iniquity:  
People: **Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings,  
deeper than all our sin; receive again your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our  
folly and our excess, our coldness to human suffering, our passion for things of the  
moment. Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way, through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.**

(Silent Confession)

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,  
People: **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**  
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
People: **Sing all you who are upright in heart.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 440** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Aberystwyth

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY** Thilo Fullenkamp

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.  
All: **Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power  
of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the  
world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 43:1-3a

(Pew Bible, OT Page 672)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

(Pew Bible, NT Page 181)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**HOMILY**

*"New Creations"*

Marilyn Hedgepeth

*(Silent reflection)*

**\*HYMN NO. 366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Hyfrydol*

**\*THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

*(As we pass the peace, remember it is still flu season. Signs of hospitality may be expressed verbally, if desired.)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during The Peace.)*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**Baptismal Vows**

Mindy Douglas

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Do you turn to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**A New Creed Using Our Faith Words**

Confirmands

I believe that *hope* in God brings good things and lifts our spirits. (Maeve)

I believe that God encourages *curiosity* and wants us to ask questions. (Webb)

I believe that Jesus is our living *hope*. (Jake - from 1 Peter 1:3-6)

I believe *grace* is God's way of teaching us how to treat each other. (Maggie)

I believe that *hope* is a universal feeling for all people and that all can experience something that can tie into the love of God. (Henry)

I believe that God has *faith* in me, and that I have *faith* in God, too. (Lomi)

Belief in God gives me *hope*, that there is always something better to look forward to. (Jack)

I believe that to "*run with perseverance* the race set before us" means to hold onto our beliefs, and that running is calming. (Nathaniel, Charlie - from Hebrews 12:1)

I believe that God wants us to *hope*, and to expect a favorable future. (Lily)

I believe that God is all-*loving*. (Kayla)

I believe that in times of darkness, it is very important to *hope* in God. (Laura)

God is *love*, and Jesus loves me. (Anna)

**\*THE ANCIENT BAPTISMAL CREED** *(in unison)*

*The Apostles' Creed*

Mindy Douglas

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*(During the Welcome Hymn, children, confirmands and mentors may return to their seats or childcare.)*

### \*WELCOME HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Lord of Love*

*St. George's Windsor*

*Holy spirit, Lord of love, who descended from above,  
Gifts of blessing to bestow on your waiting church below,  
Once again in love draw near to your servants gathered here;  
From their bright baptismal day, you have led them on their way.  
  
When the sacred vow is made, when the hands on them are laid,  
Come in this most solemn hour with your strengthening gift of power.  
Give them light, your truth to see, give them life your own to be:  
Daily power to conquer sin, patient faith, the crown to win.*

### DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Mindy Douglas

Offertory Anthem

*The Road Home*

Stephen Paulus

*Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago?  
All those years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?  
  
After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,  
Through the air there's a calling from far away. There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.  
  
Rise up follow me, come away is the call, with love in your heart as the only song:  
There is no such beauty as where you belong, rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.*

### \*Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Come, all you who are beloved of God.  
Come to the table of the Lord.  
Come and eat food with no cost.  
Come and drink with no money to pay.  
People: **We come to eat, to drink, and our hearts are glad.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Words of institution italicized in this section.)

John Weicher

Leader: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts truly are glad, and we are filled with thankfulness, because in your great love you did not abandon us in the dark and fearful places of this world, but in Jesus, you came to us to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

People: **All who are tired and burdened, all who are frightened and unsafe, all who are sick and broken can come and find new life.**

Leader: We remember the way that Jesus showed us his love: *On the evening before he died, he had supper with his friends. During the meal, he took the loaf of bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and then passed it around with these words:*

People: ***This is my body broken for you. Eat this and remember me.***

Leader: *And, after the meal, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks for it and then passed it around with these words:*

People: ***This is my blood shed for you. Drink this and remember me.***

Leader: And now, every time we eat bread and drink wine like this, we remember Jesus and his everlasting love. Friends, these are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*(Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.)*

*As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. You are also invited to share words of hope to our confirmands by writing a note on a piece of fabric and tying it to the net at the back of the sanctuary before returning to your seat.*

Communion Music (Handbells)

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Spiritual

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Now come, all you who are beloved of God. Hear the call to serve others as God has served you; hear the invitation to be part of God's plan to rescue the world. Join the community of those who walk in the footsteps of God.

People: **Lord God of world-changing love, we thank you for this meal, and for welcoming us to your table. We remember that we are your children, and that you have called us to share your love with everyone we meet. Help us to receive your life, walk in your strength, and follow your ways every moment of our lives.**

Leader: May God's caring arms embrace us, Jesus' comforting words fill us, and the Holy Spirit's renewing presence surround us today and always.

All: **Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 749**

*Come! Live in the Light!*

*We Are Called*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Jesus Is Lord*

Matthew Corl

*All are invited to a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following worship today as we honor the Confirmation Class of 2019.*

**Attention parents:** The Children's Choir will practice today from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. in the choir room. The children will join you at the reception in Watts-Hill Hall following practice.

**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, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, 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. On March 24, we welcomed 25 visitors to worship.

The **flowers** today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Confirmation Class by the FPC staff.

The **Pulpit Paraments**: In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. Her liturgical projects emphasize the "threads that bind" and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of Anne 'St. Clair' Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The *Lenten Banner* was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of *Bess Bryant* and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

*Nursery care* for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a *changing table* in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

*Worship bags and activity bulletins* are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word* and *Eucharistic Prayers*.

*These Days devotional booklets* for April – June 2019 have arrived. Pick up a free copy (regular or large print) from the tables in the foyer or narthex while supplies last.

### The 2019 Confirmation Class

Instructors: Marilyn Hedgpeth, Kim Abels, Lenore Champion

<u>Confirmand</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Lily Brigman	Rob Everett	**Nathan Bullock	Jennifer Bullock
Jake Chambliss	Carl Rist	**Theodore Lucas	Wayne Drummond
Maggie Chambliss	Lisa Rist	Lomituzi Mbilika	Lenore Champion
Kayla Champion	Danielle Johnson-Webb	Noah Rokoske	Laurie Ray
Nathaniel Cole	Jay Klinck	Kasey Snell	Cris Rivera
Anna Compton	Deborah Momsen-Hudson		
Webb Cummings	Laura Williamson		
Henry Everett	Mac McCorkle		
Charlie Kelley	George Bernhardt		
Maeve McClain-Huslage	Kate Busa		
Laura McDow	Amy Dillon		
Jack Williamson	Matt Williamson		

\*\* These participants will be received as members of Covenant Presbyterian, Durham on April 7th during their 10:00 a.m. worship. The FPC Confirmation Class is invited to be present at this celebration.

### ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Thilo Fullenkamp*

Narthex Greeter: *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*

After Worship Greeters: *Barbara Buckley* (narthex/rear); *Carol Carson* (side/font)

Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Jo Bernhardt* (counter), *Katy Barron*, *John Mozart*, *El Hess*

Head elder/replenish elements: *Kim Abels*

Bread: *Cris Rivera* (B1, process), *Tom Bacon* (B2), *Delia Kwon* (B3), *Jane Wettach* (B4)

Cup: *Chris Brown* (C1), *Lenore Champion* (C2, process), *Alice Raney* (C3), *Andy Henry* (C4)

Shepherds: *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* (center aisle), *Carol Carson* (by pulpit), *Griffin Momsen-Hudson* (by font)

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Congratulations to *Howard & Beth Eisenson* on the birth of a grandson. *Milo Christopher Eisenson* was born to *Vince Eisenson & Amal Saade* in Silver Spring, MD on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held for *William (Bill) Deems Currie, Sr.* on Sunday, April 7 following worship in the FPC memorial garden. Bill died March 14<sup>th</sup> in Albemarle, NC. The family will receive friends at a reception in the East Parlor following the service.

**SYMPATHIES:** The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Mary-Jo Keenan and Larry Reed* on the death of Mary-Jo's brother-in-law. *Jerry England* died March 25<sup>th</sup> in California.

**Added this week:**

*Jim Seitzer*, recovering at home following a car accident

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

**UNC Hospital:**

*Ken Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss

*Dolly Douglas*, grandmother of Mindy Douglas

**Recovering at Home:**

*Margaret Mubanga*

*Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett*

*Joseph Ngumi*

*Franzi Rokoske*

*Karen Swope*

*Carolyn and Jim Wolfe*

**Care Communities:**

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

**Family and Friends of the Congregation:**

*Fran Alwood*, mother of Jennie Alwood

*Bill Bigger*, pastor of Hope Valley Baptist Church, Durham

*Camilla Crampton*, friend of Mal King

*Wayne Thompson*, colleague of Li-Chen Chin

# 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 - mighty - 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 -



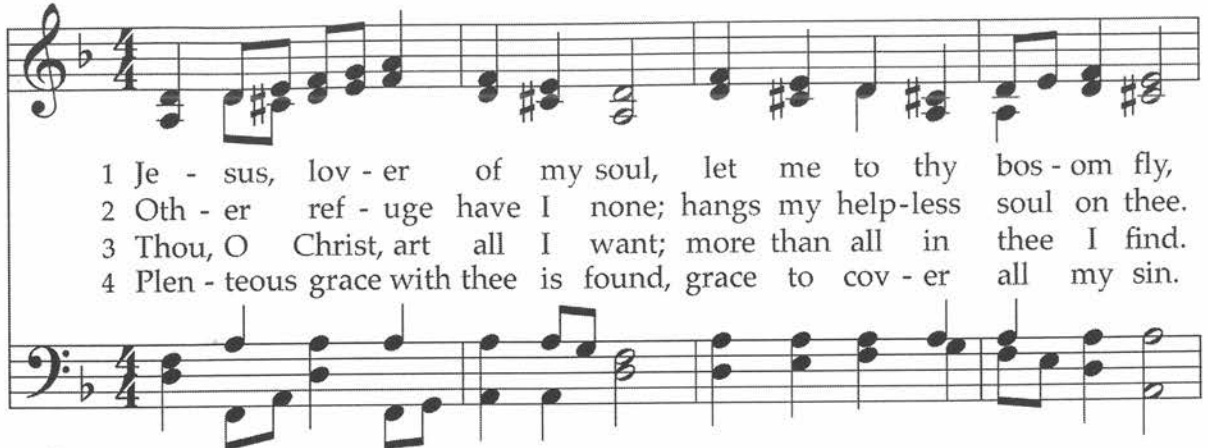
faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



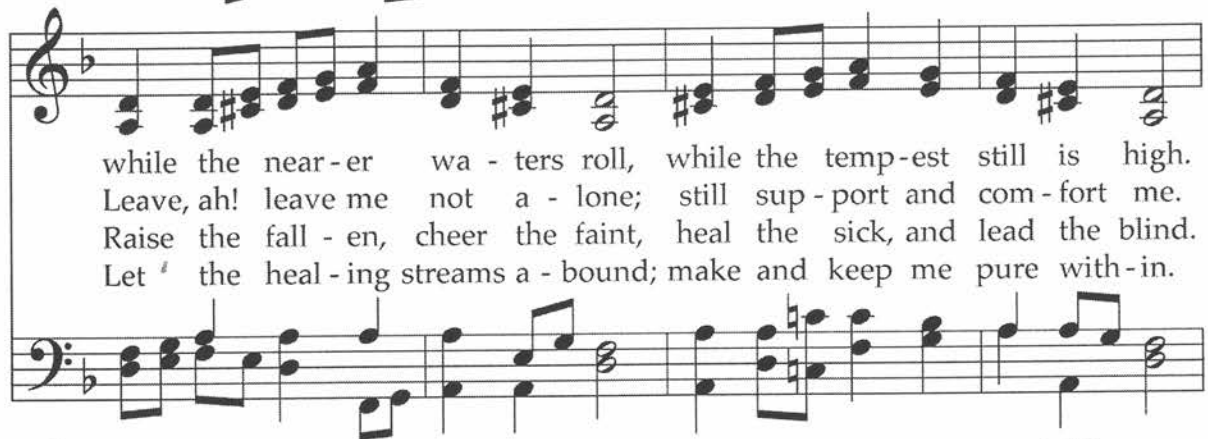


pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

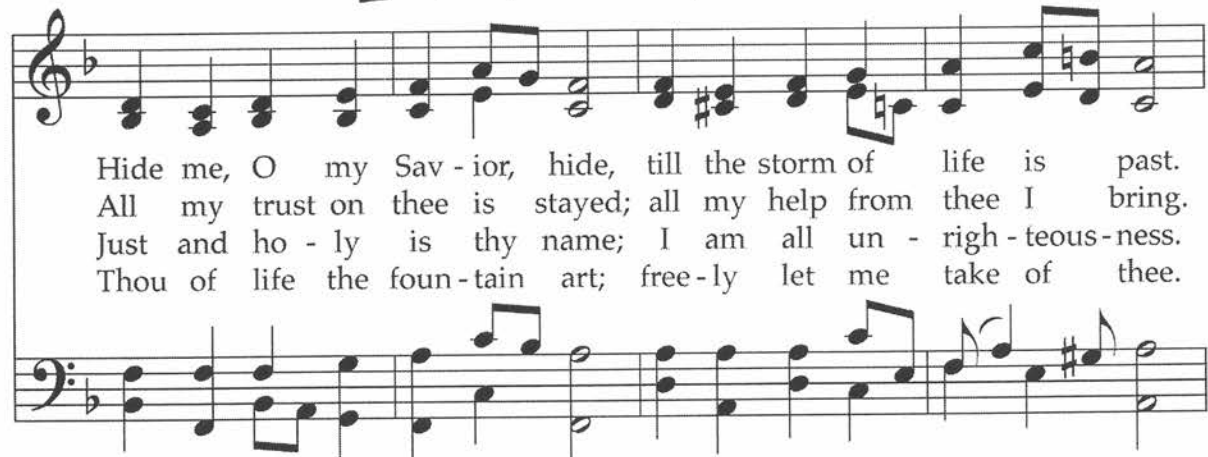
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



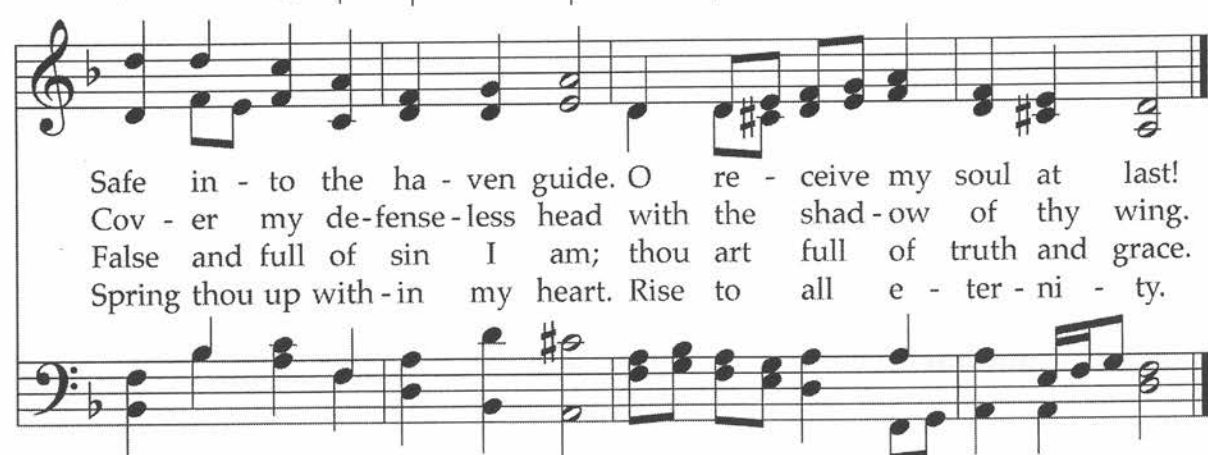
1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.  
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.  
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.



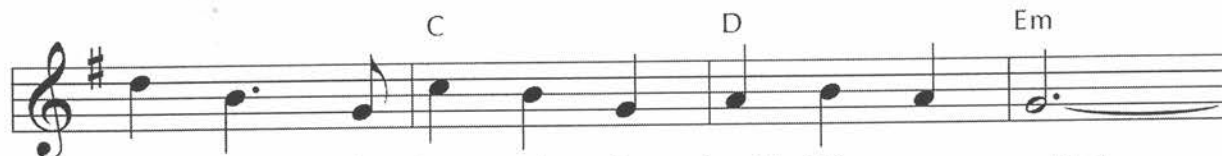
Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

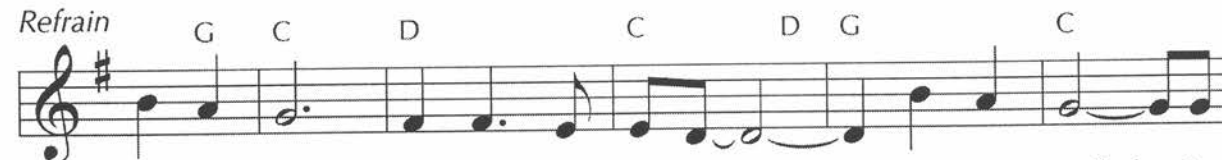


to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

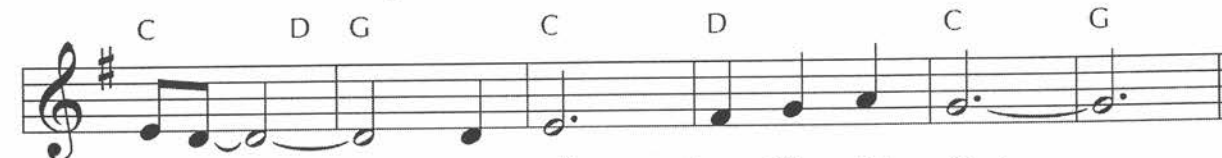
## Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>After Worship:</b> Reception for Confirmands</p> <p><b>12:15 – 12:45 PM</b> Children's Choir</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> Communion Service at The Forest at Duke</p> <p><b>4:30 – 5:30 PM</b> Scratch Bible Study and Tea at the home of Elizabeth Klinck</p> <p><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b> Middle School Youth</p> <p><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b> High School Youth</p>	<p><b>Monday, April 1</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p><b>10:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b> Presbyterian Women's Circle &amp; Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Happy Birthday, Mindy</b></i></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 2</b></p> <p><b>8:00 – 8:45 AM</b> High School Midweek Morning Meal (at Kaffeinate)</p> <p><b>12:00 – 12:30 PM</b> Lenten Prayer Service and Guided Meditation (Sanctuary)</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> Program Staff</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Vox Virorum</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Newsletter today!</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday April 3</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 4</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p>	<p><b>Friday, April 5</b></p> <p><b>12 Noon – 1:00 PM</b> Lenten Study: <i>"Jesus and the Disinherited"</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 6</b></p> <p><b>Spring Day of Service</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM – 4:00 PM</b> Home repair/painting (2203 Dallas Street)</p> <p><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Landscaping and Grounds Workday</p> <p>Cleaning/organizing (FPC's building interior)</p> <p><b>10:00 AM – 12 noon</b> Blessing bag and toiletry kit assembly (East Parlor)</p> <p><b>9:30 – 11:30 AM</b> Litter pickup at Long Meadow Park (917 Liberty St.)</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> First Friends &amp; Families Potluck at the Buckley/Randell home</p>	<p><b>Sunday, April 7</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship and Communion</p> <p><b>12:15 – 12:45 PM</b> Children's Choir</p> <p><b>12:30 PM</b> Memorial Service for Bill Currie (FPC Memorial Garden) followed by a reception (East Parlor)</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> Durham Crop Walk (meet at Duke Chapel at 2:15)</p> <p><b>4:30 – 5:30 PM</b> Scratch Bible Study &amp; Tea at the home of Elizabeth Klinck</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Evening Youth Groups</b></p>

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