

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

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 John Weicher

PRELUDE *O Christ, You Are the Light and Day* Georg Boehm

***INTROIT** *Christe, Lux Mundi (Christ, You Are Light)* Taizé Community
Christ, you are light for those who follow you.
You come to bring to all the light of life.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord said to Moses: Come up to the mountain;
and the glory of the Lord shone all around.

People: **Let us worship the Lord our God.**

Leader: Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain; and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.

People: **Let us worship the Lord our God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 193** *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* *Unser Herrscher*

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing) Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We want you to stay in one place, O Dazzling One.

We want you to be settled and predictable, so that we can hold you in our hands.

We want to grasp you, and in grasping, perhaps even use you.

Forgive us for trying to put limitations on you.

**Forgive us for trying to confine you to certain boundaries,
as if we might control you or have you do our bidding.**

You are the One in control, and we ought to be the ones doing your bidding.

For these are your bidding: faithfulness, justice and love.

Teach us to give up control, so that we can simply be dazzled.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Your presence is an intoxicating thing, O God. Moses and Elijah, Peter and James, tell us so. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit, and the joy of these holy words, give us just a touch of your wonder and brightness. We want to be with you. Be with us through your divine Word. Amen.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

(Pew Bible, OT Page 70)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 17:1-9

(Pew Bible, NT Page 18)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****SERMON***“Kibitzing on the Transfiguration”* John Weicher, Torrell Armstrong,
Laurie Ray*(Silent reflection)****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)* (from *A Declaration of Faith*) Susan Dunlap

Jesus Christ is the living Word of God. The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh: By grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ, God’s Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us.

HYMN NO. 189O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair**Deo Gracias****THE PEACE**

Susan Dunlap

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.***(Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired).**During the passing of the peace, children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for “A Time with the Children.”***A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

*(Following “A Time with the Children,” children may return to childcare or join their parents and siblings as they go back to their seats.)***DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to the Offering

Susan Dunlap

Offertory Anthem

O Lux Beatissima (Sung in Latin)

Howard Helvey

*O light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.**Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.**(Please come forward with your Hunger for Change Offering following the anthem.)****Doxology***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**

Susan Dunlap

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

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.

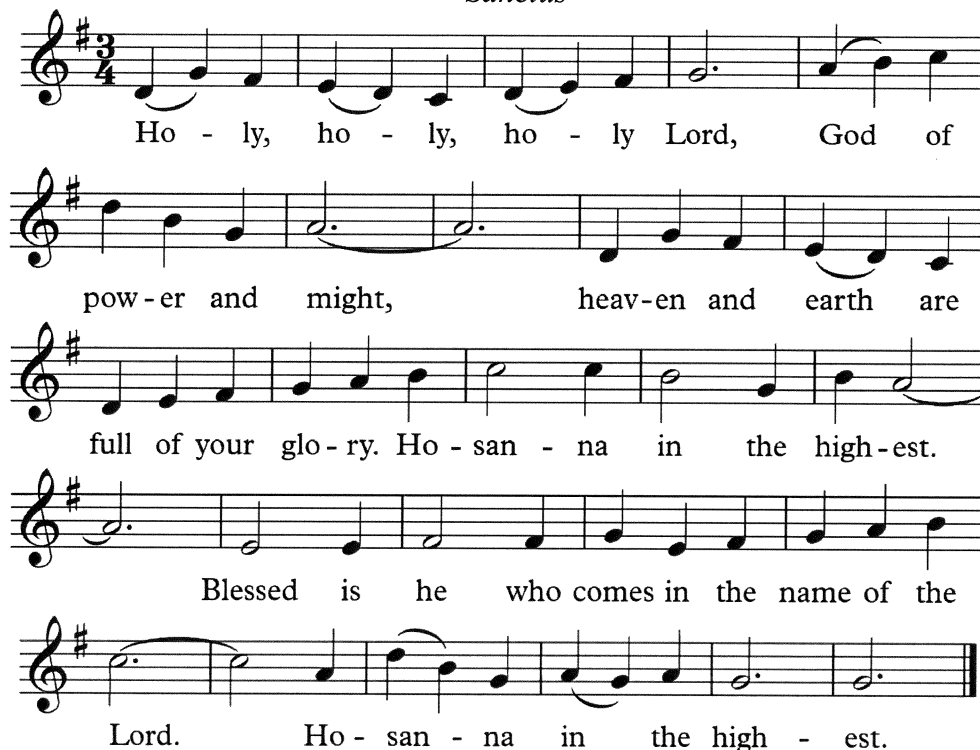
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Creating and liberating God, you called your people into covenant with you and sealed your trust with Moses on the mountain; you called your people back to that covenant through your prophets and spoke in a still small voice to Elijah on a mountain. Then, in your Son Jesus, on a mountain you stood between the Law and the Prophets and revealed the radiance of your gospel. On Calvary's hill your Son redeemed us by the blood of your new covenant, and on the mountain in Galilee he ascended to your right hand on high. And so we gladly thank you, celebrating your glory with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, dazzled by your face and singing the hymn of your unending praise.

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 572



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Dazzling God, you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us. Abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may become a temple of your presence, and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



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

Leader: Transfiguring God, it is good for us to be here. Through this holy sacrament make us your children, and be close to those who have no one to share your love and mercy with them. Make us your beloved, and visit all who have no one to call them beloved. Give us grace to listen to your voice, and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them. Surround us with your prophetic company and take us up into the whirlwind of your glory, until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are parted and the heavens are opened and the chariots bring us home to you, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)



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

Mindy Douglas, Susan Dunlap

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

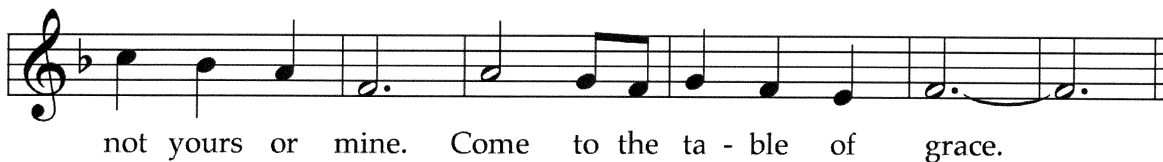
(Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at all stations.)

We celebrate communion by intinction, coming forward to dip the bread into the cup. Ushers will direct you to stations at the front of the sanctuary. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and remember God’s greatest gift as you return by the side aisles to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and an elder will bring the elements to you in the pew. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets.

Communion Hymn (all sing)

Come to the Table of Grace

Table of Grace



- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Susan Dunlap

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

People: **Amen.**

All: **We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 533**

In the Singing

Bread of Peace

(Visitors, feel free to excuse yourselves from worship during this hymn if you do not wish to remain for the brief meeting.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mindy Douglas

Receive the 2020 Operating Budget

Approve the Pastor's Terms of Call

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

John Weicher

***POSTLUDE**

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Faith

Agincourt Hymn

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 Sunday, February 16, we welcomed 25 visitors to our worship service.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God and in memory of ***Allen Verhey*** by his wife ***Phyllis*** and his children and grandchildren.

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.

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 younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from *Call to Worship* and *Eucharistic Prayers*.

LENT BEGINS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT FPC

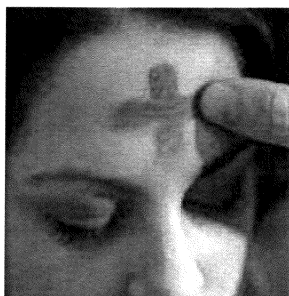
February 26, 2020

A Service of Holy Dusting | Evening Worship

12 noon in the Memorial Garden | 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

These services will include the imposition of ashes on our foreheads.

A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall, prior to the evening worship. Donations will be received to help offset the cost of the meal.



~Our Concerns ~

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood, receiving end of life care
Margaret Mubanga
Sara Radtke
Julia Rigsbee, in hospice care in Pittsboro
Phyllis Verhey

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*
Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*
Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): *Arthur Clark*
Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*
Emerald Pond: *Paul Cornsweet*
Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: *Jean Lazarides*
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*
Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: *Phillip Herndon*
The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss
Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King
Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey
Carley and Jon Meade, family of Bruce, Ellie, Kristin, and Dayton Meade
Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Judy Wood, mother of Sharon Hirsch

BOOK DISCUSSION: FINDING HOPE

Thursday, February 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

in the Chapel Hill Public Library (100 Library Dr.)

You are invited to a book discussion of "Finding Hope," a practical guide for families affected by mental illness by Donna Kay Smith and Susan Spalt. It is derived from the lived experience of families who deal with all types and severity of mental illness on a daily basis. The sponsors of this event are the Chapel Hill Public Library, National Alliance on Mental Illness in Orange County, Faith Connections on Mental Illness, and the Mental Health Community Connection.

Volunteers Needed on March 7th



Volunteers make Florence Forth road races possible. We will again need 120+ volunteers. By volunteering, you are helping patients and families with autoimmune encephalitis, the rare disease Florence had. All proceeds from the races support the Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance. Volunteer opportunities begin at 5:30 a.m. through 11:00 a.m., with most volunteers needed between 7:00 and 9:30 am. We will communicate with everyone who volunteers by Feb 24th and you can expect a volunteer assignment by March 2nd. Go to the Florence Forth website for more information: <https://florenceforth.org>.



Muskingum University Concert Choir

Saturday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary
Concert is free and open to the public.

Muskingum University is a private liberal arts college in New Concord, Ohio. Chartered in 1837 as Muskingum College, the institution is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Concert Choir performs sacred and secular music from a variety of cultures and historical periods, and maintains an active schedule of touring, recording, and commissioning and premiering new works.



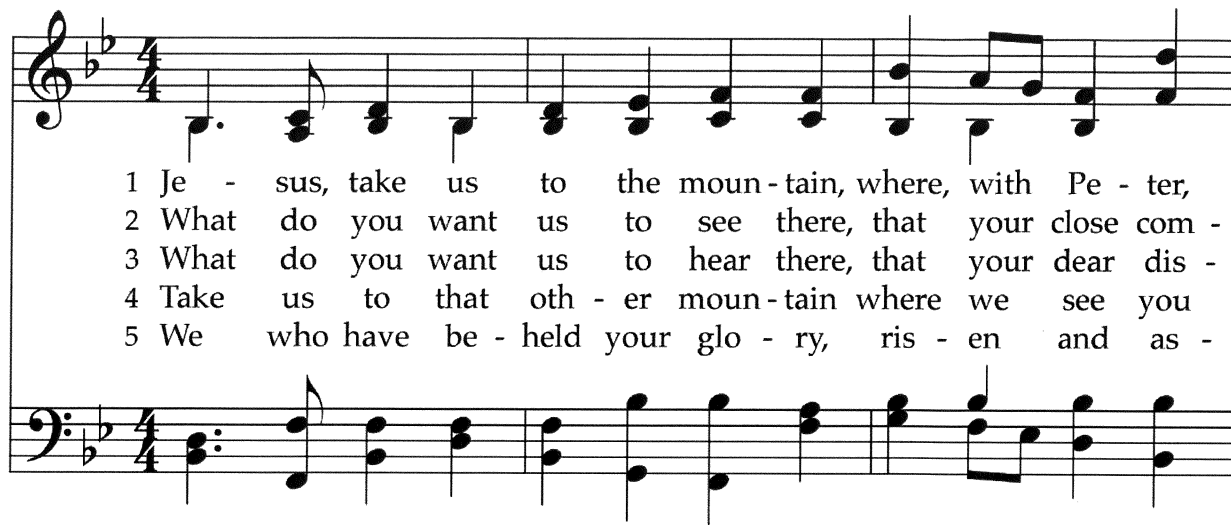
The Aeolians of Oakwood University

Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary
Concert is free and open to the public.

Oakwood University is a historically black Seventh-day Adventist University in Huntsville, Alabama. The Aeolians (choir) of Oakwood University was originally organized in 1946 by the late Dr. Eva B. Dykes. Since its inception, the choir has traveled widely, touching the hearts of both young and old with their inspirational singing. Aeolian concerts present a repertoire of choral music which ranges from the Baroque era to the twentieth century. Moreover, the Aeolians is an authoritative exponent of Negro spirituals and work songs which express the yearnings of their forefathers to be free. They have won a host of awards including World Choir Games Spirituals Champions, Four-Peat HBCU Choir of the Year and Choir of the World Champions 2017.

The Muskingum and Oakwood university choirs are on tour and are being sponsored at FPC with funds from the Ruth Mary Meyer Endowment for music, gardens, and landscaping.

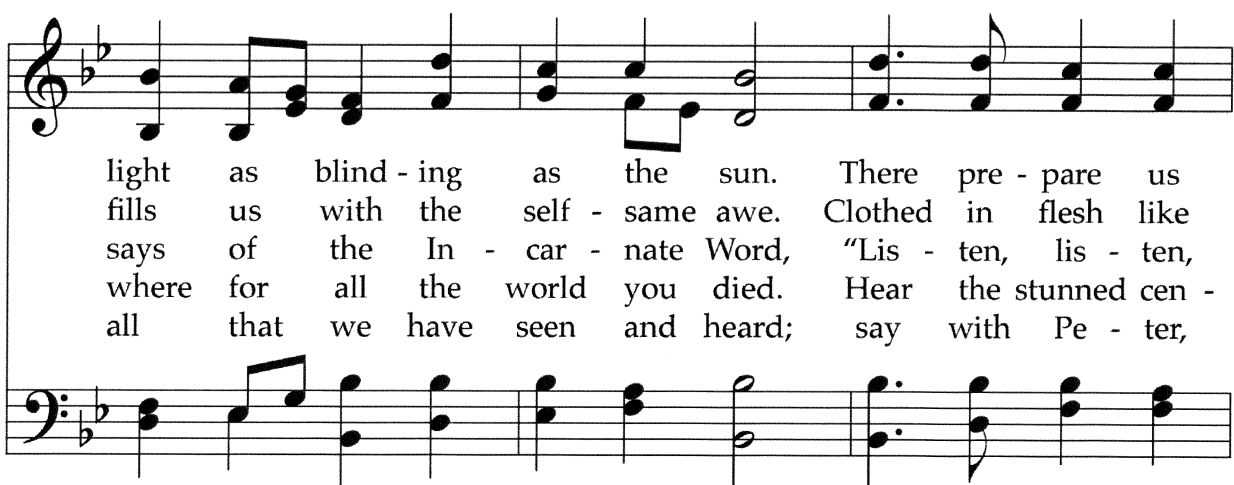
193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written between the two staves. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the melody. The lyrics are: "for the night by the vi - sion of that sight. ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe. ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son." tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!" James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B^b Cm E^b F Gm



1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm



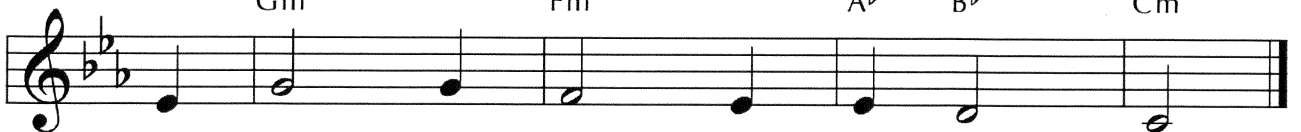
of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B^b Fm Gm B^b Cm



which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A^b B^b Cm



where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.



THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. 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. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

Thank you for your offering today!

The Week at a Glance!

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| <p>Later Today</p> <p>4:30-6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group</p> <p>5:00-6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM High School Youth Group</p> | <p>Monday, February 24</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>6:30 PM Officers' Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p> | <p>Tuesday, February 25</p> <p>11 AM Program Staff</p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon at Neo China</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>6:30/7:30 PM Church League Basketball Tournament at Grey Stone Family Life Center, Durham</p> <p>7:00 PM Vox Chorus rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter today!</p> | <p>Wednesday, February 26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>12 Noon Ash Wednesday Midday Worship (Memorial Garden)</p> <p>5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Evening Worship (Light supper at 6:00 PM)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> |
| <p>Thursday, February 27</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>9:30-11:00 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p> <p>3:00-3:45 PM Middle School Youth After School Break at Cocoa Cinnamon</p> | <p>Friday, February 28</p> <p>8:00 AM FPC Men of Faith Breakfast / Conversation at Nosh's Café</p> | <p>Saturday, February 29</p> <p>5:30 PM/7:30 PM Church League Basketball Tournament at Grey Stone Family Life Center, Durham</p> <p>7:00 PM CONCERT: Muskingum University Concert Choir</p> | <p>Sunday, March 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>8:30 AM DCM Search Committee</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Communion</p> <p>5:00-6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM High School Youth Group</p> |

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Amy Dillon*

Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: *Carol Carson* (Narthex/rear); *Sharon Hirsch* (Font/side)

Ushers: *Laurie Williamson* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Bob Pleasants* (counter), *John Mozart*, *Mary-Jo Keenan*

Communion Elders:

Head/Replenish Elements: *Cris Rivera*

Bread: *Kim Abels* (B1, process), *Chris Brown* (B2), *Diane Prosser* (B3), *Amy Wilson* (B4)

Cup: *Carol Carson* (C1), *David Sappenfield* (C2, process), *Dawn Carsey* (C3), *Lenore Champion* (C4)

Shepherds: *Griffin Momsen-Hudson* (font aisle), *Tom Bacon* (center aisle), *Laura McDow* (pulpit aisle)

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
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