

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Dawn</i>	Cyril Jenkins
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mindy Douglas
PRELUDE	<i>Thanksgiving Medley</i> Gordon Campbell, piano; Brent Curtis, bells	arr. by C. Anderson and D. Kramlich
CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62:1-2)		Mitzi Leshner-Thomas
Leader:	From God comes my salvation.	
All:	For God alone my soul waits in silence.	
Leader:	God alone is my rock and my salvation.	
All:	God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.	
HYMN No. 543 (verses 1-3)	<i>God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me</i>	<i>Green Tyler</i>
	<i>God, be the love to search and keep me;</i>	
	<i>God, be the prayer to move my voice;</i>	
	<i>God, be the strength to now uphold me:</i>	
	<i>O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.</i>	
	<i>Bind to myself the Name of Holy,</i>	
	<i>great cloud of witnesses enfold;</i>	
	<i>prophets, apostles, angels witness:</i>	
	<i>O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.</i>	
	<i>Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,</i>	
	<i>flashing of lightning, strength of wind,</i>	
	<i>depth of the sea to soil of planet:</i>	
	<i>O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.</i>	
CONFESSION OF SIN		Susan Dunlap
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession (in unison)		
Holy God,		
we would rather proclaim death to our enemies,		
than see them forgiven and redeemed.		
Forgive our hardness of heart, O God,		
and our reluctance to see your divine image		
in those who hate and despise us.		
Teach us to love our enemies,		
that our lives may proclaim your truth—		

that love is stronger than hate,
and mercy is greater than vengeance.
We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julio Manceras

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of the covenant,
in our baptism you called us
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
Give us the same courage you gave the apostles,
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace
in every circumstance of life,
in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Julio Manceras

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Dare We Speak of Hope?"

Mindy Douglas

HYMN No. 170

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

*You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."*

*You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.*

*We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

John Weicher

**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 women and men 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!**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

John Weicher

The Hunger for Change Offering is received on the fourth Sunday of the month. You may mail your donation to the church, give online via the church's [website](#), or by texting the code *Hunger* to 919-373-3254.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATION

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**. . . 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. 543 (verses 1, 4-5) *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Green Tyler

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

It is Safe to Come Here

Otto Diemel

A two-part Interfaith Dialogue this afternoon . . .



**First Presbyterian
Adult Faith
Formation**

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Rabbi Greyber from Beth El Synagogue & FPC's Jerry Postema will discuss Genesis 22:1-19 and Aaron Koller's Unbinding Isaac. Join us of a deep dive into God, suffering and more.

Unbinding Isaac: A Jewish & Presbyterian Conversation about Public Life, Faith & Difficult Texts

Sundays, January 24 & 31, 4-5:15 pm - Zoom link to follow.

Love in the Heart of Durham

The zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87187441461>

All are welcome to join this conversation!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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. On January 17, 107 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

The **flowers** are given in memory of **Elinor & Pope McCorkle** and **Sally & Lewis Johnson** by **Wendy & Mac McCorkle**.

We are grateful to **Gordon Campbell** for serving as organist and interim music director while **Kathy Parkins** recovers from shoulder and bicep surgery.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck** for their “behind the scenes” technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images accompanying our online worship services.

Portions of **today’s worship text** are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (2018). The Prayer of Confession is written by B.J. Beu and posted from the Ministry Matters website. **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted from *Glory to God* under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

Church Staff Schedule

The church staff will continue working from home as they have been doing during the pandemic. The pastors and administrators will be reachable by text and mobile phone. Their church voicemail and email will be monitored, so feel free to reach out to them if you have a need or concern.

~ Our Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- The family of FPC member **Beverly Segee**. Beverly died on December 14, 2020 in Stokesdale, NC. The family will hold a private memorial service at a future date.
- **Hendrika Vande Kemp**. Her nephew, **Bob Vandenberg**, lost his wife, **Sharon**, on January 14, 2021.
- **Jane Wettach and Paul Baldasare** on the death of Jane’s mother, **Patricia R. Wettach**, on January 20, 2021 in Westport, CT.

Concerns:

Added: **Nellie**, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp, diagnosed with metastatic brain cancer

- **Lily Brigman**, recovering from ACL surgery
- **Tom Bloom**
- **Dub Gulley**
- **Phillip Herndon**
- **Kerry Holbrook**
- **Robin Morey**
- **David Parkins**
- **Kathy Parkins**
- **Carol Wills**
- Our nation during this season of leadership transition and unrest
- The many households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

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: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Everlyn Bass, aunt of Valerie McMillian

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Linda Capers, friend of Li-Chen Chin

Flora Estrella, family of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

Phil Goss, friend of the congregation

Roberta Kessler, mother of Kristen Brigman

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Ade and Sowande, sons of Tolokun Omokunde, pastor of Timothy Darling PC in Oxford

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

Rev. Mark Stevens of Phillips Chapel Methodist Church, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood



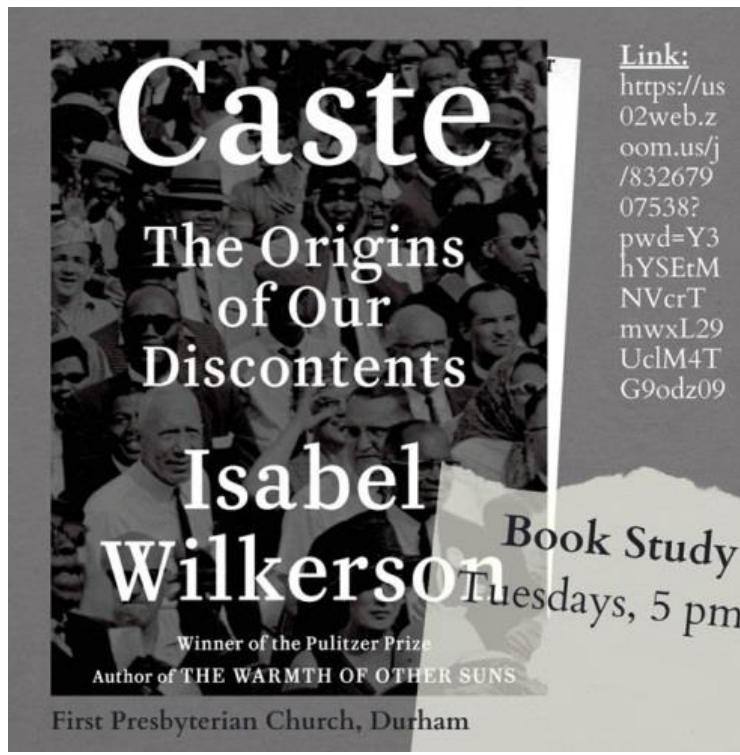
Installation Service for Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

*There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.*

Ephesians 4:4

On January 31st, as part of our regular Sunday morning service of worship, we will install Mitzi Lesher-Thomas as our new Associate Pastor. A service of installation is, at its core, an act of worship; a response in gratitude to the gifts of the Spirit; a celebration of the mission and ministry of the *whole* church. More than having to do with any individual it highlights our *shared* ministry and our *common* calling to serve Christ as we fulfill particular roles within the larger ministry of the church. Bearing witness to installation as an act of the larger church representatives from New Hope presbytery are invited to participate. We welcome back to the pulpit the **Rev. Lori Pistor** who served as Associate Pastor at FPC from 1993 – 2003. Since that time, she has served five congregations as Interim Minister. Lori and Mitzi served together at Cary Presbyterian where they shared a passion for creative worship, good music and the wild and wily ways of the Spirit. Join us Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 via our webpage or YouTube channel as we remember, celebrate, and together recommit ourselves to our mutual calling as servants of God.





Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89516889156?pwd=dXZlYXlZITZlozUXVmRTh6WndabDBwUT09>

Study is led by Mindy Douglas

Join Zoom Meeting

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COMING SOON . . . CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Need help remembering what people look like without masks? Longing for a church picture directory? You know, the kind where the corners get crinkled and you write notes in the margins. Help us make it happen! We'll use photos from the online directory to create our print version so we need your help. We want to see your smiling faces, so please take a moment and upload those photos!

If you haven't already uploaded a picture to our online directory now's your chance and here are the directions! The instructions to install the ChurchLife app on your smart device are [here](#). The instructions for uploading your picture to the online directory are [here](#). If you would like to replace your existing photo, delete it first,

then upload the new photo. For more information on using the ChurchLife app ,or deleting and uploading photos, contact [Tom Bloom](#) or [Sybil King](#). Please upload your photo(s) by January 31, 2021. Thank you.

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet each Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m., for now on zoom. Those who attend need to have both audio and video available. Each meeting begins with a short presentation about a part of the grief journey, and then we break into small groups for sharing and conversation.

January 26: Margaret Albert and Tracy Lamar of Duke Homecare & Hospice, “Community Bereavement Services offered by Duke Hospice Bereavement Services.” This gives us a chance to learn about the resources available to the community from DHBS, including counseling, support groups, workshops, remembrance services and children’s grief support. Explore the specific needs you and your family have in your grief process and resources that are available.

If you are interested in attending these meetings, please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org for registration information.

SHARING *God's* LOVE THROUGH HELPING THOSE IN NEED!

2021 started off really rough on a national level (quite the understatement), but locally, we continue to work together as people of faith to provide nutritious food to over 500 families in need every single week at Iglesia Emanuel. Come join us as we seek to share God’s love in this most tangible way! New volunteers are always welcome.

1. **Bag rice or beans from home.** For instructions and to sign up, contact Margaret Rubiera. Put on music, sing, and have fun while you fill those bags!
 2. To help in person at Iglesia Emanuel, grab your trusty mask, and come join others in a safe environment to help organize donated food, fill bags and boxes in preparation for the Wednesday food pantry. You will work hard but leave after your 2-hour shift knowing you have made a big difference in the lives of many families. For more information, and to sign up, click here: [Iglesia Emanuel COVID-19 Food Bank Signup Genius](#)
 3. **Your financial support** is always welcome, and will help us purchase more food. Online: emanueldurham.org, or mail your check to Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel, 2504 N Roxboro, Durham NC 27704. Thank you so much! - **Margaret and Miguel**
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The Hunger for Change Offering

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. FPC received a grant in 2019. The funds were used to purchase supplies for our Walk-in Ministry blessing bags.

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant



Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:
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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

You Walk along Our Shoreline 170

1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
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