



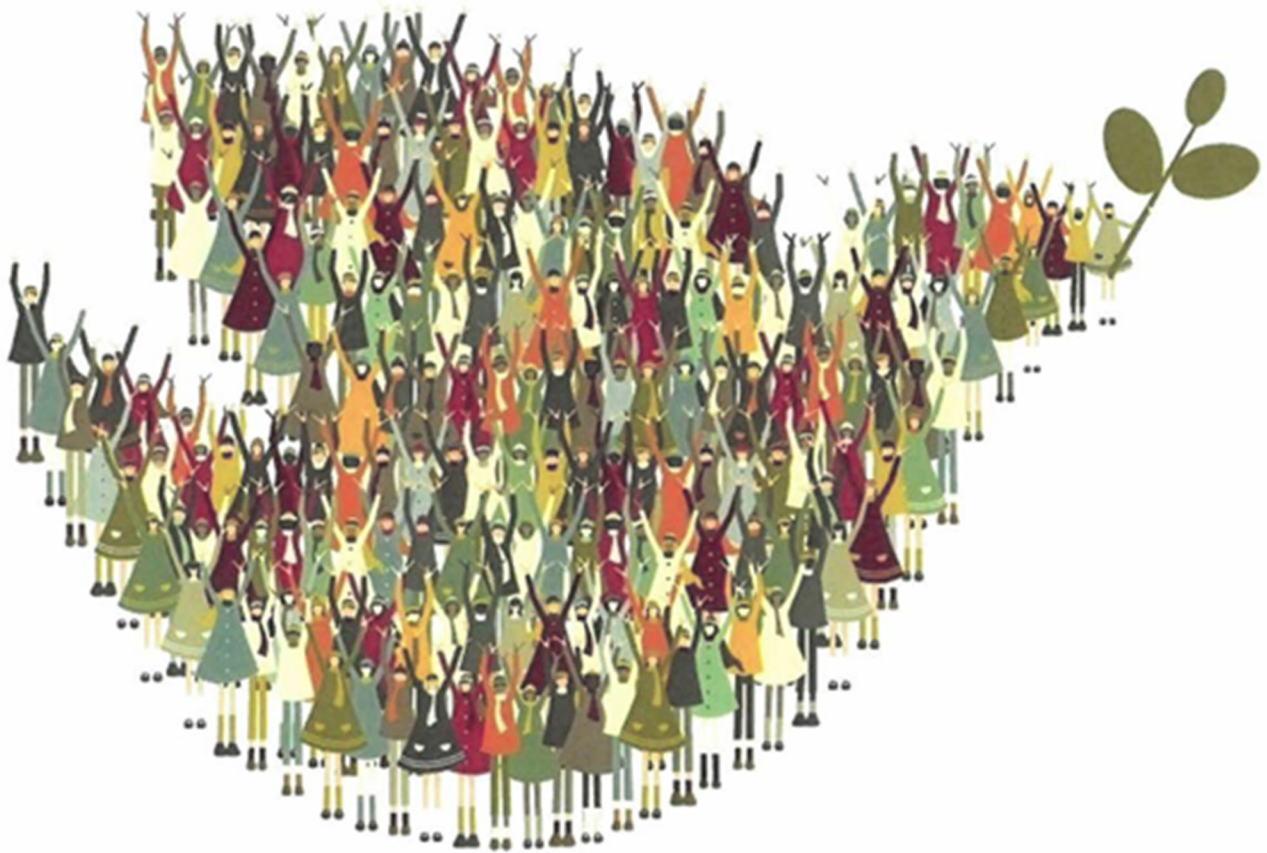
WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Durham, North Carolina

May 28, 2023

Pentecost – Birthday Sunday



“...in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us...”

– *Romans 8:37*

The Service of Worship

** Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Please observe silence and turn off mobile devices during the preludes.

Large print Bibles and hymnals and assistive listening devices are available upon request. Please see an usher.

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Andy Lang

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Stayer-Brewington

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Hymn 288

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

To a world dry and thirsty,

God pours out living water.

To a world fainting and breathless,

God stirs a mighty wind.

To a world cold and dark,

God ignites the flame of the Spirit.

Let us worship, for the Spirit has come!

The Spirit that binds all people together has come – hallelujah!

*** THE HYMN NO. 285 LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG**

Bridegroom

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Cheryl Barton Henry

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

God of flame and wind, burn off our fear of suffering, blow away the dust of sin that clogs our noses and weakens our eyesight.

Breathe on us, searching God, sighing Spirit, conquering Lord, and make us truthful with ourselves before you and each other. Grant us the assurance of your forgiveness that we might find we are not hopeless at all, but reborn adopted children of your holy family, heirs of your love and glory. Amen.

TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 581**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, children are invited to return to their seats and worship with their families.

Please visit the Children's Corner in the Narthex for age-appropriate activities for our younger worshipers.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, with all your power. Light a flame of sacred love in our hearts, so that we may listen and understand. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-4, Romans 8:30-39

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Alex Stayer-Brewington

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

* THE HYMN NO. 279 COME, HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

St. Agnes

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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 all genders 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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday Hymn

African-American spiritual

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

If you would like to give your offering online, please visit <https://www.wpcdurham.org/give>, or scan the code on the following page.

OFFERTORY

* 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. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* THE HYMN NO. 260 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Hyfrydol

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* MUSICAL BLESSING

Hymn 748

Tallis' Canon

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Please welcome **Dr. Andy Lang**, today's guest organist. Andy is the Associate Dean of Information Technology and Data Analytics and Director of the Office of Arts and Sciences Information Services (OASIS) at UNC-Chapel Hill. His academic background spans several disciplines and includes degrees in physics, music, education, educational research, and psychology.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Today

Welcome Station Andy Dunk
Ushers John & Suzanne Graham, Prudence Meyer
Lector Kathryn Galey
Offering Counter Tina Allen
Sound Technician Don Smith
Live Stream Technician Mark Hill

June 4

Welcome Station Ashley Barnes
Ushers Bill McAvoy, AJ Motsinger, Perry Tharrington
Lector Sophie Austin
Offering Counters *Volunteers needed*
Sound Technician *Volunteer needed*
Live Stream Technician *Volunteer needed*

Sign up to serve as a Worship Volunteer!

Visit <https://bit.ly/WPCworshipvolunteers>, or scan the code with your phone.



View the Prayers & Cares List

Scan the code with your phone



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285 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Capo 3: (G/A) (D) (A) (D/F#) (E7)
Bb/C F C F/A G7

1 Like the mur-mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
2 To the mem-bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of

(A) (Em) (B)
C Gm D

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

(Em) (D) (G) (A/G) (F#m) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Gm F Bb C/Bb Am Dm Gm C7 F

new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1982, alt.
MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1969
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Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 279

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,
2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;
3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,

with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish
at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so
with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a

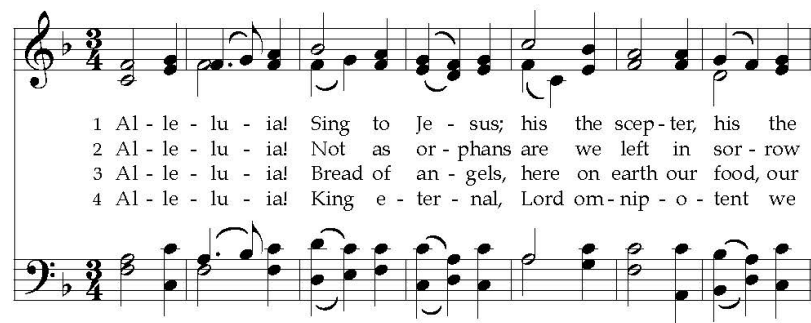
sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (no. 629).

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707, alt.
MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866, alt.

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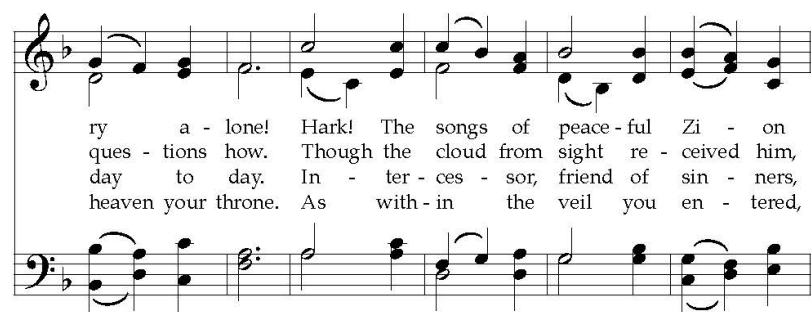
260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor; friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,



thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both



ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems edipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, 1866, alt.
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

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MAY 28 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to learn, worship, connect, and serve

The Art of Renewal

a summer series to explore and express through art how God has accompanied us in times of challenge, renewed our spirits, and walked with us into hope

Artist's Workshop: Create a Retablo with Artist Jaclyn Bowie

Sunday, June 4, 11:00am-12:30pm

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30-8:00pm

Participants are encouraged to attend both sessions



The word "retablo" comes from the Latin for "behind the altar" in reference to devotional paintings placed in Catholic churches. Retablos can be found in churches, shrines, and homes across Mexico. They are small, brightly colored works that incorporate words, pictures, and images to tell the story of an individual's spiritual journey. Come create a retablo of your faith journey! Pre-workshop journaling exercises will help you explore the elements that shape your faith and test your strength, which you can then explore through creating your artwork.

Register now at

<https://bit.ly/wpcretablo>

to receive your project journal and important pre-workshop information



NASHER
MUSEUM OF ART AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

Tour of the Nasher Museum led by Ruth Caccavale Saturday, June 10, 11:00am

Enjoy an exclusive guided tour of the Nasher's current exhibit, "[Spirit in the Land](#)." We will consider art that addresses our summer themes of pain, perseverance, and renewal.

Register today at <https://bit.ly/June10nashertour>.

Sunday, June 11, 6:00-7:15pm

"Fictive Kin"

A Talk with Artist William Paul Thomas



William Paul Thomas has developed an ongoing series of enigmatic oil and acrylic portraits featuring a variety of Black men from his social circle. Most of the men in the artworks are not blood relatives. One of the primary themes of this project is to challenge viewers and the artist himself to consider the barriers that limit our compassion for strangers. Thomas will present a talk centered on that project and open up a discussion about the need to cultivate a deeper sense of empathy for the people in our lives outside of our immediate family.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/talkwithwillpaul>

Sign up today and bring a friend!

Sunday, June 18, 2:00-6:00pm

Youth Photography Workshop with Ryan Helsel

The workshop is based on Genesis 32 and the theme of "limping forward with hope." There are just 15 spots available, so sign up now at <https://bit.ly/youthphotoworkshop>!

Ryan Helsel (b. 1980, Indiana, US) is a parent, partner, educator, artist, and photographer based in Hillsborough, NC. His photographic work focuses on hyper-local landscapes and found artifacts; the route he walks his dog, the drive to and from work, and most recently, the nearby forests and rural landscapes he explores with his two young children. Find him on Instagram [@ryan_helsel_](https://www.instagram.com/ryan_helsel_).



An Invitation from the Flower Guild: “Flower-Arranging 101” Workshop Saturday, June 3, 10:00am

Do you see the glory of God in flowers? When you see the arrangements in worship, are you reminded of God’s love and the beauty of God’s created world? If the answer is “yes,” the WPC Flower Guild invites you to join them! Come and learn how joyful and easy flower arranging is! No previous experience is necessary. After the workshop, if you’re interested, you can sign up to partner with one of the regular Flower Guild members to prepare arrangements for future Sundays. It’s a wonderful opportunity to bring together beauty and service to God. Please contact Bonnie Derr (bbderr@nc.rr.com) or Marty Warburton (martywarburton@gmail.com, 919-414-7575) to sign up or receive more information.



NEXT SUNDAY: Summer Fast-Track Inquirers’ Class



Are you a newcomer to Westminster who’s interested in learning more about the church? You’re invited to our **Fast-Track Inquirers’ Class on Sunday, June 4, 9:00am-1:00pm, in Room 205**, for persons interested in taking their relationship with this church and Christ who dwells among us here, one step further. It includes staff and member introductions, worship with the congregation, and a time of lunch and learning about the church and our denomination, PC(USA).

In the class, you will learn how WPC ticks and we hope to learn a bit more about what makes you tick as well. At the conclusion of the class, you may decide to join the church, or not, or take time to think about it some more. Whatever you decide, we trust that you’ll be listening to the Spirit’s call on your life. Scan the code to sign up, or contact Cheryl Barton Henry (cherrie@wpcdurham.org).



Donations of Box Fans Needed for Seniors Served by Meals on Wheels

Every summer, Meals on Wheels Durham distributes box fans to help senior citizens beat the heat. Help provide box fans to seniors without functioning air conditioning or to those who just need one. Visit <https://bit.ly/MOWboxfans> to purchase and deliver a box fan through Meals on Wheels’ Amazon wish list or deliver a new box fan to their offices at 2522 Ross Road in Durham. Please contact Betty Berghaus (bberghaus53@gmail.com) with any questions.



Spread Love and Joy with the WPC Flower Cart Distribution Team

Would you like to bring the love of Jesus to church family members who are experiencing a time of sorrow or celebration by sharing a small arrangement of flowers from a Sunday worship service? Re-purposing flowers in this way is good stewardship of God’s beauty and comes with our congregation’s love and prayers. The Flower Cart Distribution Team is in need of volunteers to join this delightful ministry. Contact Sarah Reuning (sarah@sarahreuning.com) to learn more and join the team.

Friendly Folks Needed for the Sunday Morning Worship Team

The old saying “it takes a village” rings true for Sunday morning worship! It takes a lot of folks doing several very important jobs to make it all come together – ushers, lectors, offering counters, Welcome Station hosts, and sound and live stream technicians. Serving as a worship volunteer is rewarding and a wonderful way to get to know others in the church and extend the love of Christ on Sunday mornings. Scan the QR code to sign up now!



Help Bring Back a Sweet WPC Summer Tradition

Starting next Sunday, the Fellowship Committee is bringing back WPC's sweet summer tradition of serving lemonade after worship. Volunteers are needed to help set up and serve, an easy assignment that allows you to meet new church friends in the process. It’s a win-win! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3AU6Grb>.

Calling All Gardeners! Help Keep the Memorial Garden Beautiful

WPC is establishing a Memorial Garden Committee to oversee the beauty and maintenance of this special place on our campus. Since we have a garden service that does weekly mowing and blowing, this team will focus on picking up any sticks, pinecones, or debris, watering the flower box by the Memorial Wall, doing any necessary light weeding, and generally making sure everything looks good. The committee will consist of 10 to 12 members to share the duties and will gather twice a year (spring and fall) to do any needed trimming. Since all of the plants are new, maintenance will be minimal for a while. Please email Betsy Mangum (betsymangum@nc.rr.com) to join this new ministry!



WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost, Birthday Sunday

- 9:00am Present Word – Room 105
- 9:30am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 10:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube
Godly Play is taking a break for the summer

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day observed, Church Office closed

Tuesday, May 30

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105

Wednesday, May 31

- 2:00pm Food Distribution at Iglesia Emanuel Presbiteriana
Sign up: <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>
- 6:00pm Adult Christian Education Committee – Room 208
- 7:00pm Women's Fellowship Gathering at Namu

Saturday, June 3

- 10:00am "Flower Arranging 101" Workshop – Sanctuary

Sunday, June 4 – Communion Sunday, Senior Affirmation Sunday

- 9:00am Fast-Track Inquirers' Class – Room 205
- 9:30am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 10:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube
- 11:00am Retablo Workshop with Jaclyn Bowie – Fellowship Hall
- 11:00am Lemonade in the Courtyard
Inquirers' Luncheon – Parlor
- 12:00pm High School Youth at Hyco Lake



Women's Fellowship Night Wednesday, May 31, 7:00pm at Namu

Questions? Contact Carol Mansfield
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