

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

Minute for Stewardship

The Armstrong Family

PRELUDE

Marching to Zion

Robert Buckley Farlee

INTROIT

O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace

Christopher Tye

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal source of love,

Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heav'n above.

As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son,

So fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

People: **This is the feast,**

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

People: **This is the feast of life and light.**

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

All: **We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO 415**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Restoration

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

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out life with such abundance that death cannot claim the triumph over your universe. Call us again to your banquet where we may receive holy food, and be transformed into a people of righteousness and peace. Amen.**

* Those who are able, please stand.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 32:1-14 (Pew Bible, OT Page 78)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:15-24 (Pew Bible, NT Page 24)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4:1-9 (Pew Bible, NT Page 198)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"Joy in These Days"* Mindy Douglas

***HYMN NO. 506** *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* Copeland

***THE PEACE** Sam Miglarese
(Children through 1st grade enter worship during "The Peace.")

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mindy Douglas
(Children who participate in Children's Choir should go to the choir room for rehearsal following "A Time with Children." Parents will pick their children up from the choir room following worship.)

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME Mindy Douglas and Marilyn Hedgpeth
Words of Welcome and Introduction
Affirmation of Faith *(in unison)* *The Apostles' Creed*

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.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 727, verses 1-2)

Servant Song

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
People: **Help us when you deliver them.**
Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

All: **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.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O, be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name,

Make his praise to be glorious.

*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!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

All: **On this new day, O God, we thank you for clean air that fills our lungs, for water to drink and stream over the rocks, for light that creates life and shines on our path, for soil that grows fruits and vegetables, fashions hills and valleys, and makes homes for creatures in burrows and trees. Let us see the earth today with gratitude and feast our senses on its beauty; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Sung to *Ellacombe*

*Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing and darker night is near.*

The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.

Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.

*See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.*

*The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand;
arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!*

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!*

*With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!*

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue in F

Johann Walther

All are welcome to join us in Watts-Hill Hall for lunch following worship today.

Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.



We extend sympathy to **Carolyn** (sister) and **Jim Wolfe** (brother-in-law) on the death of **Joanne Harrar**, FPC member who died October 7th at home in Durham. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held yesterday at FPC. We also extend sympathies to **Will Chambliss and family** on the death of his aunt, **Louise Dykes**; and to **Jeremy Tucker** on the death of his friend, **Kendra Harrington**.

Let us continue to be in prayer for those displaced by recent hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires; victims of the Las Vegas shooting tragedy and their families and friends; first responders, firefighters, aid workers, and care givers responding to all these needs.

Carl Anglin Bob Breitweiser Paul Cornsweet Dale Gaddis
Charles Hammond Bill Lorimer Julie Maxwell

George Bernhardt III, son of George and Jo Bernhardt and U.S. soldier stationed in South Korea

Atria Senior Living: **Peggy Mordecai**, mother of **Beth Eisenson**

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Village: **Bette Conroy, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford**

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): **Helen Garrison**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson**

Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:

Tom Bowen, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Lillie E., student of Delia Kwon

Lindsay Efland, friend of Cherrie Henry

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Cotto Rodriguez families, cousins of Miriam and Robin Morey

Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

Asher Wilson, grandson of Chuck & Jean Wilson (son of Mike & Emily Wilson)

Christina Z., mother of Franzi Rokoske

~ Worship Notes and Parish Announcements ~

Remember to wear your name tag and return it to the container as you leave worship.

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. We welcomed 30 visitors to worship on Sunday, October 8.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God by ***Cris Rivera*** and ***Beth Stringfield*** on the eve of World Food Day, in appreciation of all who make our congregational meals happen, especially ***Robert Daye***.

Nursery care for infants—children 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, the 3–6 year old children join worship for the remainder of service or go to the choir room for children’s choir rehearsal. There is an ***infant changing table*** in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of ***today’s worship texts*** were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word* and *Call to Worship*.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children. Books are in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Need a ride to worship? If you would like to have a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings, please contact ***Valerie McMillian*** at v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511.



Slide Presentation

Bhutan – that small country in the Himalayas that calls itself “Land of the Thunder Dragon” – is a place of beautiful scenery and rich traditions. It’s also a place with many wonderful birds, as David and Judy Smith found when they visited Bhutan earlier this year. Join them for a **slide show** of the birds and culture of Bhutan on **Wednesday, October 18, at 6:00 pm in Watts-Hill Hall**. All are welcome.

Habitat Honduras Trip: The needs for decent, safe housing are great, both here and beyond our borders. There are still a few spots left on the January 26 – February 4, 2018 Habitat for Humanity trip to Honduras, the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Join ***Margaret and Miguel Rubiera***, trip leaders since 2001, to experience this powerful way to “Love Thy (International) Neighbor.” Contact Margaret at margaretmr29@gmail.com for more information.



**First Presbyterian
Day of Service
with Families Moving Forward
Saturday October 21
9:00 am till 12 noon**

We will be supporting the families moving from homelessness to permanent housing by organizing supplies and possibly assembling and moving furniture. **Sign up in the foyer following worship.** For more information contact **Libby Gulley** at gulley@nc.rr.com.

We are also collecting supplies for these new households. The following items are most needed:

**Bath Mats Twin/Full Comforters Pillows
Towels Laundry Baskets Small Trashcans
Kitchen Trash bags Bathroom Cleaner Toilet Paper**

There will be a barrel in the church foyer this Sunday. Donations appreciated. This Day of Service is sponsored by the Service and Mission Committee.



National Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 22

On October 22, we will join a multi-faith effort to celebrate **National Children's Sabbath**, recognizing the gifts that children everywhere bring to our life together. We will begin the celebration in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 for **Intergenerational Sunday School**, with projects to help our friends in Puerto Rico who are still recovering from Hurricane Maria. We will be putting together hygiene kits and school kits to send to those recovering from the winds and floods. All are welcome to come together for some bonding around tables of service.

We currently have 121 infants, children and youth on our rolls at First Presbyterian, which is both a great joy and an awesome responsibility. During worship on October 11, will honor our FPC children as worship-leaders and music-makers, and present new Bibles to our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. At various points during the service, children will be dismissed from worship to work on service projects in Watts-Hill Hall, which will benefit children beyond our walls, most especially those in Puerto Rico, suffering from the recent hurricanes.



In addition, the Christian Education Committee has designed this month "**Socktober**," and is asking everyone to bring new socks, all sizes, which will be donated to Urban Ministries of Durham. A bin will be available in the foyer through Sunday, October 29 for your donations.

Finally, October 22 is the fourth Sunday of the month, so we will also receive the **Hunger for Change Offering** during worship. Please give generously!

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Acolytes: *Noah Rokoske, Webb Cummings*

Crucifer: *Matthew Dickerson*

Liturgist: *Amy Dillon*


Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Jane Williams* (narthex/rear); *Carol Carson* (side/font)

Ushers: *Kathy Krahenbuhl* (head), *Amy Dillon* (flowers), *Mickey Velkey*,

Jane Williams, George Danser, Miriam Morey

The Week at a Glance!

<p align="center">Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Fellowship Lunch</p> <p>5:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Groups</p>	<p align="center">Monday, October 16</p> <p align="center">5:00 PM "Time Out" Radio Show featuring Andy and Cherrie Henry (listen live at 103.5FM or on the web at: WCOMFM.org)</p> <p align="center">6:00 PM Christian Education Committee</p>  <p align="center">World Food Day</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday, October 17</p> <p align="center">FPC volunteering at the Peace Booth (NC State Fair, Raleigh)</p> <p align="center">9:00AM - 1:00 PM Program Staff Retreat at Mt. Bethel PC, Durham</p> <p align="center">11:30AM DCIA Monthly Luncheon at Mt. Bethel PC, Durham</p> <p align="center">1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p align="center">2:30 PM All Staff</p> <p align="center">6:00 - 7:30 PM Finance Committee</p> <p align="center">7:30 - 9:00 PM Triangle Wagner Society Recital at FPC</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday, October 18</p> <p align="center">5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p align="center">6:00 PM "Bhutan" Slide Show by David and Judy Smith</p> <p align="center">6:30 PM "The Theology of Sanctuary" immigration presentation by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove at Westminster PC</p> <p align="center">7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, October 19</p> <p align="center">FPC volunteering at the Peace Booth (NC State Fair, Raleigh)</p>	<p align="center">Friday, October 20</p> <p align="center">7:00 - 8:30 AM / 9:30 - 11:30 AM FPC serving breakfast / preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries of Durham</p> <p align="center">10:30 AM - Noon "Cultivating Christian Character"</p>	<p align="center">Saturday, October 21</p> <p align="center">9:00 AM - Noon October Day of Service with Families Moving Forward</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, October 22</p> <p align="center">Children's Sabbath Sunday <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p align="center">9:45 AM Intergenerational Sunday School Event</p> <p align="center">11:00 AM Worship (Children will receive Bibles; Hunger for Change Offering rec'd)</p> <p align="center">After Worship - 7:30 PM Youth Groups' Mystery Day</p>

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sarah Finbow, Youth Minister



Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music