FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE Attende Domine Jeanne Demessieux

INTROIT Alleluia Children's Choir

I am loved by God. I am loved by the Savior of the world.

I was born for amazing things! I am loved by an awesome God.

I am loved by God. I am loved. Born a Child of God. I am loved by God!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29:1-4, 11)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

People: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We don't believe it. We don't believe you, O God of splendor, strength, and majesty. Deep down, we don't really believe that this Jesus is actually you, or just like you. So, we think we can get away with the splendor of the latest technology. Or the strength of our own wits. Or the majesty of our politics. We are always trusting in lesser gods, having convinced ourselves that you're not really paying attention. Forgive us for such idolatry and faithlessness. Draw us closer to you, so that we cannot disbelieve.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 132, verse 3)

In Dulci Jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Vernon Neece

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: We have heard about how you can make your meaning plain to people. We will hear

about the heavens opening up, the Holy Spirit descending, and the voice from heaven. Please send your Spirit to be among us again now, so that we might hear, and know,

and change. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9

(Pew Bible, OT Page 670)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:1-17 (Pew Bible, NT Page 3)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Then" John Weicher

(Silent meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

*HYMN No. 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Beach Spring

*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

Anthem (Alleluia Children's Choir) Child of God Traditional Spiritual arr. Emily Crocker

(After the anthem, children may join their parents/siblings in the pews or return to childcare.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Susan Dunlap

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan Dunlap

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song

People: God's praise from the end of the earth!

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

... 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

Invitation to the Offering

Susan Dunlap

Offertory Anthem

A Song for Baptism (Welcome Song)

Thomas Pavlechko

Welcome new-born lambs, who in pastures dwell; where caring shepherds bring them gently to the well; For the living waters will their thirst relieve.

Leading to the waters, wond'ring shepherds sing the songs of new creation;

Every living thing, when drinking deeply, will this song receive.

Heard in Eden's garden when the world was new. Heard again in Bethlehem by a thirsty few.

And those who hear the Song of Life, believe.

Here the new-born lambs may see the Savior's face. With heads bent low, partaking of his perfect grace. And finally rising from the water, live!

*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 DEDICATION

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

People: Amen.

All: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our

selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the

sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN No. 375

Shall We Gather at the River

Hanson Place

*BENEDICTION John Weicher

*POSTLUDE

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice

Matthias Weckmann

Retirement Celebration for Marilyn Hedgpeth

Following worship, members and friends who have a reservation for lunch will gather in Watts-Hill Hall. After the meal, join us in the sanctuary where there will be a short program to thank Marilyn for her service.

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, January 5, we welcomed 26 visitors to our worship service.

Special thanks to *Gordon Campbell* for serving as organist today while *Kathy Parkins* is away visiting family, and to *Brennetta Simpson* (director) and *Suzanne Crabtree* (accompanist) for their work with the Alleluia Children's Choir.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Alice Raney* in loving memory of her mother, *Ethel Lipscomb Girvin*.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for "A Time with the Children." Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. Following "A Time with the Children," the children may return to the nursery or join their parents and siblings in the pew. 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 With One Voice.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for the Class of 2023 Diaconate and Session, and at-large members of the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee. Please use the enclosed nomination forms to submit your nominees. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, January 19.

Inquirers' Class

Are you curious about our beliefs and life at FPC? Please join us for the remaining class for inquirers, which will meet next Sunday, January 19, from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor. Contact *Mindy Douglas* for more information about the class: m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511. On Sunday, January 26, we will receive new members and they will be welcomed during worship.

~ Our Concerns ~

CONDOLENCES:

We extend condolences to *Amy and Gray Wilson* on the death of Amy's grandfather, *Ralph Edwards*, on January 6, 2020; and to *Bishop Elroy Lewis* on the death of his sister, *Willie J. Carroll*, on January 2, 2020. Please keep these families in your prayers.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:

Congratulations to *Heather Wallace* and *Michael Schultz* on the birth of a daughter. *Vida Ruth Schultz Wallace* was born January 6, 2020. She joins big brother Juneau. Heather and Ruth are doing well.

Carolyn Wolfe is undergoing tests at Duke Hospital

Home:

Isabel Brown Carol McKnight Margaret Mubanga Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

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, Durham (Room 212): *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:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Carley and Jon Meade, family of Bruce, Ellie, Kristin and Dayton Meade

Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece

Larry Newark, brother-in-law of Jean Wilson

Ellen O'Brien, mother-in-law of Mindy Douglas

Danny Parker, father-in-law of Al and Judy Arrowood's son Jon

Faye Thomas, friend of FPC

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss



Sunday, January 19, 2020

The Beloved Community

As an expression of the "Beloved Community," First Presbyterian is pleased announce that the Triangle Jewish Chorale will provide musical leadership in worship on MLK Sunday, January 19. Since 1994 the Triangle Jewish Chorale has performed traditional and modern music that expresses the faith and culture of the Jewish people. Concerts consist of songs in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, and other languages of regions where Jews have lived. Lorena Guillen is the Music Director and J. Samuel Hammond is the accompanist. The group will sing selections from the Psalter and also the Song of Solomon.

"Uneven Ground" Exhibit Reception and Presentation at FPC

Duke Chapel and FPC are exploring our common faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit. The banners will be on display in Watts-Hill Hall through February 16, 2020. The exhibit is open for public viewing on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00–4:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bull City 150, creator and owner of the exhibit, has planned an opening reception and presentation in Watts-Hill Hall following worship on January 19.

Durham's Vox Virorum Men's Chorus 3:00 p.m. Winter Concert in the FPC Sanctuary

Concert Theme: "Traveling to Freedom" – the search for freedom, the dangers of the journey, our country's history of freedom (both demeaning it and denying it), and our possible roles in offering it to others. Directed by Jeremy Nabors, accompanied by Deborah Coclanis. Free admission: \$10 suggested donation. Email: *voxvirorum@gmail.com* for more info.

Monday, January 20

MLK Day Family Mission Project at FPC

All ages, especially families with school-age children, are invited to church for three service activities on MLK Day, January 20, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. In addition to making the dry bean soup packets like last year, we will also assemble Blessing Bags and write cards to be delivered with Meals on Wheels. In preparation, please bring donations of cheese crackers, fruit snacks, granola bars and bottled water for the Blessing Bags. These service activities are sponsored jointly by the Christian Education and Service and Mission Committees.

Annual MLK Unity March and Rally

Sponsored by the Durham Community MLK Steering Committee, the march begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company (411 W. Chapel Hill Street) and ends in the sanctuary of FPC with a service. All are welcome to participate in the march and attend the service. The Durham Children's Choir will provide music for the service.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Vernon Neece

Narthex Greeter: Maxie Honeycutt

After Worship Greeters: *Kim Abels* (narthex/rear); *Alice Raney* (side/font)

Ushers: Julie Whiddon (head), Bob Pleasants (counter), Dale Gaddis, Laurie Williamson

Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground Exhibit dates: January 3 - February 16, 2020

Please come to Watts-Hill Hall (dates below) and explore faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit. Originally commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Durham as a city, the exhibit is a tool for reflection, learning, and dialogue.

Special events held at First Presbyterian Church:

January 14: Gentrification: the New Segregation? 6-7:30 p.m.; gallery viewing, panel and community discussion on past and current housing issues in Durham and how faith communities have played a role in the segregation, integration, and development of the Durham community.

January 19: Opening Reception at 12:15 p.m.; gallery viewing, refreshments, and a presentation by Bull City 150.

February 4: Sharing, Naming, and Healing at 6 p.m.; an open house closed by a vigil of Durham residents sharing their own stories of their housing experiences in Durham, community responses, and prayers of lament and hope for communal healing and justice.

Description: In recognition of the image of God in us all, the dignity and sacredness of all life and Christ's command to love one's neighbor as oneself, Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground brings together the history of racism and housing segregation in Durham with the faith-based affordable housing justice work of Duke Chapel and First Presbyterian Church. You are invited to reflect on our city's history, our churches' histories, our faith perspectives, and what affects all of us: housing and racism. First Presbyterian Church has a rich history of housing work in Durham, from collaborating closely with Urban Ministries of Durham, Habitat for Humanity and Housing for New Hope, to being involved in Durham CAN's efforts. Duke University has been involved in land banking, loan trusts, and advocacy for over twenty years. We invite you to delve deeply, prayerfully, and vocally through discussions, panels, vigils, and receptions alongside your neighbors.

Website for Uneven Ground/Bull City
150: https://www.bullcity150.org/uneven_ground/

Disaster Assistance



Helping Displaced McDougald Terrace Families

Most needed items:

Non-perishable food items
Healthy snacks for children
Toiletries / Feminine products
Laundry detergent
Baby formula / Baby food / Diapers and wipes
Bus passes

FPC is not a collection site. Drop items at:

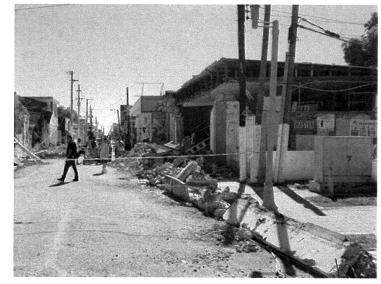
Durham Housing Authority's T.A. Grady Recreation Center 531 Lakeland St., Durham

Financial donations may be given online to the Durham One Fund (United Way of the Greater Triangle) Go to: https://unitedwaytriangle.org/durham-one-fund/.

Assistance to Puerto Rico Residents

Earthquakes have been rolling through Puerto Rico since December 28th, the largest of which was a 6.4 magnitude in the early hours of January 7th. As the island is still in the process of recovery from Hurricane Maria and many of its residents still are experiencing post-traumatic effects, the earthquakes will likely intensify the effects on many. Power is out on most of the island and initial estimates put damage from the earthquakes at more than \$3.1 billion. In Guanica alone, at least 148 homes have been impacted, from structural damage to complete collapse.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is on the ground assessing the situation and is processing an initial grant request. Please join PDA by supporting this response with gifts online to:



https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000015/ or give by phone: 800-872-3283. To send a check, please make payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and designate where you want your gift to go (Puerto Rico) on the memo line and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

P.O. Box 643700

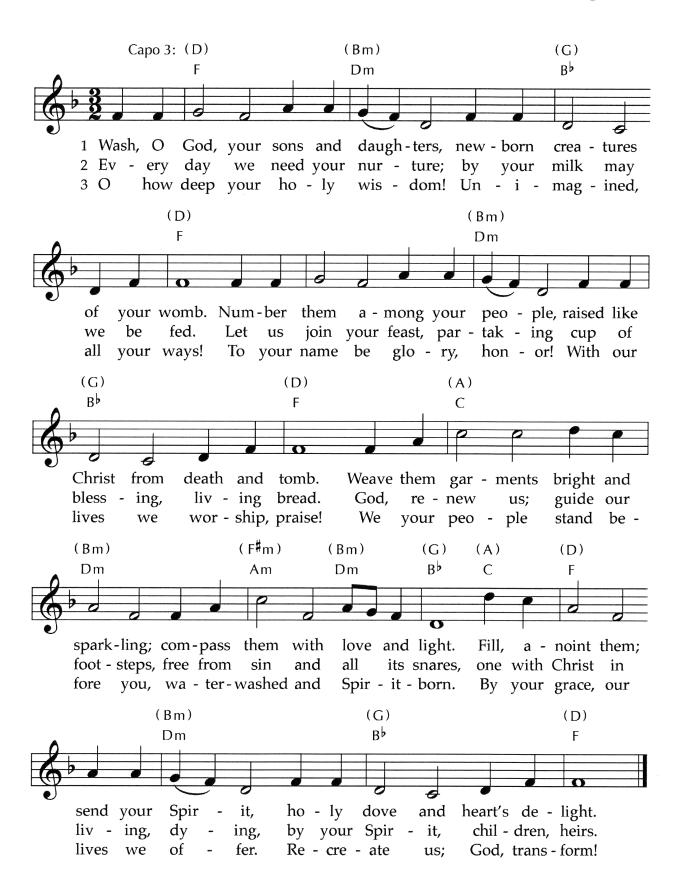
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

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The Week at a Glance!			
After Worship:	Monday, January 13	Tuesday, January 14	Wednesday, January 15
Retirement Celebration for Marilyn Hedgpeth 2:00 PM Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers Support Group (Basement Parlor) 2:00 – 4:00 PM Triangle Shape Note Choir (CE Building, room 205) 4:30 – 7:30 PM Middle School Youth 5:00 – 6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir 5:30 PM Youth ASP Info Meeting (East Parlor) 6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth	2:00 – 4:00 PM Uneven Ground Banners Exhibit (open to the public) 2:30 – 3:15 PM Middle School Youth After School Break at	Newsletter today! 1:30 PM Worship Planning 2:00 – 4:00 PM Uneven Ground Banners Exhibit (open to the public) 2:30 PM Program Staff 3:30 PM Things That Matter Book Group at the home of Jane Williams 7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Uneven Ground Banners Exhibit (open to the public) 12 Noon Durham City/County Employees' MLK Civic Celebration (sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir No Bell Choir
Thursday, January 16	Friday, January 17	Sunday, January 19 – MLK Sunday	
2:00 – 4:00 PM	2:00 PM Office closes	9:45 AM Sunday School/ Inquirers' Class 10:00 AM Alleluia Children's Choir at Covenant PC (Choir should gather at Covenant PC at 9:40 a.m.) 11:00 AM Worship After Worship: Uneven Ground Exhibit Reception and Presentation (Watts-Hill Hall)	
Uneven Ground Banners Exhibit (open to the public)			
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	Saturday, January 18		
	12:30 – 3:30 PM Vox rehearses for Winter Concert	3:00 PM CONCERT: Vox Virorum Men's Chorus (sanctuary)	
		4:30 PM Montreat Youth Info Meeting	
		5:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir	/

CHURCH STAFF



Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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Robert Daye, Sexton

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Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate

Youth MLK Service Projects with Judea Reform