

First Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

First Sunday in Lent March 1, 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, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Handbell Choir and Charlotte Maxwell, violin

Let Us Break Bread

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INTROIT Adam lay ybounden Malcolm Archer

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heav'n-e queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen, Deo Gratias!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 4:1-11)

John Weicher

Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

People: We worship the Lord our God alone.

*Processional Hymn No. 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt Uns, Herr

*INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT (remain standing)

Beloved people of God, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on God's Word. Now let us bow before God our creator and redeemer, and confess our sin.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

*All who are able, please stand.

Kyrie eleison (in unison)

F. G. Douglas





Declaration of Forgiveness

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jeanne Hervey

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

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader. Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty

days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

(Pew Bible, NT Page 156)

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT Page 3)

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

SERMON

"In the Wilderness"

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

*HYMN No. 783

When We Are Tested

Angels of Healing

*THE PEACE

Susan Dunlap

Leader: 7

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 parents, caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for "A Time with the Children."

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

(Children may return to the playroom with their caregivers or join their parents/guardians in the pews.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Susan Dunlap

Offertory Anthem

In Adam We Have All Been One

Scott M. Hyslop

In Adam we have all been one, one huge rebellious man:

We all have fled that evening voice that sought us as we ran.

We fled Thee, and in losing Thee we lost our brother too;

Each singly sought and claimed his own; each man his brother slew. (Anthem text continues next page.)

But Thy strong love, it sought us still and sent Thine only Son That we might hear His Shepherd's voice and hearing Him, be one. O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, didst love and save us all, Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind, O hear us when we call.

Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth; Thou Son, O set us free From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, to make us one in Thee. Then shall our song united rise to Thine eternal throne, Where with the Father evermore and Spirit Thou art one.

*Doxology (all sing)

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Susan Dunlap

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: We give you thanks and praise, O God, in this dry and weary land. You set a table for us in

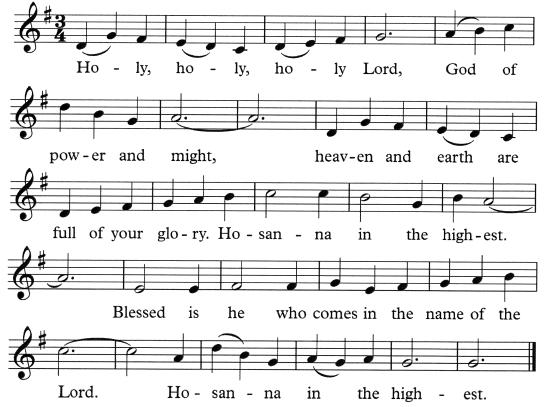
Sanctus

the wilderness and provide for all our needs. Even when we complain against you, you feed us with bread from heaven. When we quarrel and question your grace, you give us water from a stone. How can we keep silent? Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your

praise.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 572



Leader:

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our way in the wilderness, our companion in the desert. He knows our hunger and thirst; he gives us bread of life to eat and living water to drink. He leads us beside still water and prepares this table for us, even in the presence of our enemies. The cup of blessing overflows!

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

John Weicher, Susan Dunlap

Leader:

Now pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread, this cup, these people. By the power of your Spirit breathe life into our dust and hope into our bones. Make us one flesh and one blood, one in the body of Christ. Let us live to sing your praise and show your love to all, until our wilderness wandering is over, and we feast with you forever in the land that you have promised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory is yours, O God, now and always.

All (sung):



THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

John Weicher, Susan Dunlap

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.

Hymn No. 602 (All sing; see insert.)

Holy Lamb of God

Ya Hamalallah

Hymn No. 533 (All sing; see insert.)

In the Singing

Bread of Peace

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

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

People: Amen.

All: God be in my head, and in my understanding;

> God be in my eyes, and in my looking: God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.

*HYMN No. 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O Quanta Qualia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

The Glory of These Forty Days (Erhalt Uns, Herr)

Johann Pachelbel

*POSTLUDE

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 <u>return it to the starting point</u>, noting the names of those sitting near you. On February 23, we welcomed 23 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Florence McDow* who died eight years ago from autoimmune encephalitis at age 6. We are eternally grateful to this loving and supportive church family as we cherish her memory through events like the Florence Forth road race. Thank you all for your kindness and care. - *Will, Leslie, and Laura McDow*

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship with their parents, guardians, and siblings, or return to the nursery. There is a changing table in the narthex, 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 young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

The *Pulpit Paraments*: In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. Her liturgical projects emphasize the "threads that bind" and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of Anne 'St. Clair' Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The *Lenten Banner* was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of *Bess Bryant* and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* (1993, 2018 editions) and *Feasting on the Word*.

~ Our Concerns ~

We extend condolences to the following:

- Jennie Alwood and Frances Zehmer on the death of Jennie's mother, Fran Alwood, on February 27;
- Karolyn Mangeot and Karen and Stewart Cameron on the death of their neighbor, Dick Bennett, on February 26. He and his widow had been married 62 years.

Margaret Mubanga

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
Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Judy Wood, mother of Sharon Hirsch

FPC is a polling place on Tuesday, March 3

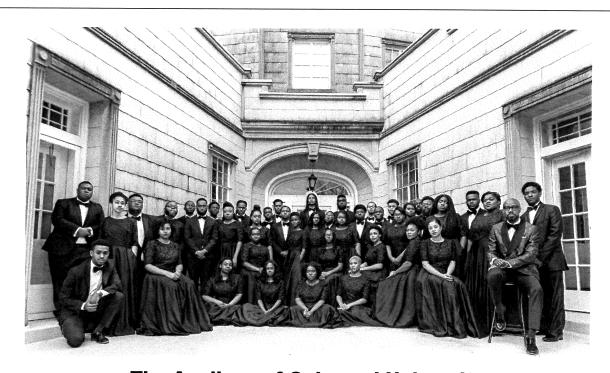
On Tuesday, March 3, North Carolina residents will cast votes in election primaries across the state. FPC will serve as a polling place for Precinct 17 (due to Durham Main Public Library renovations). We recommend that you contact the church staff by phone or e-mail that day as there will be very little, if any, parking available during regular business hours. The Day School will operate on its normal schedule. Meetings that are not affected by parking restrictions will meet as scheduled. Please contact *Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator, at *t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org* if you have questions.

Lenten Book Study Begins . . .

Mindy Douglas will lead a study of *Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World* by Serene Jones this Lenten and Easter season. The study will be held Tuesdays during the Lenten and Easter seasons, beginning March 10th and concluding May 19th. We will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the East Parlor. All are welcome to join us. The book is available for purchase through *amazon.com*

Support Group for Caregivers

The next support group meeting for care-givers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia will be on next **Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. in the Wilson Parlor at FPC**. This group is open to anyone in the community who wants to share the joys and perils of being a care-giver. *Laura McNab* is leading the support group. For more information, contact *Laura* at 843-222-1718.



The Aeolians of Oakwood University Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary The concert is free and open to the public.

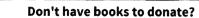
Parking for the concert: FPC's lot is reserved for persons with mobility issues and voters. We ask that everyone else use adjacent lots including the Main Public Library parking lot.

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, Aeolians has traveled widely presenting concerts with music ranging from the Baroque era to the twentieth century. 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.

First Presbyterian Church is a collection site.

We are collecting children's books for Book Harvest,
a North Carolina literacy nonprofit based in Durham.
Book Harvest provides an abundance of books and literacy support
to families and children across our state -over one million books since 2011!

Simply donate your new and gently-used children's books in the collection bin! Book Harvest always needs more board books, graphic novels, and children's books written by diverse authors and/or featuring diverse characters. While they wish they could take everything, Book Harvest is unable to accept adult books, religious books, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, activity/coloring books, or books with significant damage.



You can purchase them directly from Book Harvest's Amazon wishlist: bookharvestnc.org/support/run-a-book-drive





The **Florence Forth Road Race** will be run on Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 a.m. Many First Presbyterian members will be participating as walkers, runners, and volunteers. **Registration to run or walk closes this week on Wednesday, March 4 at** *FlorenceForth.org.* Come join the larger Durham community in this great event.



An invitation to Iglesia Emanuel's Annual Ministry Celebration & Fundraiser

Once again, FPC is partnering with Iglesia Emanuel, our sister Latino Presbyterian congregation, to host their third annual ministry celebration, including dinner and entertainment. This year's event promises to be very powerful, as the theme for the evening is: "Journeys to Durham: Receiving the Stories of Our Immigrant Neighbors." Please mark your calendars for

Saturday evening, March 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. The purpose is twofold: fundraising to support and expand the church's amazing ministry in the community, and a wonderful opportunity for friendship, fellowship and a delicious meal. Because seating is limited, RSVP as soon as possible to Margaret Rubiera at *margaretmr29@gmail.com*.

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When We Are Tested



Holy Lamb of God

Ya hamalallah



In the Singing



God of Compassion, in Mercy 436 Befriend Us



~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jeanne Hervey*Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: Raymond Mbah (Narthex/Rear); Kim Abels (Font/Side)

Ushers: Julie Whiddon (head)

Communion Elders: Head/Replenish Elements: Jane Wettach

Bread: Lenore Champion (B1, process), Wendy McCorkle (B2), Kate Busa (B3), Tyler Momsen-Hudson (B4)

Cup: Chris Brown (C1), Carol Carson (C2, process), Brent Curtis (C3), Kim Abels (C4)

Shepherds: Alice Raney (font aisle), Sharon Hirsch (center aisle), David Sappenfield (pulpit aisle)

The Week at a Glance!			
Later Today	Monday, March 2	Tuesday, March 3	Wednesday, March 4
After Worship: Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)	9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews	Primary Elections 11:00 AM FPC Staff	8:00-8:45 AM High Schoolers Midweek Morning Meal at Joe Van Gogh
5:00-6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir rehearsal	10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Study	1:30 PM Plan Worship 7:00 PM The Aeolians of Oakwood University	5:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
6:00-8:00 PM High School Youth Group	5:00-6:30 PM FPC Vision Team	in Concert No Vox Men's Chorus rehearsal	
Thursday, March 5	Saturday, March 7	Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday in Lent	
9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews	5:30 AM-12 Noon Florence Forth Run/Walk 4:00 PM Scratch at the	9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Alleluia Children's Choir sings) 2:00 PM Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers' Support Group No Shape Note Choir rehearsal 4:30-6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group 5:00-6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir rehearsal	
Friday, March 6	home of Mindy Douglas & Tim O'Brien		
World Day of Prayer			
		6:00-8:00 PM High School Youth Group	

CHURCH STAFF

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