FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 29, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Mindy Douglas
Minute for Mission
Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE — *Variations on "Fairest Lord Jesus"* — James Woodward

***INTROIT** — *Brother, Sister, Join in Praising* — Hymn to Joy

Brother, sister, join in praising Christ, the Son, Incarnate Word,
Join, with hearts and voices raising, songs of thanks to Christ our Lord.
God made flesh, who dwelt among us giving bread and wine as sign,
Grant that now your love may, through us, in a world of darkness shine.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from 1 Corinthians 1:26-31) — Chris Karnadi

Leader: Look at your situation when you were called, sisters and brothers:
People: **Not many were wise;**
Leader: Not many were powerful;
People: **Not many were upper class.**
Leader: But God chose what the world considers foolish to shame the wise:
People: **The weak, to shame the strong;**
Leader: The low-class and the low-life,
People: **So no human being can brag in God's presence.**
Leader: It is because of God that we are in Christ Jesus.
People: **He became wisdom from God for us.**
He made us righteous and holy, and he has delivered us.
All: **Let us sing his praise.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 630** — *Fairest Lord Jesus* — *Crusaders' Hymn*

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing) — Chris Karnadi

Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Our silence is deafening to your still small voice, amid the swelling tide of relief needed throughout the world. We fail to address the dominance, power, control, and structural flaws that lead to racial alienation, gender discrimination, and economic deprivation. Lord, have mercy on us and restore us as your hope for our world. Help us possess a soul of righteousness within us, so that justice may be proclaimed throughout the earth. To this end, may your continued faithfulness heal the wounded and restore the misunderstood. In your mercy, help us to be doers of your word!

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

** Those who are able, please stand.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY Peter Fish

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **O Lord, the help of the helpless, the hope of those past hope, the savior of the tempest-tossed, the harbor of the voyager, the physician of the sick: you are all things to us. You know each of us and our need. Receive us all into your kingdom. Make us children of the light. Bestow on us, O Lord, our God, your peace and love. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible, OT Page 866)

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

PSALM LESSON Psalm 15 (Pew Bible, OT Page 495)

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

***HYMN NO. 853** *We are Marching in the Light of God* *Siyahamba*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible, NT Page 4)

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

SERMON *"Focus Candle"* Marilyn Hedgpeth

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *From The United Church of Canada* Cheryl Henry

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 767** *Together We Serve* *San Anselmo*

(Children through 1st grade enter during "The Peace.")

***THE PEACE** Cheryl Henry

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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Marilyn Hedgpeth

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
People: **And a light unto my path.** *(from Psalm 119:105)*
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

Offertory Anthem *The Beatitudes* James Biery

Lift up your hearts, you poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is yours;
And blest are you, bent in two with mourning, God's comfort sustains you through all.
Be still with gentle, quiet meekness, the plenty of earth will be yours;
And blest are you, filled with aching hunger, the satisfied heart will be yours.
With joyfulness show love and mercy, the mercy of God will be yours;
And blest are you, pure of heart and selfless, the vision of God will be yours.
Work tirelessly for peace and justice, as Children of God you'll be known;
And blest are you, who are persecuted, the kingdom of heaven is yours.
Rejoice, be glad, be joyful people, the kingdom of heaven is yours;
So blest are you —hear the words of Jesus: the kingdom of heaven is yours!

*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: **We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 749** *Come, Live in the Light* *We Are Called*

***BENEDICTION** Marilyn Hedgpeth

***POSTLUDE** *Voluntary in A* William Selby

Individuals and families who have expressed an interest in membership with First Presbyterian Church are invited to meet in the East Parlor following worship today for a get-acquainted lunch.

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 22, we welcomed 27 visitors to worship.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by ***Christy and Jim Gudaitis*** in memory of ***Laura Bauman*** and ***Robin Riggs.***

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, return to the nursery, or go to the choir room for Children's Choir. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. 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 and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of ***today's worship texts*** were reprinted from *Prayers for the New Social Awakening* and *Feasting on the Word.*

~ Our Concerns ~

We extend sympathies to the following:

Sue and John Fricks who each lost a cousin recently. Sue's cousin, ***Ted Wish***, died January 19 in Piscataway, NJ, and John's cousin, ***Stanley Fricks***, died January 22 in Watkinsville, GA.

Jim and Margot Johnson (***Rosie, Carrie, and Samuel***) on the death of Jim's niece, ***Ellie Johnson***, on January 23.

A **Memorial Garden Service** will be held at FPC at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11for ***Jerry Tyren***.

Added this week:
Doug Fisher, frequent visitor
Mildred Bolen, grandmother of Leslie McDow
Susan Hamlin, mother of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
Cherie Haines, sister of Vern Neece
Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece
Barbara Rathjen, aunt of Chris Brown
Janice Rattray, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley

Chuck Barenchi ***Sarah and Pete Finbow*** ***Nancy Kost*** ***Carolyn Wolfe***

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

Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): ***Helen Garrison***

Croasdaile Village: ***Joanne Harrar***, ***Betty Jelstrup***, ***Bob Keever***, ***Bob Rankin***

Hillcrest: ***Randall McLeod***

Forest at Duke: ***Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson***

Family and Friends of FPC members:

- ***Doug Hervey***, son of Jeanne Hervey
- ***Mike Hugo***, friend of Tom Bloom
- ***Jaymen Lourensz***, Walk-in Ministry request
- ***Margaret Pfeiler***, grandmother of Julie Maxwell

Sunday, February 5

Youth "Soup"er Bowl fundraiser

We are having our second annual chili cook off for "Souper Bowl Sunday" on February 5. Please sign up to bring a pot of your favorite chili at this link: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094ea5ae29a57-2ndannual. All proceeds from the sale of the chili will go to combat hunger right here in Durham! The FPC Youth Council will announce a winner that morning. You can drop off your chili during the Sunday School hour. Chili will be available for sale after worship.

Friday, February 10

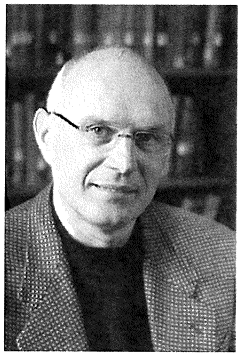
El Fuego Early Music Ensemble in Concert

7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary; admission required.

The concert will feature a selection of medieval chants from the Huelgas Codex (ca. 1300) and songs from "Cantigas de Santa Maria," (devotional songs to the Virgin Mary). Travel to Northern Spain through music and beautiful poetry in Galician-Portuguese to get an insight of the minds of praying souls of the 13th – 14th centuries. El Fuego Early Music Ensemble: ***Malina Rauschenfels***, voice and vielle; ***Laura Grimaldi***, percussion; ***Jennifer Streeter***, recorder; and ***Salomé Sandoval***, voice, lute, and artistic direction. General admission is $15; seniors, FPC members, and students with ID: $10. Check El Fuego's website for more information: http://www.elfuegofire.com/

Sunday, February 26

McPherson Lectureship



Guest Lecturer: *Dr. Miroslav Volf*

Dr. Miroslav Volf is the Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School and the Founder and Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. His most recent book is *Flourishing: Why We Need Religion in a Globalized World*. On Sunday morning, Dr. Volf will teach the Faith and Community class at 9:45 a.m. and preach in the 11:00 a.m. worship. On Sunday evening, he will give a lecture at Duke Divinity School. All events are open to the public.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today	Monday, January 30	Tuesday, January 31	Wednesday, February 1
After Worship: Membership Inquiry Lunch **2:00 PM** Memorial Service for Jean Moore in the Croasdaile Village Chapel **5:00 – 8:00 PM** Youth Groups	Investment Committee (meeting cancelled) **5:00 PM** Handbell Choir **7:00 PM** Budget Committee	**1:30 PM** Worship Planning **2:30 PM** FPC Staff	**7:00 PM** Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 2	**Friday, February 3**	**Saturday, February 4**	**Sunday, February 5** *Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time*
8:00 PM FPC Basketball at Hope Valley BC gym	**10:30 AM** "Parables" Bible Study	**6:00 PM** SCRATCH/Young Adults Potluck at the home of Kristin Meade	**9:45 AM** Sunday School / New Member Orientation **11:00 AM** Worship and Communion **After worship:** Youth "Souper Bowl" (Chili Cookoff) fundraiser **12:30 PM** Membership Committee **No evening Youth Groups**

~ Serving Today ~

Acolytes: ***Charlie Kelley***, ***Aiden James***
Crucifer: ***Peter Compton***
Liturgist: ***Peter Fish***
Narthex Greeter: ***Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey***
Ushers: ***Chris Brown*** (head), ***Michael Honeycutt*** (flowers), ***Sharon Hirsch***, ***Carolyn Merritt***, ***Grace Abels***, ***Miriam Morey***

CHURCH STAFF

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

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

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:
info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: http://firstpres-durham.org

305 EAST MAIN STREET DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27701 919.682.5511
ORGANIZED 1871