

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27701

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

June 18, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

Minute for Stewardship

Sheila Breitweiser

PRELUDE

*Where'er You Walk (from "Semele")*

G. F. Handel, arr. Wallace and Head

Alex Fioto, trumpet

INTROIT

*We Sing of your Glory*

trad. Latin American Tune

*We sing of your glory, we praise you again, for you are eternal! Amen.*

*We sing of your power and honor again, for you are eternal. Amen.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 100:2,5*)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness!

People: **We come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: For the Lord our God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 385

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*Old Hundredth*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain entangled in sin.**

**We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts.**

**We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored,  
set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 307, verse 4)

*Cwm Rhondda*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.*

*Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,*

*Serving thee whom we adore.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Carl Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. Amen.**

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Exodus 19:2-8a (Pew Bible, OT Page 65)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 9:35-38 (Pew Bible, NT Page 9)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE LESSON** Romans 5:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT Page 155)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Grace for the Journey" Mindy Douglas

**\*HYMN NO. 435** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* In Babilone  
*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.  
There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.  
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
And we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.  
For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

**\*THE PEACE** (Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during "The Peace.") Marilyn Hedgpeth  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Mindy Douglas

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** The Boggs Family  
Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Eric and Kelly Boggs who have been received into the membership of this congregation by letter of transfer from a sister church.

**Words of Scripture**

Pastor: Eric and Kelly, do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace? Relying on God's grace, will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his word and showing his love to your life's end? And, do you now desire that your child be baptized?

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Barbara Ann Stowe Boggs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor: *(to the parents)* Eric and Kelly, on behalf of Barbara, do you affirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace, and do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child?

*(to the gathered children)*

Do you promise to be a friend to Barbara? If she gets lost, will you help her find the way? If she falls down, will you help pick her up? Will you share with her the stories of Jesus?

Elder: *(to the congregation)*

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide Barbara by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

People: **We do.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. . . . Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Barbara that she may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

### **Baptism**

#### **Anointing**

*(The congregation will please stand.)*

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

#### *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.**

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

#### **Welcome the Boggs Family**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader Lord, to whom shall we go?

People: **You have the words of eternal life.**

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 *Eternal God, We Give You Thanks for Music*

John Rutter

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for music, blest gift from heaven to all your servants here on earth:  
In time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation, companion through our days of tears and mirth.*

*(Verses continue on back cover.)*

*We give you thanks for every sound of beauty; for sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts,  
For melodies that soar on high like birds at morning, for voice and instrument in all their parts.*

*As we are blest, so may our gift bless others; may hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew.  
Let music draw together those who live as strangers, bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.*

*And when at last we come into your kingdom, all discord over and all earthly labor done,  
Then sound and silence yield before one equal music, and with the Giver shall our souls be one.*

\*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: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

All: **God of glory, before whose face our vision fails, help us to sing your praise gladly;  
and to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH HARVARD AS PASTOR EMERITUS**

Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth  
Gerald Postema, Dey Hall

**Presentation**

**\*Response of the Congregation (standing)**

**We, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church, rejoice in your acceptance  
of the title, "Pastor Emeritus." We hold in high regard this special honor you have received.  
We pledge to you our continuing love, our constant care, and our sustaining prayers through  
all of the days before us.**

**Prayer of Recognition**

Almighty God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth by your wisdom, and has brought us  
to this high and holy moment of commitment and praise, we give you heartfelt thanks for the long  
and fruitful ministry of your servant, Reverend Joseph Harvard. For the lessons we have learned  
from his faithful obedience to your will and way, for the caring and sharing, the living and loving  
by which he has enriched so many lives over the years, we are most grateful. Continue to bless,  
we pray, both him and Carlisle as they continue in their retirement. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 719**

*Come, Labor On*

*Ora Labora*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*POSTLUDE**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

English 17<sup>th</sup> cent. arr. Philip Young

***Following worship today, everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall for a Father's Day Luncheon.  
A donation will be received to offset the cost of the meal (\$8 per person; \$24 max for a family).***

***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 17 visitors to worship on Trinity Sunday, June 11.

***Special thanks*** to ***Alex Fioto*** for providing trumpet music for today's worship.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of ***Jane Z. Buckley*** by ***Dennis  
Buckley, Barbara Buckley, Betsy McKeehan and Bill Buckley.***

## WORSHIP NOTES AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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. Childcare for infants–2 years continues in the nursery. There is an *infant 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 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.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship, Call to Worship, Daily Prayer* and *Feasting on the Word*.

### ~ OUR CONCERNS ~

*Beth Eisenson*, recovering from knee surgery

*Barbara Gerwe*, recovering from back surgery

*Tony Lopez*, husband of Linn Lopez

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

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

**Croasdaile:** *Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford*

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

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

#### Family and Friends of FPC Members:

*Cherie Haines*, sister of Vernon Neece

*Paul Martin*, brother of Beth Neece

*Janice Rattray*, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley

*Lisa Short*, cousin of Alissa Miles

### ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Carl Rist*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Emily Diy* (narthex/rear); *Bob Breitweiser* (side/font)

Ushers: *Brianna Honea Bennett* (head), *Celia Dickerson* (flowers), *Dale Gaddis*,

*Lea Bingham, Sharon Hirsch, Stephen Berry*

FPC Session Representative: *Gerald Postema*

New Hope Presbytery Representative: *Deky Hall*, Temporary Stated Clerk

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### 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 (on sabbatical)

*Mark McHugh*, Ministry Intern

*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator

*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor

*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music

<b>The Week at a Glance!</b>			
<b>Later Today</b> <b>After Worship:</b> Father's Day Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)	<b>Monday, June 19</b> 6:00 PM Diaconate 6:30 PM Joint Officers' Supper 7:00 PM Session	<b>Tuesday, June 20</b> 1:30 PM Worship Planning 2:30 PM All Staff	<b>Wednesday, June 21</b> <i>The Chancel Choir            is on summer break</i>
<b>Thursday, June 22</b> 9:30 - 11:30 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries	<b>Friday, June 23</b>	<b>Saturday, June 24</b>	<b>Sunday, June 25</b> <i>Hunger for Change            Offering received</i> 9:45 AM Summer Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship <i>(We will say farewell to            Geoffrey and Patricia            Kennedy)</i>

**Save these dates!**

## **An Invitation to a Book Reading**

**Wednesday, June 28**

**7:00 p.m. The Regulator Bookshop, Durham**

You are invited to a reading by *Jane Williams* from her recently published book,  
***Mysterious Moments: Thoughts That Transform Grief***

## **Myrtle Fest**

**Sunday, July 16**

**Join us for a special worship service at 11:00 a.m.  
 followed by lunch and music in the courtyard  
 under our lovely crepe myrtles!**

**First Presbyterian Church  
 ALL CHURCH GATHERING**

**Sunday, September 24**

**3:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.**

**New Hope Camp and Conference Center**