A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mindy Douglas
Ritual of Friendship

Prelude
Deep River Trad. Spiritual, arr. by Moses Hogan
Caleb Conner, baritone
Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river,
Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go, to that gospel feast?
That promised land where all is peace.

Introit
O Christ, the Great Foundation Samuel Sebastian Wesley
O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
To preach your true salvation in every age and land:
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Call to Worship
Sam Migliarese
Leader: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.
People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!
Leader: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.
People: Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.
All: The love of God lasts forever! Let us worship God.

Processional Hymn No. 394 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey

Confession of Sin (remain standing)
Sam Migliarese
Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession
Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessing you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the gifts of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.
COLLECT FOR THE DAY
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
All: O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith. Give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognizing in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Exodus 6:1-13 (Pew Bible, NT Page 52)

SOLO
Go Down, Moses Trad. Spiritual, arr. by H. T. Burleigh

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

Matthew 16:13-20 (Pew Bible, NT Page 18)

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

Romans 12:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT Page 161)

SERMON
"The Content of Our Character" Mindy Douglas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Philippians 2:5-11) Sam Miglaresi

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

*HYMN NO. 301 Let Us Build a House Two Oaks

*Marilyn Hedgpeth

*THE PEACE (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

LITANY OF BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING Marilyn Hedgpeth and Mindy Douglas
Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and creator of all . . .

Congregation: We give thanks for faith nurtured and nourished in this church.
Leader: The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers...

Congregation: We give thanks for all these gifts. Today we give special thanks for our teachers, youth advisors, superintendents and volunteers, all who love us, all who challenge and nurture us, and all who guide us in growing and learning; all who themselves are challenged to grow and learn; and all who support the teaching ministry of this covenant community.

Teachers and Advisors: We commit ourselves to this calling. We invite God’s Spirit to equip and energize us for service. Embed in our hearts and minds the capacity for discernment and wisdom. We dedicate ourselves to developing relationships of shalom in our classrooms. We open ourselves to learn from those we teach. We will meditate on God’s word, love generously, dream passionately, persevere boldly, and share the stories of the faith.

Congregation: Help us to affirm and support our teachers, advisors and others who commit to our educational ministry.

All: God, we remember our role as lifelong learners and seekers of the faith. We give thanks for all those who support the teaching and learning that takes place through our congregation. Be with all – children, youth, and adults – who will be participating this year in our church school. Bless our times of study so that we may grow in faith. Bless our times of fellowship so that we may truly live as friends in Christ in this beloved community. Bless our times of prayer and worship so that we may be enriched in our spirits and go forth and serve all people and creation. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

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 O Rest in the Lord (from Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart’s desires.
Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers.
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart’s desires.
(The Hunger for Change Offering will be received following the anthem.)

*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: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.
All: To your name, Lord Jesus, help us to
    bow the knee and all its worshipping,
    bow the head and all its thinking,
    bow the will and all its choosing,
    bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 149

All Hail to God’s Anointed  Sung to Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

*BENECTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune  Wilbur Held

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 13 visitors to worship on Sunday, August 20, 2017.

Special thanks to Caleb Conner for singing the Introit for today’s worship. Caleb is the son of Kathy Conner and a lifelong member of FPC. He is a rising sophomore at Haverford College, majoring in political science. A special thanks for all of the young people who enrich our worship services with their musical gifts.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Chuck and Linda Barenchi.

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. 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 Book of Common 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.

The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham needs you!
Do you feel a call to serve those who live on the edges, the least among us? Is the opportunity to work at the intersection of evidence-based practice and social justice intriguing to you? FPC is forming a Faith Team to support someone returning from prison to the Durham community. The team will include six volunteers and meet for approximately one year, two times per month. Training will be Saturday, September 9 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at FPC. Please email Libby Gulley if you would like to attend or want more information: gulley@nc.rr.com.

Our Sympathies
The love and concern of the congregation are extended to Brian and Jeannette Castle (and little Zeke) on the death of Jeannette's niece Katie who died in Charlotte from an apparent drug overdose.

Our Concerns
Added this week:
Bill Lorimer, recovering at home
Julie Maxwell, recovering at home
Barbara Cooper, friend of FPC

Please remember our friends in Sierra Leone where mudslides there have killed more than 450 people. This comes on the heels of the terrible Ebola epidemic there.

Torrell Armstrong
Paul Cornsweet

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
Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss
Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark
Katrina Downey, friend of Joanne Harrar
Louise Dykes, aunt of Will Chambliss
Kendra Harrington, friend of Jeremy Tucker
Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian
Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
First Presbyterian Church Educational Ministry
2017-2018

Sunday School Superintendents
Jean Wilson, Linda Dobson, Lisa Gabriel, Mary Ann Compton

Children’s Worship Bags
Katy Barron, Alissa Miles

Youth Advisors
Sarah Finbow (Youth Minister)
Lenore Champion, Jancy Johnstone, Brent Curtis,
Sharron Johnson, Heather Wallace

Age         Teachers
1 & 2        Momo Matsunami (Childcare Supervisor)

2.5/3/4      Amy Sanchez, Elizabeth Klinck, Bob Pleasants,
             Kristin Meade, Luke Everett (sub)

K/1/2 grades Nancy Kost, Kathy Colville, Katharine Whitmore

3-5th grades Celia Dickerson, Walt Barron, Li-Chen Chin,
               Marilyn Hedgpedth, Alec Bethune, Delia Kwon

6-8th grades Sarah Finbow, Abi Warmack, Amy Wilson (sub)

9-12th Grades Emily Hansel, Sharron Johnson,
               Leah Graves/Leslie McDow (subs)

Adult: Lectionary David Smith, Robert Brawley, Tyler Momsen-Hudson,
                   Sue Fricks, Jerry Postema

Adult: Faith & Community Mindy Douglas, Sam Miglarese, Marilyn Hedgpedth,
                    Robert Brawley

Adult: Journeys/ Young Adults (Scratch) Andy & Cherrie Henry, Carlo & Emily Diy,
             Michael Shultz, Heather Wallace

Women’s Groups Susan Dunlap

Book/Bible Study Marilyn Hedgpedth
SAVE THE DATE NOW!!!

First Presbyterian All Church
GATHERING

Like a shepherd he will gather the lambs
in his arms. - Isaiah 40:11

Sunday, September 24, 2017
3:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.
New Hope Camp and Conference Center

3:00-5:00 p.m. - Time to hang out, play games, hike,
walk labyrinth, Gaga ball, volleyball, hand crafts

5:00 p.m. - Vespers Worship

5:45 p.m. - Potluck Supper
(Main dish provided. Bring sides.)

7:00 p.m. - Campfire with s’mores, skits,
poems, jokes, music and more!

Sign up Sundays after worship in September!
~ SERVING TODAY ~

Liturgist: **Bob Yoder**
Narthex Greeter: **Harriett Mitchell**
After Worship Greeters: **Cris Rivera** (narthex/rear); **Jerry Postema** (side/font)
Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head), **Celia Dickerson** (flowers), **Jane Williams**, **Catherine Dumas**, **Kathy Krahenbuhl**

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**CHURCH STAFF**

**Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator  
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**Marilyn Hedgpeth**, Associate Pastor  
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