FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Minute for Stewardship: FPC Legacy Society

Mindy Douglas
Chris Brown

PRELUDE
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Jamaican tune, arr. Wayne Kerr

*INTROIT
My Life Flows On in Endless Song
Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song: above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing,
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111)  
Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.
People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Leader: Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.
People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.
People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
All: Come! Let us give thanks to God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies
Laudes Domini

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)
Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way.
Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.
1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, 7 without end. Amen.
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Collected For The Day
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: Lord Jesus, you heal with the authority of love, love that defeats evil with goodness, love that comforts the distressed and love that brings peace to those who pray ‘Lord, in your mercy, say but the word, and we shall be healed.’ Amen.

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

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

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

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

“Authority”

Mindy Douglas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(from A Declaration of Faith)

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Sam Migliarese

*HYMN NO. 181

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

Ebenezer

*Marilyn Hedgpeth

*THE PEACE

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

(Children through 1st grade enter during The Peace)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(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.)

Mindy Douglas

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: God, the Great Physician, your will for all people is health and salvation:
People: We praise and thank you, O Lord.
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

Lead Gently, Lord

Lead Gently, Lord

Chief Cason

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for oh, my steps are weak,
And ever as I go, some soothing sentence speak.

That I may turn my face through doubt’s obscurity
Towards thine abiding place, e’en tho’ I cannot see.

For lo, the way is dark; through mist and cloud I grope,
Save for that fitful spark, the little flame of hope.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for fear that I may fall,
I know not where to go, unless I hear thy call.

My fainting soul doth yearn, for thy green hills afar
So let thy mercy burn, my greater guiding star!

(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!

*CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.
All: Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your
Word is the power that transforms what is broken into the force for good and is the food of
peace. Teach us now as you taught those in the synagogue. Heal us now so that in all that
we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too; in Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.

*HYMN NO. 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Coronation

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in g minor

Franz Tunder

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 21, we welcomed 30 visitors to worship.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Linda T. Postema, by Gerald J. Postema, on the
anniversary of her birth.

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 is available 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. 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 Feasting on the Word, and The Worship Sourcebook.

Acolytes and Crucifers needed: Interested in serving as an acolyte or crucifer for Sunday worship? We are
looking to welcome more people, regardless of age, into this important aspect of our weekly worship! Please
e-mail Sarah Finbow at: s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org if you are interested!

**FPC’s Youth in action on Souper Bowl Sunday!**

The FPC Youth groups will be having their annual chili and soup cook-off on
Next Sunday, February 4, 2018. All are welcome to cook chili or soup to be
sold after worship (take out only), with all proceeds going to combat hunger right
here in Durham! If you would like to make soup or chili to help our fundraising
efforts, please contact Sarah Finbow (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) or sign up
~ Our Concerns ~

Beth Eisenson        Paul Cornsweet        Julie Maxwell        Florence Shackelford

Atria Senior Living: Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson
Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell
Croasdale Village: Bette Conroy, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Ruth and Russell Roberson
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): Helen Garrison
The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:
Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark
Marc Crawford, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett
Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings
Heath, Rebecca, and Julia Huberg, family from South Dakota (Heath is receiving care at Duke)
Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church
Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
Wagner/Wintermute/Littles families, friends of Kerry Holbrook
Jerry Walter, friend of Brian and Jeanette Castle
Christina Z., mother of Franzi Rokoske

Legacy Society Appreciation Luncheon Planned
The FPC Legacy Society will celebrate its second annual Member Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Through FPC Legacy Society members’ grace and generosity our membership continues to grow. If you have not yet joined the FPC Legacy Society, please consider joining now and making FPC a part of your Legacy. Your membership in the FPC Legacy Society will help insure the future of our historic congregation and its place in the Durham community, just as we enjoy the legacy gifts that have come before us. You will find an insert with information about joining the FPC Legacy Society in today’s bulletin. Please direct any questions about the FPC Legacy Society to Tom Bloom, Business Administrator.

First Presbyterian Church of Durham presents
The 2018 Annual McPherson Lectureship
THEME: Martin, the Messiah, and #MeToo: Framing Faith-Inspired Activism
Rev. Starsky Wilson, Lecturer
Wilson is a pastor, philanthropist and activist pursuing God’s vision of community marked by justice, peace and love. Wilson earned the BA from Xavier University of Louisiana, the MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary, and is currently completing his doctoral thesis entitled The Truth of Reconciliation: Leadership for American Apartheid, at Duke Divinity School.

Sunday, February 25, 2018
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School: The Church’s Response to Racial Injustice
11:00 a.m. Worship, preaching
6:00 p.m. Presentation and Panel Discussion: Faith Communities in Freedom Struggles
Duke Divinity School / Alumni Memorial Commons Room, co-sponsored with the Presbyterian Reformed House of Studies, Duke Divinity School

Monday, February 26, 2018
11:00 a.m. Clergy/Church Leaders Gathering: “50 Years Later: Faithful Citizenship for a New Generation”
RSVP for lunch to the EVITE or v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

Lectureship events are open to the public.
~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: Noah Rokoske, Bob Yoder
Narthex Greeter: Harriett Mitchell
After Worship Greeters: Barbara Buckley (side/font); Sigfried Fullenkamp (rear/narthex)
Ushers: Emily Wilkins (head), Stephen Berry, Mary Berry, Amy Sanchez

The Week at a Glance!

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<td>7:00 and 9:00 PM FPC League Basketball at Hope Valley BC gym</td>
<td>9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Program Staff Planning Retreat at Trinity Ave PC</td>
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<td>4:00 – 6:00 PM SCRATCH at Triangle Pride Resource Fair (UNC-Chapel Hill, in Great Hall at Frank Porter Graham Student Union)</td>
<td>10:30 AM “Cultivating Christian Character” Book &amp; Bible Study</td>
<td>SCRATCH Potluck at the home of Mindy Douglas/Tim O’Brien</td>
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<td>No FPC Church League Basketball games tonight</td>
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<td>9:45 AM Sunday School</td>
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<td>11:00 AM Worship (Scout Sunday)</td>
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<td>After Worship: Youth Souper Bowl fundraiser for hunger relief</td>
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<td>2:00 PM Communion Service at The Forest at Duke</td>
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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 Hedgpath, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
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