



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (Part 1)

D. Buxtehude

INTROIT

Take Me to the Water

Spiritual

Take me to the water. Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized.

Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 60:1)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

People: **Behold the glory of the Lord. Alleluia!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 827

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Wie Schön Leuchtet

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sam Miglarese

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

*THE PEACE

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, by a star you led magi to the worship of your Son. Guide the nations of the earth by your light; that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

(Pew Bible, OT Page 1)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* Those who are able, please stand.

PSALM 29

David Smith, cantor

(After the refrain has been introduced by the organist and the cantor, please join in singing it where indicated(R).)



*The voice of the Lord is heard upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders, God's voice is heard across the ocean.
 The voice of the Lord is heard in all its power;
 the voice of the Lord is full, it speaks with might and splendor.
 The voice of the Lord breaks down the tallest cedar;
 Lebanon, Mount Hermon now leap like frightened calves and oxen. R*

*The voice of the Lord makes lightning strike the heavens;
 deserts shake in tumult, the desert lands of Kadesh tremble.
 The voice of the Lord, like thunder, shakes the oak trees;
 it strips the forest bare, the throngs in the temple shout, "Glory!" R*

*For God is the Lord, the Lord of all the waters;
 all the raging rivers, all floods are stilled by God, the maker.
 The Lord gives us peace, makes quiet all the waters;
 God will be our strength, our hope, our peace forevermore. R*

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

(Pew Bible, NT Page 34)

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

SERMON

"In Line with Sinners"

Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Cheryl Henry

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.

***HYMN NO. 484**

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Rustington

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

(There is no Children's Choir rehearsal today. Children may return to the nursery or join their parents in the pew after "A Time with the Children.")

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Come to the Water

John Foley, arr. Howard Helvey

Kate Busa, soprano

Oh let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;

Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

Without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord;

All who labor without rest, how can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord;

Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

*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!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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: God of hope, in your Holy Spirit you hovered over the face of the waters in creation, and in your pillar of fire you led your people to liberation across the Red Sea. Through the waters you brought your people into the life and land of promise. In your Son's baptism at the Jordan we see your creative and liberating purpose at work amid our human flaws and failures, and we hear anew with hope the promise of your voice. Through our own baptism you bury us in death with Christ yet raise us to new life with him forever. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

All (sung): *Sanctus* Hymn No. 565 (Haugen)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessing God, who sent down your Holy Spirit like a dove upon your Beloved, send your Spirit among us now to sanctify us by your grace. By the power of that same Spirit, make these gifts of bread and wine be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

All: **"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."**

Leader: After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
All: **“Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: God of glory, you have opened your heaven and come among us. Be close to those who ache for your liberating power in the midst of travails and seek your open heaven. Visit all who need the healing, forgiving, peacemaking, and restoring touch of your Spirit and look for your kingdom to come.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Bless all who long to be called beloved, by sibling or parent or spouse or friend or child, and any who are searching for the love that only you can bring, until all stand in your presence, and sing your name, and are enfolded in your embrace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. You are invited to dip your hand in the baptismal font and remember your baptism.

Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mindy Douglas

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

People: **Amen.**

All: **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NEW MEMBER SERVICE OF WELCOME FOR JOHN CURRAN

Cheryl Henry

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer

Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 306, verse 1; **all sing**)

Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

***HYMN NO. 297**

In Christ Called to Baptize

St. Denio

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (Part 2)

D. Buxtehude

Reminder to Members: as you leave the sanctuary today, there will be containers at the Main Street doors and in the foyer to drop off your name tag for availability on next Sunday.

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, December 31, we welcomed 13 visitors to our worship service.

Today we welcome new member **John Curran**. John is a May 2017 graduate of Hood College in Frederick, MD (B.A. in Communication Arts) and also earned an A.A. in Teaching from Frederick Community College. He is the Community Engagement Coordinator with Advance Community Health in Raleigh. His parents are ordained ministers serving with Disciples of Christ churches in Maryland. John is joining by transfer of letter.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by **Alice Raney** in loving memory of her mother, **Ethel Lipscomb Girvin**.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for “A Time with the Children.” Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. Following “A Time with the Children,” the children may return to the nursery or join their parents in the pew. 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 younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today’s worship texts were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship, Eucharistic Prayers, and Feasting on the Word*.

Printed copies of **recent sermons** are available in the foyer.

Flowers for Worship: If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Reservation Chart located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Information regarding the flower donation process is also located there. Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2018 by signing up on the chart as soon as possible.

Today is the deadline to nominate persons to serve as ruling elders and deacons for the Class of 2021. Please complete the enclosed nomination form and place it in the offering plate or give to an usher before leaving church today.

~ **Serving Today** ~

Liturgist: **Cris Rivera**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **Al Arrowood** (narthex/rear); **George Bernhardt** (side/font)

Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head), **Michael Honeycutt** (flowers), **Jane Williams, Amy Sanchez, Laurie Williamson**

Communion Elders: Head /replenish elements - **Tyler Momsen-Hudson**

Bread: **Lenore Champion** (B1, process), **George Bernhardt** (B2), **Jerry Postema** (B3), **Emily Diy** (B4)

Cup: **Barbara Buckley** (C1), **Eric Wiebe** (C2, process), **Jane Williams** (C3), **Karen Romines** (C4)

Shepherds: **Al Arrowood** (center aisle), **Delia Kwon** (font aisle), **Dewey Lawson** (pulpit aisle)

Our Sympathies . . .

Our heartfelt sympathies to the family of *Alec and Rachel Bethune, Colin and Juliet*, on the death of Alec's father and former member of FPC, *Stuart Burney Bethune*, on December 30, 2017; and to *Matthew Dickerson* on the death of his grandfather, *Allan Plymale*, on January 2, 2018.

Our Concerns . . .

Paul Cornsweet, recovering from surgery

Caroline Rourk, recovering from surgery

The Lorimer family Julie Maxwell Ruth and Russell Roberson

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 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

Lindsay Efland, friend of Cherrie Henry

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



**Martin
Luther
King, Jr.**
remembered

Durham City/County Employees Annual Civic Celebration

Thursday, January 11 at 12 Noon (FPC sanctuary)

The keynote speaker will be *Pierce Freelon*, a local community leader, musician, entrepreneur, and former candidate in the 2017 Durham mayoral race. The program includes remarks from local leaders and elected officials along with songs from the employees' choir. The event is free and open to the public.

MLK Sunday at FPC - Sunday, January 14

11:00 a.m. Worship (FPC sanctuary)

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, preaching

He will also lead the Faith and Community Class discussion at 9:45 a.m.

Hawkins, former pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham, is the director of the PC (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. He works tirelessly as a public advocate for social justice issues.

Annual MLK Unity March and Rally

Monday, January 15

Gather at 10:30 a.m. at N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, 411 W. Chapel Hill Street, then march to First Presbyterian Church for the rally which will feature The Durham Children's Choir. **FPC members are encouraged to participate in the march and attend the rally. Please bring new children's books to donate to the annual Book Harvest Book Drive!**

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Nominating Committee</p> <p>12:30-3:00 PM Young Adults Annual Planning Retreat</p> <p>12:30 – 3:30 PM Strategic Planning Team at the home of Jane & Bill Brown</p> <p>(TBA) Youth Groups “Fun Night Out”</p>	<p>Monday, January 8</p> <p>10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Study</p> <p>No Bell Choir</p> <p>6:00 PM Christian Education Committee Property Committee</p> <p>No Service & Mission Committee</p> <p>7:00 – 10:00 PM Church League Basketball at Hope Valley BC gym</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 9</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>The Things That Matter Book Group will meet on January 16</p> <p><i>Newsletter today!</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, January 10</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship and the Arts Committee</p> <p>6:00 PM Budget Working Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, January 11</p> <p>12 Noon Durham City/County Employees Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Celebration</p> <p>7:00 – 10:00 PM Church League Basketball at Hope Valley BC gym</p>	<p>Friday, January 12</p> <p>10:30 AM – 12 Noon “Cultivating Christian Character” Book and Bible Study</p>	<p>Saturday, January 13</p>	<p>Sunday, January 14</p> <p><i>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (Jimmie Hawkins, preaching)</p> <p>(TBA) Youth MLK Service Project with Judea Reform</p>

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