First Presbyterian Church
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018

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: Eastern NC Summer Mission Trip Griffin and Tyler Momsen-Hudson

PRELUDE
Prelude on “Repton” (O Lord, Creator, Good and Kind) Robert Powell

INTROIT
O Lord, Creator

Repton
O Lord, creator, good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Sarah Finbow
Leader: Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts,
People: Confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.
All: Let us worship God.

PROCESIONAL HYMN NO. 182
Sarah Finbow
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Kingsfold

CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)
Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison) (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymnal No. 575) Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us
K. Christopher Pardini

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon (from Jeremiah 31:31-34)

COLLECT FOR THE DAY
Brent Curtis
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward
hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer
to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all
people to himself revealing your love for the world. Amen.

EPISTLE READING
Hebrews 5: 5-10 (Pew Bible, NT Page 220)

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

* Those who are able, please stand.
GOSPEL READING
John 12: 20-33
(Pew Bible, NT Page 106)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON
“The Way of the Cross”
Mindy Douglas
(Silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(from Philippians 2:5-11)
Sam Miglaresce
Christ Jesus, though he was born 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! Amen.

*HYMN NO. 264
At the Name of Jesus
King’s Weston

*THE PEACE
(Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.)
Sam Miglaresce
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
(Children through 1st grade enter during the sharing of the peace.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
(Brent Curtis
(Following “A Time with Children,” children can remain in worship with their parents, return to the nursery, or go to the choir room for Children’s Choir rehearsal.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS
Sam Miglaresce

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,
People: And do not take your holy spirit from me.
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
O Jesus, I Have Promised
Llanfyllin, arr. Myron Casner
O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory, your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.
Amen.
*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.
All: God of all joy, fill our souls to overflowing with the fullness of your grace. In this season, remind us of your triumph over the tragedy of the cross, and your victory for us over the powers of sin and death, so that we may reflect your glory as disciples of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM

Introduction of team members and nature of mission
Commissioning Prayer

Leader: Faithful God, in baptism you claim us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live lives fully and worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading this mission team to this time and place. Surround them with your presence and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love. May they be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ as they minister to those in Honduras.

People: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you call disciples and by your Holy Spirit you empower them to serve you. May your Holy Spirit unite your church, so that we may be joined in love, service, and prayer with this mission team. As they serve in Honduras, so may we be one in Christ, who having gone before us, walks with us, and is coming to meet us, in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

Charge and Blessing

*HYMN NO. 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Aberystwyth)

Ashley Grote

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, March 11, we welcomed 14 visitors to worship.

Name Tags: Church and visitor name tags are now available on Sunday mornings in the foyer (lower level, elevator alcove). If you enter the sanctuary through the narthex (rear of the sanctuary), your name tag can be picked up and dropped off there (add a yellow dot to the back of your tag to indicate this location). Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings, and as you leave the sanctuary after worship, drop it in the containers provided. We encourage everyone to wear a name tag, including our visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Crafton by his parents, Margaret and Tom Keller, and his brothers, Neel and John Keller.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. 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 Book of Common Worship.

These Days devotional booklets for April – June 2018 have arrived. Regular and large print copies are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex, while supplies last.

Membership Inquiry Classes

Classes continue on Sundays through April 29 (no class on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday), 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor. We do not require anyone to take these classes before joining; you are welcome to join at any time, as your schedule allows. Just let the pastors know you are ready to join, and they will convene the Session to make that happen.

~ OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS ~

Congratulations to Mary Berry who has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Hebrew Bible at Duke Divinity School.

Birth Announcement: Caroline and Ed Pritchett are pleased to report that their third grandchild in the last 10 months arrived March 9, 2018. Graham Robinson Devooght was born March 9, 2018 to Eloise (Ellie) Whitlock and Andrew DeVooght in Chicago.

Sympathies: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to Margaret Mwangi (wife) and Olive, Jocelyn and Edwin Mwangi (children) on the death of Edwin Mwangi (husband/father) here in the US. Friends of the family are raising funds to help with the cost of returning his body to Kenya for burial. Please contact Lisa Rist if you would like to contribute.

Carsey Family
Mary Clark
Paul Cornsweet
Dorothy Graham
Julie Maxwell

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell
Croasdaile Village: Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bob Keever, 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:
Tom Birchfield, step-father of Wil James
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, friends of Kathy Parkins and Mary Kay Robinson
Patricia Kost, grandmother of Jack Kost
Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham’s Farm Church
Sue Noel, resident at Croasdaile Village and friend of Bill Hendrickson
Jonathan Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt
Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
Anne Turlington, aunt of Jack Kost
1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.
At the Name of Jesus

1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
fill - ed it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
fair - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
fill - ed it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
fill - ed it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;
'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
fill - ed it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of
2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous
3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb who is the great I when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!
sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing! sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!
on; and through eternity, I'll sing on. and through eternity, I'll sing on.
PALM / PASSION SUNDAY - MARCH 25

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
(FPC’s playground; for young children)

9:45 a.m. Hot Cross Buns and Coffee Fellowship
(available in Watts-Hill Hall - No Sunday School)

10:15 a.m. Palm Parade
Parade with our neighbors from Trinity UMC and St. Philip’s Episcopal, waving palm branches and blessing each congregation’s ministries, then return to our sanctuaries for worship.

11:00 a.m. Worship (We will remember Christ’s passion through lessons and hymns.)

2:30 p.m. 44th Annual Durham CROP Hunger Walk
Meet in front of Duke Chapel at 2:15 for a FPC group photo
Remember to wear your CROP Walk t-shirt

MAundy Thursday - March 29

6:00 p.m. Supper at Covenant Presbyterian Church
7:00 p.m. Joint Worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church
A joint worship service with Holy Communion at Covenant Presbyterian Church (2620 Weaver Street, Durham) to commemorate Jesus’ last supper. Childcare will be provided. Supper reservations can be called in to the church office (919-682-5511) or respond to the EVITE. The reservation deadline is Monday, March 26.

Good Friday - March 30

Stations of the Cross - 12 Noon in Downtown Durham
A spiritual pilgrimage of the Holy Week texts in Durham’s downtown context, beginning at St. Phillip’s Episcopal Church and ending at FPC.

Easter Day - Sunday, April 1

8:30 a.m. Worship in Memorial Garden
9:00 a.m. Worship and Communion
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Brunch
11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

Flowering the Cross: As part of our Easter tradition, everyone is invited to bring flowers or greenery to church on Easter Sunday to decorate the cross outside the Memorial Garden. You may add your flora to the cross as you enter the glass doors on your way to worship or Sunday School.

The PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received to provide relief to the hungry, poor and oppressed, and those affected by natural disasters. Please bring a generous offering on Easter Day.

Easter lilies will grace our sanctuary on Easter Day. Remember/honor someone on Easter Sunday by donating toward the cost of the lilies. Please complete a donor card and return it to the church with your donation by next Sunday, March 25. Cards with envelopes are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex.
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