KEEP CALM AND MAKE WISE CHOICES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Minute for Stewardship: Montreat Youth Conference
Mindy Douglas
Frances Zehmer

Prelude
David’s Song, Psalm 23
Caleb Connor, Baritone; Ben Maxwell, Cello
John Roth

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
Marilyn Hedgpeth
People: Pervading and permeating all creation,
Leader: You order all things with strength and gentleness:
People: Come now and teach us the way to salvation.
All: Come, Lord Jesus. Let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Ellacombe

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)
Call to Prayer
Sam Miglarese
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our wisdom and our peace, we are a people divided
against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures
we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of
imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as
agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY
Leader: The Lord be with you.
Bob Yoder
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
People: God our Parent, we give you thanks for sending Jesus Christ to give his life as bread
for the world. Fill us now with your Spirit that we may make the most of the time,
understanding your will and expressing your wisdom in the midst of the people you
have chosen. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON
John 6: 51-58
(Pew Bible, NT Page 98)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able, please stand
EPISTLE LESSON
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 5: 15-20 (Pew Bible, NT Page 194)

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

Psalm 111 (Pew Bible, OT Page 562)

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

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 (Pew Bible, OT Page 304)

SERMON
“The Wise Choice”
Mindy Douglas
(Silent reflection)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) (From 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)
Marilyn Hedgpheth

Consider your own call, siblings:
not many of you were wise by human standards,
not many were powerful,
not many were of noble birth.

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing
things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.
He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God,
and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written,
‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

HYMN NO. 174
Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom
Madeleine

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

(Children through 1st grade enter during The Peace.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
(Following “A Time with Children,” children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)
Cherrie Henry

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
People: God has gained renown by God’s wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
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
Invitation to the Offering
Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Caleb Connor, Baritone; Ben Maxwell, Cello

John Weicher
American Folk Song
arr. Richard Walters

*Doxology (Hymn No. 608)

Praise God (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever-
more; praise Tri-une God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.
All: O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name;
increase in us true wisdom; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit
of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity

*HYMN NO. 450
Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*Benediction

Mindy Douglas

*Postlude

Wake Up, Wake Up, Ye Christians

M. Drischner

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship for a congregational lunch.
Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

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, August 12, we welcomed 13 visitors in worship.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Eva Martin, mother of Beth Neece and
grandmother of Sara Neece-Silleto and Ben Neece; and in loving memory of Donald Neece, brother of
Vernon Neece.
MUSIC NOTES: Kathy Parkins is on vacation this Sunday. We welcome the following musicians to our service and thank them for sharing their gifts:

Gordon Campbell, guest organist, started his organ studies in Morgantown, WV at the age of 12. He continued to study while the family lived in Nairobi, Kenya and then returned to Morgantown where he became a student of Clyde English at West Virginia University and the organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown. At First Presbyterian, he accompanied multiple choirs and frequently played with a brass quintet and other instrumental groups. After a break of several decades, an invitation to play Christmas service at a church in rural England got him back to practicing regularly and now he is enjoying every opportunity to play at FPC, Durham.

Caleb Connor, baritone, has been attending First Presbyterian since before he was born. He currently spends most of his time in the Philadelphia area where he is a rising junior studying Music and Political Science at Haverford College, but is glad to be back in Durham long enough to sing for his home congregation. In PA, he's been working as a section leader for the choir at Trinity Episcopal of Swarthmore, and recently sang the baritone role in Carmina Burana with the Haverford Chorale.

Ben Maxwell, cello, grew up in Durham and joined First Presbyterian with his family when he was just a little fellow. His first music lessons were on the piano with Kathy Parkins. He stopped piano lessons to focus on playing his red electric guitar until he put it under his bed and started playing cello in his middle school orchestra. He graduated high school in 2017 from the UNC School of the Arts in Winston Salem and continues to study cello at the New England Conservatory in Boston. He is having a good summer back in the Bull City and looks forward to playing with Caleb Conner this Sunday.

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 The Worship Sourcebook, Book of Common Worship (2018) and Feasting on the Word.

Children and youth, please wear your backpacks for a day of dedication at FPC next Sunday!

Sunday, August 26, 2018
Blessing of Backpacks & Promotion Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Kick-Off and Activities
Join us in Watts-Hill Hall
Come and meet your new teachers and classmates!

11:00 a.m. - Worship and Blessing of Children and Youth’s Backpacks
Marilyn Heddpath, preaching
Dedication of Teachers and Youth Advisors
The Hunger for Change Offering received
~ Joys and Concerns ~

Birth Announcement: Adrienne and John McNair (regular visitors to FPC) have a new addition to their family. Lowell Carter McNair was born August 11th. Mom and baby are doing well.

Added this week:
Kwesi Aggrey, husband of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey

Home:
Franzi Rokoske, recovering from surgery
Carolyn Wolfe
Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: Julian Boswell
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin
Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: Mary Clark
Durham Regent: John Kerr, Ann Prospero
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: Helen Garrison
The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson

Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:
Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood
Marc and Holly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett
Randy Heffelfinger, friend of Eric Wiebe
John Hendrickson, cousin of Bill Hendrickson
Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis
Carolyn Kreuger, former member of FPC
Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece
Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian
Rosemary Orphys, aunt of Kerry Holbrook
Mary Putman, friend of FPC
Vickey Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
Ryan Washington, infant friend of Adrienne Allison & Bob Pleasants
Mandy Wooten, sister of Randy Lang Howard

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Bob Yoder

Greeter: Alice Raney

After Worship Greeters: Karen Romines (side/font); Raymond Mbah (rear/narthex)

Ushers: Mary Jo Keenan (head), Katy Barron, Dale Gaddis, El Hess, Bob Pleasants
1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.

3 There’s not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.

The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.
Come and Seek the Ways
of Wisdom

1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.
2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the market-place. Follow closely what she teaches,
3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth. Hear the Word made flesh among us, Spirit-guide and close companion,

for her words are right and true. Wisdom clears the full of glory, truth, and grace. When the word takes bring to light our sacred worth. Free us to be -

path to justice, showing us what love must do.
root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.
come your people, holy friends of God and earth.
Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what ever be fall,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
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*Mindy Douglas,* Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap,* Parish Associate  
*Marilyn Hedgpeth,* Associate Pastor  

*Cheryl Henry,* Parish Associate  
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*John Weicher,* Associate Pastor

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