FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
Kent Foss, trumpet
B. Marcello
arr. Wallace/Head

*INTROIT
We Sing of Your Glory
Latin American Folk Song
We sing of your glory, we praise you again, for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 84)
Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.
Leader: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
People: For the Lord God is our sun and our shield.
Leader: O Lord Almighty, blessed are those who trust in you.
All: Let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 35
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Lobe Den Herren

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Power turns and postures and exhibits; it controls and manages and plots. We participate in it, we benefit from it, we are dazzled by it . . . and it makes us more than a little afraid. And just underneath dazzling power sits violence and brutality, greed and fear and envy, cunning and shamelessness. In that we participate, too. We live double lives: in public roles, of pageant and office; in private sidebars of hidden meanness and shallowness. O Lord, give us new freedom about our public lives and new candor about our hidden lives. Make us people of shalom and integrity in the light of your healing love.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: Lord, your presence is better than life itself. You are strength to all in need, and hope to those who travel through sorrow. As the sparrow and the swallow entrust their young to you, so we place our lives before you. Receive them in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM HYMN NO. 402
How Lovely, Lord
Merle’s Tune

* Those who are able, please stand.
**Gospel Lesson**
John 6:56-69
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Epistle Lesson**
Ephesians 6:10-20
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**
“Strange Armor”
Marilyn Hedgpeth
(Silent reflection)

**Hymn No. 307**
*God of Grace and God of Glory*
*Cwm Rhondda*

**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**
Blessing of Backpacks
Marilyn Hedgpeth, John Weicher
(Following “A Time with Children,” children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)

**Joys and Concerns**
Mindy Douglas

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**
Leader: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.
People: I place my confidence and trust in God always.
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 Anthem
_How Shall I Sing That Majesty_ Con Fen, arr. John Ronald Daniels
_How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?_
_Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir._
_Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;_
_Ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?_
_Thy brightness unto them appears; whilst I thy footsteps trace,_
_A sound of God comes to my ears, but they beheld thy face._
_They sing because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me;_
_For where heav’n is but once begun, there alleluias be._

_How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!_
_Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep._
_Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;_
_Thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere._

The **Hunger for Change Offering** will be received following the anthem.
LITANY FOR TEACHERS/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The body of Christ is one, and has many members.
People: And within the body, not everyone has the same function.
Leader: We are blessed with many members who care for the spiritual nurture of the body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church.
People: We thank God that they give of their time, efforts, and talents.
Leader: “They give themselves first to the Lord, and by the will of God, to us” (2 Corinthians 8:5).
People: By the will of God our volunteers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us, and the world beyond. We thank God for them.
Leader: Sunday School teachers, confirmation and youth leaders, mentors and nursery helpers, musicians, Sunday School superintendents, Bible study leaders;
People: Public School teachers, counselors and administrators, professors, university workers, teaching assistants, chaplains, literacy volunteers and tutors,
Leader: Ministers of spiritual formation and nurture of every kind, in the church and in the community. We thank God for your service to the Lord.
People: And we give thanks that the God who yearns and waits for us, whose connection to us is always from heaven’s side,
Leader: And that it is because of God’s goodness that neither the present nor the future, neither life nor death, neither angels nor principalities,
People: Nor heights nor depths, nor anything in creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
~ Sermon Hymns ~

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Hymn No. 354, verse 1)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightening of his terrible swift sword;
God’s truth is marching on.
Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! God’s truth is marching on.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Hymn No. 119, verse 3)

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymn No. 687, verses 1 and 2)

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymn No. 275, verses 1 and 4)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
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peoples again; gladly for aye we adore him.

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so doore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with
gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-praises before him! Let the amen sound from his

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore he is thy gen-reigneth, O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
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4 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with
How Lovely, Lord
(Psalm 84)

1 How love-ly, Lord, how love-ly is your a-bid-ing place;
my soul is long-ing, faint-ing, to feast up-on your grace.

2 In your blest courts to wor-ship, O God, a sin-gle day
is bet-ter than a thou-sand if I from you should stray.

3 A sun and shield for-ev-er are you, O Lord Most High;
you show-er us with bless-ings; no good will you de-ny.

The spar-row finds a shel-ter, a place to build her nest;
The saints, your grace re-ceiv-ing, from strength to strength shall go,

and so your tem-ple calls us with-in its walls to rest.
and from their life shall riv-ers of bless-ing o-ver-flow.

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1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour, for the living of these days, for the living of these days, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
3 Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
~ Worship Notes and Parish Announcements ~

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 19, we welcomed 17 visitors in worship.

*Special thanks* to **Kent Foss** for sharing his musical talent with us today on the trumpet.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by **Christy and Jim Gudaitis** in honor of **Peter Gudaitis** and to celebrate the engagement of **Margie Gudaitis** and **Taylor Hess**.

*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 *Book of Common Worship* (1993), *Feasting on the Word*, and *Ministry Matters*. The *Prayer of Confession* comes from Walter Brueggemann’s *Awed to Heaven, Rooted to Earth*, page 30.

~ Prayer Concerns ~

**Added this week:**
All of our young adults and children returning to colleges and school in the days ahead

*Fran Alwood*, mother of Jennie Alwood  
*James Zehner*, son of Jennie Alwood  
*Porter Arnon*, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood  
*Ben Johnston-Krase*, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

**Home/Community**

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

**Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff**

*Kwesi Aggrey*, husband of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey  
*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 and Bob Pleasants  
*Mandy Wooten*, sister of Randy Lang Howard
2018-2019 Sunday School and Nurture Opportunities for Children and Youth

Childcare will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings on the second floor of the Christian education building and continues to the end of worship.

Age / Grade | Teachers | Curriculum
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1 | Momo Matsunami, childcare supervisor (Room 203, Christian education building) | 
2/3/4-year-olds | Amy Sanchez, Elizabeth Klinck, Bob Pleasants, Amy & Gray Wilson Kristin Meade (sub) (Room 206, Christian education building) | Growing in Grace and Gratitude
Age 5 / K /1st /2nd | Nancy Kost, Kathy Colville, Julie Maxwell Katherine Whitmore (Room 202, Christian education building) | Growing in Grace and Gratitude

Grade | Teachers | Curriculum
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3rd -6th grades | Celia Dickerson, Walt Barron Alec Bethune, Delia Kwon, Oscar Carrasco (Room 201, Christian education building) | Godly Play / Rotation Model
7th -9th grades | Lenore Champion, Kim Abels Marilyn Hedgpeth (Associate Pastor) (Youth classroom, below the sanctuary) | Theoacademy (Confirmation)
9th -12th grades | John Weicher (Associate Pastor) Emily Hansel, Sharron Johnson Leah Graves (sub), Leslie McDow (sub) (Youth classroom, below the sanctuary) | Faith Questions

Evening Youth Groups

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Middle Schoolers
Advisors: Brent Curtis, John Weicher (Associate Pastor)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. High Schoolers
Advisors: Lenore Champion, Graeme Peterson, Courtney Trutna, John Weicher (Associate Pastor)

For more information about activities for youth, contact John Weicher, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families at 919-682-5511 x 213 (office); 610-717-7435 (mobile/text); j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org (email).
Adult Sunday School and Study Opportunities for 2018-2019

Adult Lectionary
What Scripture readings we will be using in worship on Sunday? This class reviews the four texts from The Revised Common Lectionary, offering background information and insight that will enhance the worship experience for the day. This class is team-taught and welcomes lively discussion. Teachers: David Smith, Robert Brawley, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Sue Fricks, and Jerry Postema. Join us in the East Parlor.

Faith and Community
What topics are pertinent to expressing our faith within the contemporary context of our community? We are excited to kick off this year with a series on Love Letters of Faith, featuring the letters of the Apostle Paul, Dorothy Day, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Guest presenters from the church and the community lead the class. October will feature discussions on the paper, Reclaiming Jesus, and on The Barmen Declaration of Faith, found in the PC(USA) Book of Order. Teachers: Sam Miglarese, Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Robert Brawley, Joe Harvard, and guest presenters from the community. Join us in Watts-Hill Hall.

Journeys & Scratch Young Adults
A hybrid class of seasoned and younger members, this inter-generational class will explore Prophetic Voices this year, beginning with Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Letter from a Birmingham Jail, The Belhar Confession from South Africa, readings from Flannery O’Connor, and later, Walter Brueggemann’s Prophetic Imagination. Teachers: Andy Henry, Carlo & Emily Dij, Michael Schultz & Heather Wallace, and Cherrie Henry (Associate Pastor). Join us in room 205, Christian education building.

Women’s Spiritual Formation
A group of women who meet for sharing, mutual support and prayer on Sunday mornings; led by Susan Dunlap (Parish Associate). All women are welcome to join. Join us in basement classroom B-16, below the sanctuary.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness
Sponsored and taught by FPC’s Racial Equity group, this will be an eight-part mini-course on themes of racism, diversity, white privilege, and barriers to inclusivity. The core of the study will be based upon the book Becoming an Anti-Racist Church by Joseph Barndt. Anyone can participate. Join us in the basement conference room, below the sanctuary.

The Pleasures of Parenting
A time of discussion and support for parents who find raising children in today’s world to be an exciting and daunting task, led by Mindy Douglas (Pastor/Head of Staff). This class will meet at a time and location to be announced.

Membership Inquiry Class
What membership means at FPC held three class sessions on consecutive Sundays, led by clergy and lay persons at 9:45 a.m. on the following schedule: September 9, 16, 23; January 13, 20, 27; May 5, 12, 19. These classes will meet in the Wilson Parlor.

For more information, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor, at 919-682-5511 ext. 220; m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org.
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**~ Serving Today ~**

Liturgist: *Jane Wetach*
Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: *Carol Carson* (side/font); *Jane Wetach* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Will Chambliss* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Matthew Cline* (counting),
*El Hess, Bob Pleasants, Emily Wilkins*

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**CHURCH STAFF**

*Tom Bloom,* Business Administrator
*Robert Daye,* Sexton
*Mindy Douglas,* Pastor/Head of Staff
*Susan Dunlap,* Parish Associate
*Marilyn Hedgepeth,* Associate Pastor

*Cheryl Henry,* Parish Associate
*Valerie McMillian,* Parish Administrator
*Sam Miglarese,* Associate Pastor
*Kathy Parkins,* Minister of Music
*John Weicher,* Associate Pastor

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