A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Domine Deus (from Gloria)  A. Vivaldi
Lesley Curtis, soprano; Joe Robinson, oboe

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

INTROIT

Sing Alleluia, Praise the Lord  Heinrich Schutz

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord, sing praise on earth, alleluia.
Sing praise in heav’n, declare God’s power. Sing praise for all God’s mighty acts.
Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing praise with charming reed and flute.
Sing praise with dancing and with drums. Sing praise with strings most delicate.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146:5-7, 10)  Sam Miglaese

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;
Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!
All: Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Psalm 146  Sung to Hyfrydol

Bless the Lord, give praise and honor unto God who lends me breath;
May my tongue God’s greatness never cease to tell before my death.
And in songs of sovereign goodness, let me sing beyond the grave;
God, whose grace my life to ransom, God, whose will my soul to save.

Blest are they whose hope is vested in the God of Israel;
In the hour of deepest anguish, God’s provisions will not fail;
Freedom for the shackled spirit, strength and stay to those who fall;
Blessings offered without measure, righteousness enough for all.

CONFESSIOON OF SIN  Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.
COLLECT FOR THE DAY  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: Let us pray.  
All: Blessed indeed are they who put their trust in you, O God, our sure rock and refuge. Guard us from giving to any other the allegiance that belongs only to you. Shine upon us with the brightness of your light, that we may love you with a pure heart and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
(Pew Bible, OT Page 604)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE  
Antiphonal Praise  
Joe Robinson and Keisuke Wakao, oboe  
(Paul Alvah)

EPISTLE LESSON  
James 2:1-10  
(Pew Bible, NT Page 229)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON  
"Faith Actually"  
Mindy Douglas  
(Silent reflection)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
(from A Declaration of Faith)  
Sam Miglarese
God sends us to exercise compassion. In his concern for justice in the social order, God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers.

We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate.

We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.

*HYMN NO. 351  
All Who Love and Serve Your City  
Charlestown  
Brent Curtis

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

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS  
Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory Anthem  
Christians, We Have Met to Worship  
Holy Manna, arr. White  
(Columbian Harmony, 1825)  
Mindy Douglas

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One come down;  
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.  

(Anthem text continues on the next page.)
Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.  
Then we’ll be called home to heaven, at his table we’ll sit down;  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Doxology (Hymn No. 608)  
Praise God (Hopson)

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

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE  
John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
Mindy Douglas

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: Maker and redeemer of all, we lift our hearts to thank you, because you open our ears to hear your voice and release our tongues to sing your praise. You created the earth as a place of encounter between you and your creatures. You made the body of your crucified and risen Son the altar of your mercy and of our redemption. And so we zealously proclaim the triumphs of your grace, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in the hymn of your eternal glory.

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

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: Life-giving God, you share the bread with the poor, and you make this banquet the place where in the power of your Spirit we are united as one body in your Son. Make this meal a moment of reconciliation between you and your people, and let those who share in it be ambassadors of reconciliation within your wounded world. Send your Holy Spirit upon this
bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “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.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Leader: God of the afflicted, you have chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that you have promised to those who love you. Make your church rich as you are rich, in compassion and mercy, in wisdom and grace; and make your people poor as you are poor, in sharing the calamity of those who endure injustice and knowing the pain of all who live with the world’s anger. Hasten the day when your gentle mercy triumphs over the world’s harsh judgment and all find a place at the feast of your kingdom, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

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

Communion Hymn No. 399 (all sing) God Welcomes All Themba Amen

Communion Hymn No. 508 (all sing) Come to the Table Come to the Table

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: Amen.
All: Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world – because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

*HYMN (see next page) What Makes a City Great and Strong? Melita

*BENEDICTION Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE Toccata in G Johann Pachelbel

Children’s Choir: Children in grades 1-6 are invited to come upstairs to the choir room Immediately after worship today for a snack and Children’s Choir rehearsal.

Scratch AfterChurch: a young adults lunch ($3) and lectio divina in the basement classroom following worship today. Plan to stay about 45 minutes for this time of table fellowship, catching up, and reading of sacred texts.
What Makes a City Great and Strong?

Sts. 1-3: author unknown, alt.; St 4: Donald Kettring

John Bacchus Dykes
MELITA

1. What makes a city great and strong? Not architecture's grace-ful strength, Not fac-tories' ex-tended length, But those who see the civ-ic wrong, And give their lives to make it right, And turn its dark-ness in- to light. civ-ic shame To ban-ish it in hon-or's name.

2. What makes a city all can love? Not things that charm the out-ward sense, Not gross dis-play of op-u-lence, But right that wrong can-not re-move, And truth that fac-es all to see, With jus-tice, love, and equ-i-ty. Spir-it's power We serve God in this place and hour.

3. This is a city that shall stand, A light up-on a na-tion's hill, A voice that e-vil can-not still, A source of bless-ing to the land. This cit- y stands, for quick-ened by the:

4. A city warm with our in-tent to serve the Christ who came in love, As beacons light-ed from a-bove, With
1 All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

2 In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary’s hill.

3 For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a judge, our glory. Be its name “The Lord is there!”

4 Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our word of Jesus, “You must work while it is day.”

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351
Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
Gm F Eb F Gm Cm

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are
(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
Eb F Gm Cm F

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
(D) (A) (Am) (D) (C)
F C Gm F Eb

(D) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
F Cm F Dm7 G
God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God’s love is strong and it never ends.
*1 Come to the table, all you who praise God.
2 Come eat this bread now, my broken body.
3 All is now ready, like the first table.

Laid in a stable, God’s gift of love:
My vow remember: I am your Lord.
Pray for the Spirit; lift up your hearts.

Jesus our Savior poured out his life’s blood.
Drink of this wine, the cup of salvation,
Christ has arisen, our Lord and Savior.

Our sins forgiven, God’s gift of love.
for you are mine, and I am your Lord.
With great thanksgiving, lift up your hearts.
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, September 2, we welcomed 13 visitors in worship.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Chuck and Linda Barenchi.

Thanks to Lesley Curtis, Joe Robinson, and Keisuke Wakao for providing special music this Sunday. Lesley is the Chair of the Department of Population Health Sciences at the Duke University School of Medicine and the Interim Executive Director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute. She studied voice with Mary Henderson-Stucky, Dale Moore, and Helen Boatwright. She has been a member of FPC since 2000 and sings in the chancel choir.

Joe is most known for serving as the Principal Oboist with the New York Philharmonic from 1978-2005. He currently teaches at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida as well as singing tenor with the FPC choir.

Keisuke is a native of Japan and former student of Joe’s who is visiting this weekend and is the principal oboist of the Boston Pops and the assistant principal oboist of the Boston Symphony.

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 Call to Worship, Book of Common Worship (2018), and Eucharistic Prayers.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week: John Morey, father of Robin Morey
Demario Brooks, friend of the Walk-in Ministry
Valerie McMillian and family

Home/ Care Communities:
Franzi Rokoske
Carolyn Wolfe
Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: Julian Boswell
Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: Mary Clark
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin
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 Church Members and Staff:
Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood and Jamie Zehmer, son of Jennie Alwood
Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood
Marc and Holly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett
Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis
Kathy Johnston, niece of Jeanne Hervey
Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church
Ryan Washington, infant friend of Adrienne Allison and Bob Pleases
In 1984, FPC adopted the 1983 "Commitment to Peacemaking in the PC(USA)." There is a banner in our Fellowship Hall that commemorates that action. Were you one of those who signed a square in that banner?

Read Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take for Peace by Christian losso (available through Westminster John Knox Press) to learn about renewing the Commitment to Peacemaking in the PC(USA). Is FPC willing to DARE to renew our commitment to Peacemaking?

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**Day of Service Saturday, October 6**

FPC supports a number of ministries through its budget and through the work of individual members. The Service and Mission Committee is offering volunteer opportunities at several ministries on Saturday, October 6. Possible sites include the Foodbank of NC, Habitat for Humanity, Gleaning, Families Moving Forward and others. Volunteers of all ages will have opportunities to serve. Signup information, waiver forms, and other information will be available later in September. To suggest additional organizations or to help lead a worksite, please contact Tyler Momsen-Hudson at tylermmh@embarqmail.com.

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**Habitat Building Trip to Honduras**

Here we go again! Miguel and Margaret Rubiera will be leading another 10-day building trip to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity from Feb 1 - 10, 2019. If you have been searching for a meaningful, challenging way to love and serve your (international) neighbor, learn about the culture and realities of life in Central America, then consider joining us. While there, we will provide tangible, hands-on help for our Honduran brothers and sisters, and develop wonderful relationships that transcend language and cultural barriers. All-inclusive cost of trip: $2,000. Contact Margaret at margaretmr29@gmail.com for more information.

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**~ Serving Today ~**

Liturgist: Jeanne Hervey  
Narthex Greeter: Maxie Honeycutt  
After Worship Greeters: Carl Rist (side/font); Brent Curtis (rear/narthex)  
Ushers: Katy Barron (head), El Hess (flowers), Laurie Williamson (counting), Amy Dillon, John Mozart, Mary-Jo Keenan  

Communion Elders:  
Head/replenish elements: Jane Wettach  
Bread: Carl Rist (B1/process), Libby Gulley (B2), Barbara Buckley (B3), Brent Curtis (B4)  
Cup: George Bernhardt (C1), Lenore Champion (C2/process), Jane Williams (C3), Sigfried Fullenkamp (C4)  
Shepherds: Leah Graves (font aisle), Tom Bacon (center aisle), Dewey Lawson (pulpit aisle)
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### CHURCH STAFF

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