

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Minute for Stewardship

Lenore Champion and Susan Buck

PRELUDE

Aria for Organ

James Biery

INTROIT

O Rise and Sing

James Biery

O rise and sing to God today! And call on our Creator's might: The will of God to be our guide, the eye of God to be our sight.

The word of God to be our song, the hand of God to be our stay,

The shield of God to be our strength, the path of God to be our way. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118:22-24)

John Weicher

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All:

Let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 644 Give Thanks O Christian People Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvogelein

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You are the vine, O Christ.

We are the grapes.

Yet, we confess that we do not easily understand how we are connected;

to you;

to each other;

to the earth;

or the world around us.

We imagine ourselves alone in our growing;

self-made;

self-serving;

self-centered.

We miss the beauty of being entwined in your grace;

the joy of growing sweet in your wisdom;

the calm assurance of living into your purposes.

Forgive us our foolish willfulness, O Jesus.

Submit us to your pruning that we might enjoy a more robust faith.

Nurture us on your love and in your light that we might flourish

to sing and share with all the world the blessings of your vineyard;

the place where steadfast love, justice, and mercy are grown for all to enjoy.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*THE PEACE Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bob Yoder

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O eternal God, who crowns the year with goodness and gives us the fruits of the

earth in their season: give us also grace that we may use them to your glory, for

the relief of those in need and for our own well-being. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 5:1-7 Pew Bible, OT Page 634

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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:33-46 Pew Bible, NT Page 24

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

SERMON Cheryl Henry

(Silent reflection)

ANTHEM O Sacrum Convivium James Biery

O sacred feast, in which Christ is our food: We recall his Passion; our hearts are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

*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. 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

Ar Hyd Y Nos

(Children through 1st grade enter during this hymn.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Out of my distress I call on the Lord;

People: The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

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.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cheryl Henry

(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

Cheryl Henry

Offertory Anthem

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

James Biery

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia.

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Doxology (Hymn No. 608)

Praise God (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune 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: Great and glorious God, in your wisdom you created us, in Jesus Christ you

came to redeem us, and through your Holy Spirit you guide and sanctify us. Give us breath to sing of your majesty, and with all creation, praise you as the true life of all; through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God forever. Amen.

*HYMN No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

*BENEDICTION Cheryl Henry

POSTLUDE Sinfonia Festiva James Biery

(You are invited to sit and listen during the Postlude.)

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship today for a fellowship lunch.

Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

Children's Choir rehearses immediately following worship in the choir room.

Kid-friendly foods will be available for the choir in the East Parlor following practice.

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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 October 14, we welcomed 25 visitors in worship.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor and celebration of *Kathy Parkins*, the *Chancel Choir*, and the *Bell Choir*, for their music ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

Today, we welcome organist and composer James Biery and his wife, Marilyn. The entire service music will be hymn arrangements and compositions by Mr. Biery. The hymn arrangements will include a brass quintet made possible by a gift of the Ruth Mary and Horst Meyer Fund for Music and Gardens. The offertory anthem is a work that he wrote this fall especially for "Kathy Parkins and the Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC." Mr. Biery (born 1956) is an American organist who is Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. He was Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota from 1996-2010. He was educated at Northwestern University, where he earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Organ Performance. He also holds the Choirmaster and Fellowship Certificates of the AGO. In 2006. 2007, and 2008, He was awarded the ASCAP (American Society of Composer, Authors, and Publishers) Plus award for his compositions. Mr. Biery developed his compositional skills from two disciplines: years of study of the organ and its literature and intense scrutiny of the orchestral scores of numerous composers whose music he transcribed for organ duet and organ solo. As an organist, he has distinguished himself by performing much of the repertoire of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. His facility at the organ combined with his demonstrated ability to perform and study a vast amount of literature has given him a firm basis upon which to compose for the instrument.

We welcome also "Durham Brass" this morning: Kent Foss, trumpet; Alex Fioto, trumpet; Rebekah Daley, horn; Michael Kris, trombone; and Tony Granados, tuba.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. A changing table is in the narthex (go 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 Daily Prayer.

Today's bulletin cover is a color photo of a lovely grapevine at McAdams Farm in Efland, NC.

Today, the Stewardship Committee is distributing a new form to gather information on you and your interests. This "*Getting To Know You*" form will ask about current and past professions, training, skills, hobbies, and pastimes, as well as include the many committees and service areas currently operating within the church ready and waiting for you to share your time and talents. The survey form will also be sent out via email as an on-line survey, and will be available in hard copy in the church foyer. We thank you in advance for trying something new!

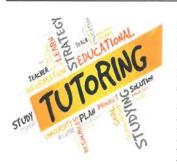


Next Sunday, October 28 is Dedication Sunday, when we ask you to turn in your completed pledge forms during the Offering (if you haven't already turned them in by mail or online). The *Rev. Dr. Steve Eason* has been invited to preach for this worship service. Eason is the former pastor/head of staff at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC. He left Myers Park in 2015 voluntarily to pursue ministries "outside of his comfort zone" and spent a year as a church consultant with Macedonian Ministries, Atlanta GA during which he traveled the country working with churches to help them with a wide range of challenges. Most recently Eason served as interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia and currently serves as interim pastor of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

FINAL CALL: 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 Miguel and Margaret Rubiera on a 10-day Habitat trip, **February 1 - 10, 2019**. All-inclusive cost of the trip: \$2,000. Contact Margaret at margaretmr29@gmail.com for more information.



Alert to Hoopsters! The annual church league basketball season will soon be upon us. This year, Grey Stone Baptist will be the host church, and they are organizing an 8-team league that will start play in January 2019. The deadline for teams to express interest is Oct. 31, so let Carl Rist know ASAP at *rist@frontier.com* if you're interested in participating.



If you have a heart for helping members of our Hispanic community learn and grow, a volunteer opportunity awaits you. Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel, a church FPC helped start and supports through our mission giving, is starting a Tutoring Program to help school children in reading and math, and adults learn English as a Second Language and basic computer skills. This program will launch on Monday, November 12 in the Education Building of Iglesia Emanuel, 2504 N Roxboro, Durham. There will be training provided for

volunteer tutors in advance. The proposed schedule is:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 6:30 p.m., Reading and Math for school-age children All the children speak English, so you do not need to know Spanish to be a tutor.
- Mondays, 7:30 8:30 p.m., English and Computer classes for adults
 Some knowledge of Spanish would be helpful for the computer classes.

For more information, or to sign up to be part of this much needed program, please contact Miguel Rubiera at miguelrubiera1@gmail.com.

Calling All Primetimers

You are cordially invited to the home of Tom Juhnke and Diane Prosser for a Primetimers' Covered Dish Supper this **Friday**, **October 26**. Please begin to gather at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy appetizers and conversation, followed by a potluck supper. Please respond via the evite or email Diane at *prosserjuhnke@gmail.com*. The address is 208 Monticello Ave, Durham. We look forward to seeing you. Primetimers is a fellowship group for active retirees. All are welcome to join this group for a time of food and fellowship.

Durham CAN Assembly Needs Us!

This **Saturday, October 27**, is the next Durham CAN Assembly (http://www.durhamcan.org/). The meeting will be held here from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a walk across the street to the Board of Elections Office for a non-partisan "Souls to the Polls" event. The meeting will focus on criminal justice issues involving bail reform and will be attended by judicial candidates and Durham's new district attorney. We hope to have 40 people from FPC attend!

~Our Concerns ~

Home/Care Communities

Lee Courtland Franzi Rokoske 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 Church Members and Staff

Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Brent Barber, brother-in-law of Christyn Klinck

Peg Bracken, regular visitor

Marc and Holly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett

Lance Daniel, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson

Gary Greenburg, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson

June Hewitt, friend of Sue and John Fricks

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

Kathy Johnston, niece of Jeanne Hervey

Beth Livingston, friend of Carol Wills

John Morey, father of Robin Morey

Ryan Washington, infant friend of Adrienne Allison and Bob Pleasants

Hayden Williams, family member of Carol Wills

Give Thanks, O Christian People 644





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The Week at a Glance!			
Later Today	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,
After Worship	October 22	October 23	October 24
Children's Choir	6:00 PM	1:30 PM	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Congregational Lunch Membership	Diaconate	Worship Planning	FPC at Urban Ministry's
Committee	6:30 PM	2:30 PM	Community Kitchen
4:30 – 7:30 PM	Joint Officers' Supper	FPC Staff	12 Noon Seniors' Fall Luncheon
Middle School and	(A. A.)	(No Daytimers' Luncheon)	(gather at 11:30 in the parlor)
High School Youth	7:00 PM Session	(No Daylinlers Luncheon)	5:00 PM Bell Choir
Groups combined	Dession		7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday,	Friday,	Saturday,	Sunday,
October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28
9:30 - 11:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	
FPC preparing lunch	FPC Men of Faith	High School	Reformation
bags at Urban Ministry	at Nosh's Cafe	Youth Group	Sunday
	Noon - 1:00 PM	Overnight	
	Bible Study: Isaiah	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	DEDICATION SUNDAY
	(Room 205)	Presbytery Meeting (Duraleigh Presbyterian	
	6:00 PM Primetimers	Church, Raleigh)	9:45 AM Sunday School
	Covered Dish	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11:00 AM Worship
	Supper at the	Durham CAN	(Judea Reform Congregation Confirmation class visits FPC)
	Juhnke/Prosser	Souls to the Polls	After Worship:
	home	(sanctuary)	Children's Choir
		7:00 PM	Scratch AfterChurch
		Matthew Cates Organ Recital	4:30 - 6:30 PM
		Organ Nechal	Middle School Youth Group

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Bob Yoder

Narthex Greeter: Alice Ranev

After Worship Greeters: Delia Kwon (side/font); Leah Graves (rear/narthex)

Ushers: John Mozart (head), Emily Wilkins (flowers), Julie Whiddon (counting), Mickey Velkey,

Matt Cline

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

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, check out the information tables in the foyer and narthex, email the church office at: info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our media platforms: