FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

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 Variations on Stuttgart (Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus) G. Winston Cassler

INTROIT Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus “Jefferson” Southern Harmony 1835

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free:
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee:
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Jeremiah 33:14-16) John Weicher

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.
People: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.
All: Let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE Sarah Beaverson and Courtney Trutna

Leader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord’s coming.
Leader 2: For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
A righteous branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 88 (verses 1-3) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. (Refrain)

O come, O come thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing) Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were
no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy
and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our
salvation. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Silent Confession

* Those who are able, please stand.
Response (Hymn No. 88, verse 4)

Veni Emmanuel

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bible, OT Page 738)

GOSPEL LESSON

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


SERMON

“The Red Spade”

Mindy Douglas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) (Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)

Sam Miglarese

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.

We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

*HYMN NO. 357

The Days Are Surely Coming

Llanglof

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Advent Carol

Mindy Douglas

Thomas Ravenscroft (17th cent.)

Remember Christians all, your time is spent:
Remember Christians all, how you came to me then,
And I did what I can, therefore repent.

Remember God’s goodness and promise made:
Remember God’s goodness, how his own Son he sent,
Our sins for to redress: be not afraid.

In Bethlehem was he born for people here.
In Bethlehem was he born for us that were forlorn,
And therefore suffered scorn, our sins to bear.

Give thanks to God alway, Christians all, with hearts right glad:
Welcome the King of Might upon that blessed night,
And sing with great delight: Thanks be to God!
*Doxology (Hymn No. 108, verse 6)  
Christ to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, To thee, 
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearyed praises be  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

*THE PEACE  
Gathered from places near and far, let us share a sign of Christ’s peace with one another.  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE  
Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
Marilyn Hedgpeth

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: Blessed are you, God of David, for your faithfulness is steadfast and your mercy has been from of old. You draw your people to you with your promise of salvation, and every promise you make, in your goodness, you fulfill. In your Son’s righteousness we find our life. By his death we can stand justified before you; and through his resurrection we can share your holy life forever. And so with angels and archangels, we praise your name, joining the company of heaven in their unending hymn:

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: God of glory, for whose coming we wait, make this meal we share a sign that our redemption draws near. Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. By your same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Great is the mystery of faith.  
People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
Leader: God of power, you have promised to make your way to us: come quickly to those who wait for you. Raise up every head that is bent low in sin. Lift up every heart that is bowed down in shame. Uphold every soul that is made heavy by oppression. Inspire every weary throat to sing of the day when justice and mercy meet. Bring us to the day when that redemption for which we have longed shall forever be ours, in the company of your Son and the power of your Spirit, Holy Father, blessed Trinity.

(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Gluten- and peanut-free bread is available by the lectern. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets.

During communion, all sing:

Hymn No. 88, verses 5-7

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind:
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace. (Refrain)

Hymn No. 92

While we are waiting, come
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.
All: Mighty God, holy is your name. We thank you for gathering us at your table and feeding us with the bread of life. As we leave this table to go to the many places where you call us, send your Spirit to accompany us, so that we may share in your magnificent work: lifting up those who are laid low, showing mercy to all in need of human kindness, and feeding the bodies and hearts of all those who are hungry. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

Parents: The Children’s Choir and other children and youth who plan to participate in next Sunday’s Christmas Pageant should come to the basement to pick up their costumes immediately follow worship today. The Children’s Choir will remain in the basement for a quick rehearsal.

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall after worship today to participate in the Advent Festival and Alternative Giving Fair. Refreshments provided.

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. We welcomed 24 visitors to our worship service on Sunday, November 25.
The sanctuary table upon which the Advent Wreath sits was made by George Danser and is given to the church by him and his wife, Jean Cary. George has drawn design features from our communion table and used oak removed from the sanctuary during our renovation and from a tree in their backyard that Jean saw get hit by lightning some years ago.

Advent paraments: First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create two paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber-artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. The text on the Advent parament hanging from the pulpit, in Hebrew and English, is from Isaiah 12:3: “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” The text on the lectern parament is from Luke 1:78-79: “The dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to guide our feet into the way of peace.” We are grateful that the bequest of Anne ‘St. Clair’ Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

Today’s worship texts are taken from Feasting on the Word, Eucharistic Prayers, and Call to Worship.


A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee has two important tasks to complete this 2018-2019 church year. They will manage the process to nominate members to the Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families Nominating Committee and in the spring, will present a slate of candidates for the Diaconate and Session and at-large members of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. Please use the enclosed forms to submit your nominations. The deadline for nominations is January 6, 2019.

Christmas Concerns: During Advent, share Christmas wishes with friends in the congregation by making a donation to Christmas Concerns. This year’s proceeds will be given to support two people who are in sanctuary in the area: Rosa at the Church of Reconciliation and Jose at the School for Conversion in Durham. Both Rosa and Jose are parents trying to support their children who are staying with friends and family in the area. To participate, in Christmas Concerns, write a check to First Presbyterian Church, memo: “Christmas Concerns” and put it in the offering plate. Then, visit the Giving Tree in the foyer, sign your name on an ornament and hang the ornament on the Giving Tree for all to see. The names of those who share greetings will be listed in the “Christmas” edition of the church’s newsletter. The deadline to participate is December 16.

~ Our Concerns ~

Jim Wolfe, husband of Carolyn Wolfe and patient at Duke Regional Hospital
Barbara Gerwe, recovering from knee surgery at Duke Hospital
Joseph Ngumi, recovering from surgery at Duke Hospital

Home: Lee Courtland, Fanzi Rokoske, Carolyn Wolfe

Care Communities
Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: Julian Boswell 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

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff
Catherine Gitata, friend of Mary Gitata
Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham’s Farm Church

Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins
Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece
~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Carl Rist
Narthex Greeter: Delia Kwon
After Worship Greeters: Tom Bacon (side/font); Griffin Momsen-Hudson (rear/narthex)
Ushers: Laurie Williamson (head), Mary-Jo Keenan, Emily Wilkins (counting),
        Stephen Berry, Elinor Hess, John Mozart
Communion elders:
    Head elder/replenish element: Andy Henry
Bread: Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Barbara Buckley, Griffin Momsen-Hudson, Sharon Hirsch
Cup: Diane Prosser, Cris Rivera, Carol Carson, Delia Kwon
Shepherds: Alice Raney, Libby Gulley, Chris Brown

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MIDWEEK CAROLING AND WORSHIP
Wednesday, December 5 with Jennie Belle
Wednesday, December 12 with Cheryl Henry
Wednesday, December 19 with Mary Berry

Join us at 5:45 p.m. on the Main Street steps for caroling, followed by worship
and communion at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The evening worship will be followed
by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 9
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Worship begins with the Children’s Pageant, “Journey to Bethlehem.”
The story is told by the children and youth using handbell sound effects.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 16
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - A Service of Lessons and Carols
6:00 p.m. - Potluck Supper and Carols Sing-Along

Bring a dish to share. If you play an instrument, bring it along (with a music stand) and join the
improvised orchestra that accompanies singing of carols around the Christian symbols tree.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 23
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Come prepare for a silent night/holy night. The Children’s Choir will be singing.
The Hunger for Change Offering will be received during worship.
The PC(USA) Joy Gift Offering will be received, supporting financial assistance programs
of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

CHRISTMAS EVE – MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
3:00 p.m. - Worship with Communion and candles (in the sanctuary)
A simple 45-minute service featuring carols from around the world.

5:00 p.m. - Communion and Candlelight Service (in the sanctuary)
The birth of the Christ Child is celebrated in word and song with Communion by candlelight.
Childcare provided for younger children. An offering will be received to support Welcome Baby
and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile
   all things wretchedly: to us the path of knowledge tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people here until the Son of God appear.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice!

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice!

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from save and give them victory o'er the grave.

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7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
The Days Are Surely Coming

1. The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth,
   when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth.
   My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
   and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.

2. The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one,
   when you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun.
   Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,
   for I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.

3. The days are surely coming when we will know at last
   the fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass.
   Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
   and we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.
1 Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began
2 By his Word all created; he commanded; it
3 O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full
4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
5 O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praise
6 Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost,
to be, he is Alpha and Omega; he the
was done: heaven and earth and depths of ocean, uni-
of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the
accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised
es sing. Powers, dominions, bow before him, and ex-
to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and un-
source, the ending he, of the things that are, that
verse of three in one, all that sees the moon’s soft
Savior of our race, and the babe, the world’s Re-
in their faithful word. Now he shines, the long ex-
tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
weariest prais-es be. Honor, glory, and do-
have been, and that future years shall see,
shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,
deemer, first revealed his sacred face,
pect ed. Let creation praise its Lord,
silent; every voice in concert ring,

(after stanza 6)

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations.
92 While We Are Waiting, Come


1 While we are waiting, come;
2 With power and glory, come;
3 Come, Savior, quickly come;

while we are waiting, come.
with power and glory, come.
come, Savior, quickly come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,

while we are waiting, come.
348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
2 Now redemption, long expected,
3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,

once for our salvation slain;
thousand, comes in solemn splendor near;
all the high on thine eternal throne;
Savior,

thousand saints attending join to
saints this world rejected thrill the
take the power and glory;
claim the
sing the glad refrain:
trumpet sound to hear:
kingdom as thine own.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus; come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord

Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
Alleluia! See the day of God appear!
Jesus. Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!
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