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**CHURCH STAFF**

- Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
- Robert Daye, Sexton
- Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor
- Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
- Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
- Jennie Alwood, Youth Associate
- Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
- Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
- Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
- John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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All: You are a God who speaks, and things happen. Existence comes into existence. Prophets show us the way the world really is. Blessings flow. Through these ancient words, speak your Word to us this day, so that we might be renewed and ready to be your people in the world. Amen.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT Page 672)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Pew Bible, NT Page 60)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** “Just Grace” John Weicher

(Silent meditation)

*HYMN NO. 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise Kingdom (Children through 1 grade enter worship during the hymn.)

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** John Weicher

**A TIME WITH CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS** Marilyn Hedgpeth

Recognition of Confirmands and Mentors

Presentation of Gifts Barbara Fish

Litany of Affirmation Confirmation Class and Mentors

Leader: Friends in Christ, in baptism we make promises for our children, for those who remain near, and for those who move far away; for everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

People: We have promised to rely upon God’s grace as parents and family, mentors and friends; to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to you as children, into your adulthood.

Confirmands: God has embraced us within this covenant of faith.

People: We have promised, through prayer and example, to support and encourage you throughout your life to be faithful Christians.

Confirmands: Christ has embraced us within this covenant of hope.

People: As members of the church of Jesus Christ, we have promised to guide and nurture you, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging you to know and to follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ’s church.

Confirmands: By water and the Holy Spirit, we were made members of Christ’s church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of justice, peace, and love. Through our baptism, the Holy Spirit has sealed within us the covenant of love.

People: Our promises are binding. Our love is strong. Our intent is clear. Because you have been chosen by God and are precious to God, you are also precious to us.

Confirmands: The triune God will continue to embrace us within this covenant because God’s love knows no end.

All: Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

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. 547 (verse 1) Go, My Children, with My Blessing Ar Hyd Y Nos

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS** Cheryl Henry

Invocation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Healey Willan

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! (The elements are brought forward.)

**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: With the water of baptism reminding us of your love for us. Voice of Heaven, we lift our praises to you. Before you breathed the Word which tamed chaos, you named us your children, heirs of all the goodness you desired for us. You sang to us in Eden’s fields, inviting us to glorify you forever. Yet, we walked into the shadows of the world, leaving the songs behind us. You persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen, it is in those barren and desolate places that you gather your children up to carry us into your kingdom. So, with angel choirs in every region, with shepherds who caroled a homeless child, you named us your people in the world. Amen.

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**The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.**
Leader: Holy are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Bearer of grace and Singer of truth. When we lost our voice to sin, you sent your Word to teach us new songs of joy and praise. When our feet became muddy from playing in life’s puddles, he stepped into the Jordan, so we might be cleansed of sin. When our ears were filled with the lies of the world, he spoke the truth of your everlasting hope for us. When we were about to die, he came running to us, defeating sin and death, marking us as your own with the kiss of the Holy Spirit. As we remember Christ’s baptism, as we recall his life and ministry, as we follow him through death into the resurrection of the new life, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

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

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Leader: . . . And when the river of time stops flowing, when we gather as one around your table, we will join our voices as your children, singing to God, Child, and Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*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. You are invited to dip your hand in the baptismal font and remember your baptism. Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

*Hymn No. 501*

**Communion Hymns** (all sing)

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**Hymn No. 507**

**Come to the Table of Grace**

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**Hymn No. 507**

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**Come to the Table of Peace**

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**Not Yours or Mine**

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**Come to the Table of Grace**

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**Prayer After Communion**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Amen.

All: Holy Spirit, you have filled us with the bread of forgiveness and with the cup of hope. Now flow through us like baptismal waters, so we might become a river of reconciliation. Grant us your peace, so we might carry this gift to the world. Set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope in our neighbors and communities. Amen.

*Hymn No. 475*

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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**Nettleton**

* BENEDICTION*

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**Voluntary in G**

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**Henry Heron**

A Reminder to Worshippers: *Vox Vironum Men’s Chorus* will offer a free (public) concert in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. today. As you exit your pew, please kindly recycle your bulletin and pick up any inserts, children’s drawings, personal trash, etc. and take these with you. Returning hymnals and Bibles to the pew racks is also very helpful. Thank you for leaving the sanctuary presentable for our guests.

Attention parents: The **Children’s Choir** will rehearse today from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. in the choir room.

**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.

On Sunday, January 6, we welcomed 25 visitors to our worship service.
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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of BJ Seitzer from her family.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for “A Time with the Children.” Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. Following “A Time with the Children,” the children may return to the nursery or join their parents in the pew. 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 younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today’s worship texts were reprinted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

Flowers for Worship: If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for an open Sunday on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Information regarding the flower donation process is also located there on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Information regarding the flower donation process is also located there. Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2019 by signing up on the chart as soon as possible.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee has two important tasks to complete this 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, Session, and at-large members of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. Please use the enclosed nomination forms to submit your nominees. The deadline for nominations has been extended to today.

Membership Inquiry Class
Our next segment of Membership Inquiry Classes began this Sunday and will be offered the next two Sundays, January 20 and 27, in the Wilson Parlor. If you are curious about what membership entails at FPC, please join us for the remaining two classes, which meet from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Contact Marilyn Hedgpeth for more information about the classes: m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511 ext. 220.

Sunday, January 20
Women’s Voices Chorus Winter Concert
3:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary
Special Guest: NCCU Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Concert features freedom songs from around the globe, with texts and compositions by female composers and poets. For tickets go to: https://squareup.com/store/womens-voices-chorus/item/january-only-light-only-love

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Jane Wettsch
Narthex Greeters: Mazie Honeycutt, Elinor Hess
After Worship Greeters: Karen Romines (narthex/rear); George Bernhardt (side/font)
Ushers: Laurie Williamson, John Mozart, Ginny Widmark, Kathy Krahenbuhl
Communion Elders:
Head (process cup/replenish elements): Alice Raney
Bread: Kim Abels (B1, process), Griffin Momsen-Hudson (B2), Delia Kwon (B3), Diane Prossor (B4)
Cup: Jane Wettsch (C1), Brent Curtis (C2), Leah Graves (C3), Lenore Champion (C4)
Shepherds: Andy Henry (center aisle), Carol Carson (font aisle), Libby Gillette (pulpit aisle)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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Instructors: Marilyn Hedgpeth, Kim Abels, Lenore Champion

~ Our Concerns ~

Sympathies: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the family of Helen Bruce Floyd, longtime member of FPC who died January 4, 2019. A memorial service was held in Gainesville, GA on January 12th.

Added this week:
Chuck Bareno
Paul Dykeman, friend of Steve and Martha Rimmer
Joseph Ngumi, in rehab at Duke Regional Hospital (Joseph’s son Anthony is here from Kenya.)

Recovering at Home:
Matt Cline
Barbara Gerwe
Margaret Mubanga
Franzi Rokoske
Carolyn and Jim 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 D.C. Pruitt, son of Jeanne Hervey
Nellie Van Ewyk, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp