

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE** 

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual, arr. Charles Callahan

\*INTROIT

I Love the Lord

Spiritual, arr. Richard Smallwood

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan. Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away. O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 36)

John Weicher

Leader: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your justice, like the great deep.

How precious is your unfailing love!

Leader: Both high and low among humanity find refuge in the shadow of your wing.

People: They feast in the abundance of your house;

You give them drink from your river of delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life:

People: In your light, we see light.

All: Let us worship God.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Meditations of the Heart by Howard Thurman

O Lord, I seek the strength to overcome the tendency to evil in my own heart.

I recognize the tendency to do the unkind thing

when the mood of retaliation or revenge rides high in my spirit;

I recognize the tendency to make of others a means to my own ends;

I recognize the tendency to yield to fear and cowardice

when fearlessness and courage seem to fit easily into the pattern of my security.

I seek the strength to overcome the tendency to evil in my own heart.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday.

O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.

We shall all have peace, we shall all have peace, we shall all have peace someday.

O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall all have peace someday.

We shall see the Lord, we shall see the Lord, we shall see the Lord someday.

O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall see the Lord someday.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Torrell Armstrong

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People: Leader:

Let us pray.

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

(Pew Bible, OT Page 692)

Leader: People:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT Page 93)

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

People: SERMON

"What's with All the Racket?"

Marilyn Hedgpeth

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Belhar Confession

Cheryl Henry

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God, pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

\*HYMN No. 771

"What Is the World Like"

New World

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** 

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader:

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: Leader: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

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.

\*THE PEACE

Cheryl Henry

As we pass the peace, please be mindful that it is flu season and we want to protect susceptible members of our community. Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.

Leader:

The peace of Christ be with you.

People:

And also with you.

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during The Peace.)

(Following "A Time with the Children," children may join their parents in the pews or return to childcare.)

### **DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to the Offering Offertory Anthem

Precious Lord Marilyn Hedgpeth arr. Roy Ringwald

(dedicated to the "honored memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.")
Amy Wilson, soprano solo

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light— I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last, Where the strife and the pain all are past; I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee, With my dream of a world that is free, For that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned, Precious Lord, take my hand, take my hand.

\*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

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!

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

All: At the wedding feast at Cana you gla

At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN No. 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

\*BENEDICTION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

\*POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Walther

A Reminder to Worshippers: There is a 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.

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

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

Attention parents: The Children's Choir rehearses from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. in the choir room. The children may join their parents at the lunch in Watts-Hill Hall following choir practice.

### Later today . . .

# **Women's Voices Chorus Winter Concert**

3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Special Guest: NCCU Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Concert features freedom songs from around the globe, with texts and compositions by female composers and poets. **NOTE: This is a ticketed event.** 

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 January 13 we welcomed 28 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Alice Raney* in loving memory of her mother, *Ethel Lipscomb Girvin*.

*Nursery care* for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship with their parents/guardians or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. 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 and youth. 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 the Belhar Confession and Feasting on the Word.

The bulletin cover image, Wedding at Cana, is by Chinese artist He Qi.

# Don't forget to sign up to donate flowers for 2019 Worship ...

You can sign up on the **FLOWER CHART** which is posted in the foyer near the elevator. Information on <u>how</u> to donate flowers for worship is posted by the flower chart.



# Sanctuary at the Church of Reconciliation

For the past nine months, the Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill has offered sanctuary to Rosa, an immigrant from Honduras who was in danger of being deported, leaving behind her four children. Half of the donations from our Christmas Concerns offering were designated to help Rosa and her children during this difficult time of separation. There are many additional ways that we as a congregation can show love and support for Rosa, including helping her prepare Pupusas which she sells to provide income for her family, purchasing groceries, doing laundry, or serving as a Volunteer Host for an occasional 4-hour shift at the Church of the Rec. For more information about ways to get involved, contact Beth Welton at sanctuarychapelhill@gmail.com.



### **Writers Wanted**

FPC is journeying through Lent with a new guide this year – a Lenten devotional written entirely by FPC members and friends. Folks of all ages are encouraged to sign up to write a devotional based on one of a few assigned texts they'll be given. More information and a few examples are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex. Be in touch with *John Weicher* if you are interested: *j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org*. The deadline for submittals is February 13, 2019.

# **INVITATION: Community Service of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Area congregations are invited to attend Durham's annual ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (3011 Academy Rd., Durham) on Thursday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Mark-Anthony Middleton, Senior Pastor of Abundant Hope Christian Church, member of the Durham City Council, and clergy leader in Durham CAN, will preach. Pilgrim UCC musicians will be leading music. The theme for the evening will be "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20). The offering will go to the NC Sanctuary Coalition to support immigrant families in sanctuary in Durham and the Triangle.

### ~ Our Concerns ~

**SYMPATHIES:** The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Lisa*, *Paul*, *and Caroline Gabriel* on the death of Lisa's mother, *Nina Bird*, on January 12th. A memorial service was held January 19th in Florida.

# Added this week:

Heath Huberg, friend of FPC and cancer patient at Duke Hospital

Joseph Ngumi, in rehab at Duke Regional Hospital (Joseph's son Anthony is here from Kenya.)

### Recovering at Home:

Chuck Barenchi 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 Duke: Fran Bryant

# Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Paul Dykeman, friend of Steve and Martha Rimmer Doug Hervey, son of Jeanne Hervey
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

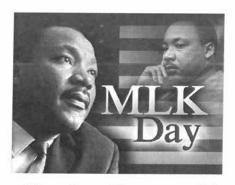
Nellie Van Ewyk, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp

# ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Torrell Armstrong* Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney* 

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

Ushers: John Mozart (head), Julie Whiddon, Dale Gaddis, George Bernhardt, Jo Bernhardt



Monday, January 21

# **FPC Service Project for MLK Day**

All ages, especially families with school-age children, are invited to come to the church on Monday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. to make dry bean soup packets (the same as the ones we made at the Advent Festival). We will save these to offer on Souper Bowl Sunday (February 3) for a donation, which would then benefit the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC (in Durham). This is a lovely way to honor Dr. King with our service, to spend time together, and to make soup which will benefit the hungry on Souper Bowl Sunday. Young and old can mix beans, rice, and spices together to make these packets. Let Marilyn Hedgpeth know you plan to help with this project: m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org or call her at 919-682-5511 ext. 220.

# National MLK Day Unity March, Rally, and Book Reading

(Sponsored by the Durham Community MLK Steering Committee)

The Unity March and Rally participants will assemble at 10:30 a.m. on the main steps of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company on Chapel Hill Street. Citizens will proceed down Chapel Hill Street past the intersection of Five Points, past the Main Post Office through the intersection of Mangum Street and Chapel Hill Street and pass the #1 Fire Station and end at Roxboro Street at the Main Durham County Library(under construction). The march will culminate in the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church at about 11:30. The community rally will begin at 12 noon in the sanctuary. The Durham Children's Choir will provide music. After the rally, there will be a book reading event in the East Parlor. Participants of the Unity March and Rally are asked to bring new and gently used children's books for donation to Book Harvest's Dream Big Book Drive. Donation boxes will be available at NC Mutual Life Insurance Company and at First Presbyterian Church. To learn about other events planned by the Durham Community MLK Steering Committee, go to their web page: <a href="http://www.durhammlkcommittee.org/">http://www.durhammlkcommittee.org/</a>.



# **Durham Church Recreational Basketball League**

Games are played Tuesdays and Saturdays at Grey Stone Church's Family Life Center, 2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham

### Come cheer on FPC's team!

Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 16, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.

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the Wit - ness ing child wan - der com ing home; No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend; feast - ing, watch through Read - v for we the night, filled with the Spir - it joins who us one. as



thread the soil; branch - es roots reach for the sun. watch the in - to as par - ent breaks a run. peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none. tend - ing lamps our till the new day's be gun. Born through voic - es, hands, and our our our hearts,



This is how God moves each to be - lieve. us This is God longs us when how for we roam. This is how God works when ri - val ries end. This is how God read - ies light. us for the this is new world where God's will a is done.

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# The Week at a Glance!

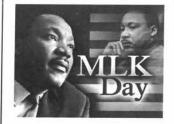
### **Later Today**

After Worship: Fellowship Lunch

12:15 - 12:45 PM Children's Choir

5:15 - 7:45 PM Youth Interfaith Night of Service

### Monday, January 21



### **Church Office CLOSED**

10:30 – 11:30 AM Service Project at FPC

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM
MLK Unity March &
Rally (March begins at
NC Mutual Life Insurance
Company building and
ends with a rally in FPC's
sanctuary at noon)

### Tuesday, January 22

8:00 – 8:45 AM High School Youth Midweek Morning Meal

### 11:30 AM

Daytimers' Luncheon at Ruby Tuesday

1:30 PM Plan Worship

2:30 PM Program Staff

#### 6:00 PM

Finance Committee

7:30 PM Basketball FPC vs Grey Stone Blue

Newsletter today

### Wednesday, January 23

5:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 24

#### 7:00 PM

Durham's Annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity (at Pilgrim UCC, 3011 Academy Rd., Durham)

### Friday, January 25

### 8:00 AM

FPC Men of Faith Breakfast at Nosh's Cafe

### 12 Noon

Bible Study: Isaiah

### Saturday, January 26

7:00 PM Basketball FPC vs Blacknall Pres Sunday, January 27
Third Sunday Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Called Session

### 9:45 AM

Sunday School Membership Inquiry Class

### 11:00 AM

Worship and Baptism
New Members Introduced
The Hunger for Change
Offering will be received

12:15 – 12:45 PM

Children's Choir

4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth

6:00 - 8:00 PM

High School Youth

### CHURCH STAFF

NOTE: Durham Church Recreational

2601 Hillsborough Rd, Durham.

Basketball League games are played at

Grey Stone Family Life Center located at

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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