FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Kingsfold

English folk tune

*INTROIT

The Spacious Firmament on High

The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim.
The unwearyed sun from day to day does his Creator’s power display;
And publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.

Joseph Haydn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.
People: God calls us to be builders as well.
Leader: God calls us to build our lives:
People: To restore broken places and continue to grow.
Leader: God calls us to build our faith:
People: To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.
Leader: God calls us to build our community:
People: To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.
Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:
People: To preach the good news of God’s love and liberation for all people.
All: Let us worship God.

Sam Miglarese

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

Kingsfold

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and
how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole
hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore our relationship with
you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

BOB YODER

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us sing our prayer of illumination.

* Those who are able, please stand.
Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Listen

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the

One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don’t understand.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
(Pew Bible, OT Page 436)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 4:14-21
(Pew Bible, NT Page 61)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON
“When Jesus Comes Home”
Mindy Douglas

*HYMN NO. 493
Now There Is No Male or Female
Omni Die

*THE PEACE
John Weicher
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.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
Mindy Douglas

NEW MEMBER SERVICE OF WELCOME
Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth
Words of Welcome and Introduction
Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
Prayer
Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 306, verse 1; all sing)
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Bennett Virginia Bass
Words of Scripture
Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Bennett Virginia Bass to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Questions to the Parents:
Pastor: Dustin and Elizabeth, do you desire that your child be baptized?
Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God’s grace?
Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith
and to teach that faith to your child?
Parents: We do.

Questions to the gathered Children:
Pastor: Do you promise to be a friend to Bennett?
If she gets lost will you help her find the way?
If she falls down, will you help pick her up?
Will you share with her the stories of Jesus?
Children: Yes.

Question to the Congregation:
Elder: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture
Bennett by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow
Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ’s church?
Congregation: We do.

(As you are able, please stand.)

*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.

(You may be seated.)

Thanksgiving over the Water

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living
things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the
watery chaos, calling forth order and life. We thank you, O God, for the water of
baptism: in it we are buried with Christ in his death; from it we are raised to share in
his resurrection; through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your
Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of rebirth. Pour out your Holy
Spirit upon Bennett that she may have power to do your will, and continue forever in
the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise,
honor, and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Baptism
Anointing
Welcome

(Following the baptism, children may rejoin their parents in the pews or return to childcare.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS
Commissioning of Honduras Mission Team: Margaret and Miguel Rubiera, Carl and Lisa Rist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
People: O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS
Offertory Anthem: Behold, the Tabernacle of God
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with us, and the spirit of God dwelleth within you:
For the temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are.
For love of whom ye do this day, celebrate the joys of the temple
With a season of festivity. Alleluia.

(Following the anthem, please come forward with your Hunger for Change Offering.)

*Doxology
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: God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your
reign in this world. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 772
Live Into Hope
Truro

*BENEDICTION
Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE
Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare
B. Marcello

Attention parents: The Children’s Choir will rehearse today from 12:15 – 12:45p.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. 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, January 20 we welcomed 27 visitors to worship.
Please welcome the following new members to FPC: Diane Goff, mother of Leslie McDow, and Dustin and Elizabeth Bass. Dustin and Elizabeth’s one-year-old daughter, Bennett Virginia Bass, is being baptized today. Elizabeth Bass is the daughter of Ed and Caroline Pritchett; Bennett is the Pritchett’s granddaughter.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of William and Helen Gudaitis by Jim and Christy Gudaitis.

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 or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery for all of worship. 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 Feasting on the Word.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week:
Paul Cornsweet
Ted Churn, Presbytery of New Hope Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk, recovering from surgery
Baby Robert and Margaret Gitata, cousins of Mary Gitata
Furloughed federal employees
Heath Huberg, friend of FPC, patient at Duke Hospital
Joseph Ngumi, in rehab at Duke Regional Hospital

Recovering at Home:
Chuck Barenchi
Margaret Mubanga
Franzi Rokuske
Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:
Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: Julian Boswell
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bette Conroy, Ann Prospero, Bob Rankin
Durham Regent: John Kerr
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

Sunday, February 3 is Souper Bowl Sunday at FPC!
FPC’s children, with help from their families and some youth, assembled packets of yummy dried bean soup mix on MLK Day 2019. The children will be in the foyer after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3, to offer the soup packets in exchange for a donation to benefit the Food Bank of Central NC, and our furloughed federal employees. Thank you in advance for supporting this annual fund-raising project for hunger relief.
Legacy Society Appreciation Luncheon Planned
The FPC Legacy Society will celebrate its third annual Member Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Through FPC Legacy Society members’ grace and generosity our membership continues to grow. If you have not yet joined the FPC Legacy Society, please consider joining now and making FPC a part of your Legacy. Your membership in the FPC Legacy Society will help insure the future of our historic congregation and its place in the Durham community, just as we enjoy the legacy gifts that have come before us. You will find information about joining the FPC Legacy Society in today’s worship bulletin. Please direct any questions about the FPC Legacy Society to Tom Bloom, Business Administrator.

Writers needed for Lenten Devotionals
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. The deadline for submittals is February 13, 2019. Email John Weicher if you are interested: jweicher@firstpres-durham.org.

Announcing the
20th Annual McPherson Lectureship

Guest Lecturer: Mary Louise Bringle
Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Brevard College in Brevard, NC

Sunday, February 24
9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:00 p.m. - Tea and Conversation

Monday, February 25
8:00 a.m. - Breakfast and Conversation
Breakfast is free to clergy and seminarians.
Childcare will be available for all events.
More details forthcoming.
13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks
(Psalm 50)

1 The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys;
2 God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds;
3 The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky;

from dawn until the setting sun, God’s wonder earth displays.
before God’s face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends.
against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify.

The perfect beauty all around from Zion’s height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless;
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks, as honor to your might;

and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.
refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night.
Now there is no male or female; now there is no free or slave;
now there is no Jew or Gentile in the earth Christ died to save.
Christ has set us free for freedom; we no more sing slavery's creed;
old submissions cannot claim us; Christ has set us free indeed.

1 Crucified with Christ the Savior, baptized in his holy death,
and as Christ was raised to glory we have new life on this earth.

2 Death has no dominion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;
life's own waters now have marked us, born to God this very hour.

3 Power of water and God's naming, turning us from dark to light,
From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive in Christ,

4 joins us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.
born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS OUR HEARTS IN
2 BEFORE OUR FATHER’S THRONES WE POUR OUR
3 WE SHARE OUR MUTUAL WOES; OUR MUTUAL
4 WHEN WE ARE CALLED TO PART, IT GIVES US
5 FROM SORROW, TOIL, AND PAIN, AND SIN WE

CHRISTIAN LOVE. THE FELLOWSHIP OF
ARDENT PRAYERS. OUR FEARS, OUR HOPES, OUR
BURDENS BEAR. AND OFTEN FOR EACH
INWARD PAIN; BUT WE SHALL STILL BE
SHALL BE FREE; AND PERFECT LOVE AND

KINDRED MINDS IS LIKE TO THAT ABOVE.
AIMS ARE ONE, OUR COMFORTS AND OUR CARES.
OTHER FLOWS THE SYMPATHIZING TEAR.
JOINED IN HEART, AND HOPE TO MEET AGAIN.
FRIENDSHIP REIGN THROUGH ALL ETERNITY.
1 Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God’s own jubilee!
2 Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.
3 Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one’s daily bread, to hear God’s word and thus be fed.
4 Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.
THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, members of First Presbyterian coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Church’s Food Pantry, and donate to and volunteer with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC location in Durham. Our children and youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. On weekdays, we assemble and hand out blessing (snack) bags to our downtown neighbors who come to the church doors hungry. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our monthly Hunger for Change Offering are sent to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

Locally, the funds are dispersed through grants awarded to hunger relief programs based on an application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries, and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you’d be donating about $0.30 per month or $3.65 for the entire year. That’s not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute $1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate $3.00 and a **quarter**/a day will generate $7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering at First Presbyterian Church. In 2018, our Hunger for Change Offering averaged **$430.25 per month**. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering today.
# The Week at a Glance!

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<td>6:00 PM Diaconate &lt;br&gt;6:30 PM Joint Officers’ Supper &lt;br&gt;7:00 PM Session</td>
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<td>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Officer/Staff Retreat at Haw River &lt;br&gt;9:30 – 11:00 AM Rehearsal for Youth Sunday in the Sanctuary &lt;br&gt;10:30 AM Scratch Potluck at the home of Mary and Stephen Berry &lt;br&gt;6:00 PM FPC Basketball vs. Christ Central Team B at Grey Stone Church’s Family Life Center</td>
<td><strong>Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time</strong>  &lt;br&gt;<strong>YOUTH SUNDAY</strong>  &lt;br&gt;9:45 AM Sunday School  &lt;br&gt;11:00 AM Youth-led Worship with Communion  &lt;br&gt;<strong>After Worship:</strong> Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser  &lt;br&gt;12:15 – 12:45 PM Children’s Choir</td>
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~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Bob Yoder*  
Baptism Elder: *Carl Rist*  
Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*  
After Worship Greeters: *Andy Henry* (side/font); *Libby Gulley* (rear/narthex)  
Ushers: *Stephen Berry* (head), *Christy Gudaitis, Michael Honeycutt, John Mozart*  

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