"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy."
-- Psalm 33:3 NIV

First Presbyterian Church
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany McPherson Lectureship February 24, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sonata in c minor
A. Vivaldi

*INTROIT
Lift Up Your Hearts
Lift up your hearts: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Daniel Gawthrop

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98:1-4
Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
People: O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed
your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Leader: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
People: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
All: Let us worship God.
Sam Miglarese

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified
Engelberg

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)
John Weicher
Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love
only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; forgive us, Lord. Fill
our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray
through Christ our Savior.
Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY
Marilyn Hedgpeth
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and
death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace – to meet hatred with kindness,
to answer curses with blessings, to love without holding back, to give without thought of
return: all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (Pew Bible, OT Page 42)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Those who are able, please stand.
ANTHEM

You Search and Know Me, O My God
Kate Busa, cantor
Mary Louise Bringle
Sally Ann Morris

You search and know me, O my God, where could I hide from you?
My going out and coming in; my sleep and waking, too.
If I should soar to touch the heights, or plumb the depths of hell,
Your ever-present Spirit seeks and finds me there, as well.
You knit me in my mother’s womb and mold me like the clay.
You wrote my life before my birth, ordaining each new day.
If I should rise on wings of dawn or sail on oceans vast,
You guide me lest I lose my way. Your right hand holds me fast.
How precious are your thoughts, O God, what wonders you have planned!
Too broad and lofty to attain, and countless as the sand.
Were I to praise with every breath, such praise would scarcely start
To sing the glories of your grace: search me and know my heart.

(Based on Psalm 139)

GOSPEL LESSON

The Word of the Lord.
(Pew Bible, NT Page 64)

People:  Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Lift Up Your Hearts”
Mary Louise Bringle

ANTHelm

Jesus Comes
Mary Kay Robinson, violin
Mary Louise Bringle
Sally Ann Morris

In a far-off place, Jesus comes to earth. Sheep and cattle grace the site.
As the angel songs begin, like the whisper of the wind,
Nature’s hope awakes again; Jesus comes.
For the poor in heart, Jesus comes to earth. Humble shepherds start the news.
For each homeless infant born, for the meek and those who mourn,
For the weary and the worn, Jesus comes.
In our deepest night, Jesus comes to earth; radiant star to light our way.
Summer’s heat or winter’s chill, with a warm and loving will,
To a world that needs him still, Jesus comes.

*THE PEACE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

As we pass the peace, remember it is flu season Signs of 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

John Weicher

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

*HYMN NO. 410

God Is Calling Through the Whisper
W Zlobie Lezy
Text by Mary Louise Bringle
Mindy Douglas

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader:  How good it is to sing praises to our God.
People:  The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.
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  O Holy Spirit, Flowing Light  Mary Louise Bringle/Ron Barnett
O Holy Spirit, Flowing Light, of sun’s gold sheen and mirror’s bright,
Reflect in us your clear delight: Laus tibi, Sancte Spiritus.

O Holy Spirit, Wisdom’s Fire, of leaping flame and steeple’s spire,
Uplift our intellect’s desire: Laus tibi, Sancte Spiritus.

O Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, reach through the lattice of your love
And train us toward the life above, Laus tibi, Sancte Spiritus.

O Holy Spirit, Paraclete, make strong our hands and swift our feet
To serve the Christ in all we meet: Laus tibi, Sancte Spiritus.

(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:     Great and glorious God, unite our praise with the praise of all creation: singing your mighty acts with every breath, playing music to your name with all our instruments, joining the dance of stars and planets with our whole bodies; for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High – Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

A SERVICE OF MARRIAGE FOR JENNIFER CREADICK AND BRIAN LINDNER
Statement on Marriage
Prayer
Declarations of Intent
Affirmations of the Family/Congregation
Vows
Exchange of Rings
Prayer
Interlude
Minuet in G  J. S. Bach
Announcement of Marriage
Blessing

*HYMN (See page 5)
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!  Darwall’s 148th

*Benediction

Mary Louise Bringle

*POSTLUDE
Introduction and Sword Dance  Alfred Fedak
Reminder to 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. 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, February 17 we welcomed 22 visitors to worship.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret (Peaches) McPherson, by the McPherson family and the McPherson Lectureship.

The special trumpet music this morning is offered to the glory of God and is made possible through a gift from the McPherson family.

Special thanks to all our musicians for sharing their gifts in today’s worship service: Kent Foss, trumpet; Mary Kay Robinson, violin; Gordon Campbell, piano.

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 and Book of Common Worship.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week:
Traveling mercies for Mary Rider, Brianna Bennett’s step-mother, on a pilgrimage to Rome
Barbara Campbell Davis, friend of FPC, recovering from knee surgery
Joseph Ngumi has returned to his apartment following heart surgery and dialysis treatments.

Recovering at Home:
Margaret Mubanga
Franzi Rokuske
Karen Swope
Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:
Brookdale Durham: Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett
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:
Rev. Bill Bigger, pastor at Hope Valley Baptist Church, Durham
Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King
Dolly Douglas, grandmother of Mindy Douglas
Rev. Mary McKey, friend of Judy and Al Arrowood
Ann Sanders, sister of Jane Brawley
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Brian Dill, alt.

John Darwall
DARWALL'S 148th

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
3 Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
When in Our Music God Is Glorified

1 When in our music God is glorified,
2 How often, making music, we have found
3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,
4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

and adoration leaves no room for pride,
a new dimension in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole creation cried:
as worship moved us to a more profound
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
And may God give us faith to sing always:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
410  God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is calling through the whisper of the spirit’s deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

2 God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

3 God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!
About our Lecturer

We welcome to FPC the **Rev. Dr. Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle**, our 2019 McPherson Lecturer and Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Brevard College in Brevard, NC. She received her undergraduate degree from Guilford College and her doctorate from the graduate division of religion at Emory University with particular interests in practical and pastoral theology. She served on the faculty at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg from 1983 to 2000 where she taught Philosophy and chaired the Religious Studies department. She is also an award-winning hymn writer whose original texts and translations appear in the hymnals of numerous denominations in North America and Scotland, she has served as President of The Hymn Society in the US and Canada and as chair of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, responsible for creating the hymnal *Glory to God*. A teacher at heart and a theologian by training, she has authored an assortment of publications in pastoral theology. She has won hymn-writing competitions, been featured as an "emerging text writer" by The Hymn Society in the US and Canada, and had her first single-author collection (*Joy and Wonder, Love and Longing*) published by GIA.

About the McPherson Lectureship


Soli Deo Gloria

A Conversation with Mel Bringle – Today at 4:00 p.m.

*“With a Hymnal as Companion, Praying Our Way through Lent”*

Join us at 4:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall for tea and an informal conversation with our guest lecturer, Mel Bringle. Light refreshments will be available. For those who gave advance notice of need, childcare will be provided.

Monday, February 25

8:00 a.m. – A Conversation over Breakfast

*“Multi-Sensory Hymn-Based Practices”*

Hymns not only appeal to our musical and verbal intelligences, but also to our concern for nature, passion for art, delight in movement, and fascination with logic, as well as our interpersonal skills and intrapersonal depths. This presentation will explore worship songs appropriate to the scriptural themes of Lent Year C, and introduce a variety of multi-sensory practices to bring those songs to life.

~ Serving Today ~

Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: *Raymond Mbah* (narthex/rear); *Karen Romines* (side/font)

Brazil Bird Show

Along the southeast coast of Brazil is the Atlantic Forest. It’s only a small remnant of the area it covered in the past, but even so, it is still home to many plants, animals, and birds that are found nowhere else. In October and November of last year, David and Judy Smith spent five weeks watching and photographing birds in southeast Brazil. Please join them as they share their pictures and experiences on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.

Moving Beyond Anger and Revenge, Towards the Beloved Community

How does a community respond to a tragic event like the murders at Mother Emanuel AME?

The Rev. Anthony Thompson, whose words of forgiveness began the healing after the murder of nine at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC in June, 2015, will speak at FPC at a breakfast for clergy and community leaders on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall. The breakfast is sponsored by the MLK Steering Committee of Durham and Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA). The cost for the breakfast is $8.00. RSVP to Spencer Bradford at dcia@dcia.org.

Florence Forth Annual Road Race

Saturday, March 2

Florence Forth is a 10K and 5K run/walk organized by and for the Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance and held in the 700 block of Ninth Street in Durham. Proceeds from Florence Forth allow the Alliance to raise awareness, educate doctors, and improve clinical care so that no one faces autoimmune encephalitis (AE) alone. Florence Forth was started by FPC members Leslie and Will McDow who lost their daughter Florence on March 4, 2012 after a long battle with autoimmune encephalitis. Please consider running/walking or volunteering at this event. Financial contributions to the Alliance are also appreciated by the McDows. Registration and volunteering information is available online at http://florenceforth.org and from the tables in the church foyer and narthex. The deadline to register to walk/run is February 27.

Documentary Screening and Discussion

Sunday, March 3

5:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

FPC’s Racial Equity Task Force invites all to a screening of Slavery by Another Name, a documentary based on Douglas A. Blackmon's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, which illuminates how in the years following the Civil War, insidious new forms of forced labor emerged in the American South, persisting until the onset of World War II. Following the screening of this 2012 Official Selection at the Sundance Film Festival, we will discuss the film together. A light dinner will be served. Future screenings are also being scheduled in members’ homes in March and April if you cannot make this date. If you have questions or are interested in hosting a screening, please contact Sharon Hirsch at hirschnc@earthlink.net or ask any member of the Racial Equity Task Force.
THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. 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, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. 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 Hunger for Change Offering go 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.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant 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. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering today.
### The Week at a Glance!

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**Thursday, February 28**
- **9:00 AM – 12 Noon**<br>Walk-in Ministry<br>Client Interviews

**Friday, March 1**
- **12 Noon – 1:00 PM**<br>Bible Study: Isaiah<br>*World Day of Prayer*

**Saturday, March 2**
- **8:00 AM – 12 Noon**

**Sunday, March 3**
- **9:45 AM**<br>Sunday School
- **11:00 AM**<br>Worship and Communion<br>(Special Guest: St Andrews University Choir )
- **12:15 – 12:45 PM**<br>Children’s Choir
- **5:00 PM**<br>“Slavery by Another Name” Presentation & Discussion
- **4:30 – 6:30 PM**<br>Middle School Youth
- **6:00 – 8:00 PM**<br>High School Youth

### CHURCH STAFF

- **Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator
- **Robert Daye**, Sexton
- **Mindy Douglas**, Pastor/Head of Staff
- **Susan Dunlap**, Parish Associate
- **Marilyn Hedgpath**, 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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