FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (Bell Choir)
Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?
Linda R. Lamb

INTROIT
Hide Not Thou Thy Face
Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure;
For we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy’s sake, for thy mercy’s sake deliver us from all our sin, deliver us from all our sin,
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*CALL TO WORSHIP
Mindy Douglas

Leader: Early Christians marked the days of Jesus’ death and resurrection with great devotion,
and it became the Church’s custom to prepare for them by observing a season of repentance
and fasting. This was called ‘Lent,’ which means, ‘springtime,’ reminding us of the season
in which the life of God’s creation is renewed. Let us pray:

People: Merciful God, accompany us on our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the
gift of baptism that we may die to self daily and rise to walk in newness of life.
Strengthen us to fast from all indulgence, to pray for all in need, and to provide for those
who are poor. Above all may we find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 415
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Restoration

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)
John Weicher

Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession

God of forgiveness, we confess to you all the ways we have fallen short of your desire for our lives.
God, we lift up to you the ways we have failed ourselves, our loved ones, our neighbors, and you.
Give us strength and endurance to turn from our failures and to return to you. In Jesus’ name we
pray.

Silent Confession
Declaration of Forgiveness

COLLECT FOR THE DAY
Jeanne Hervey

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: Dear God, help us to trust in the power of your Holy Spirit, which is our comfort, our
ever-present joy, and our source of peace. Open our hearts, Lord Jesus, to your ever-
present Spirit. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.
PSALM LESSON
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

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

SERMON
“Our Shot” (silent reflection)
Marilyn Hedgpeth

*HYMN NO. 375
Shall We Gather at the River
(Children through 1st grade enter worship during hymn.)
Hanson Place

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
Children’s Choir Anthem
Feed us, Jesus
Parker Klinck, piano

Jesus spoke to many folk who sat upon a hill;
They all listened happily, each child sat very still.
Feed us, Jesus, Bread of life, from above.
Feed us, Jesus! Give us your own love.
Jesus said “Now take this bread and fish that I have blessed;
Pass it ’round, there’s food for all, Let each one be my guest.”
Feed us, Jesus, Bread of life, from above.
Feed us, Jesus! Give us your own love.

Marilyn Hedgpeth
John Folkening

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Words of Scripture
Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Luke Braxton Bennett to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Questions to the Parents:
Pastor: Ricky and Brianna, 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 Luke?
If he gets lost will you help him find the way?
If he falls down, will you help pick him up?
Will you share with him 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 Luke
by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of Christ’s church?
Congregation: We do.
*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)  
The Apostles’ Creed  
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 Luke that he 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  
Mindy Douglas  
Anointing  
Marilyn Hedgpeth  
Introduction  
Mindy Douglas  

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

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS  
Invitation to Offering  
Mindy Douglas  

Offertory Anthem  
Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’ Sake  
Richard Farrant  

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive what is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

*Doxology (Hymn No. 108, verse 5)  
Divinum Mysterium  

O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing.  
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE  
John Weicher and Cherrie Henry  

Leader: Come, all you who are loved by God.  
Come to the table of the Lord.  
Come and eat food with no cost.  
Come and drink with no money to pay.  
People: We come to eat, to drink, and our hearts are glad.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Leader: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts truly are glad, and we are filled with thankfulness, because in your great love you did not abandon us in the dark and fearful places of this world, but in Jesus, you came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.
People: All who are tired and burdened, all who are frightened and unsafe, all who are sick and broken, can come and find new life.
Leader: We remember the way that Jesus showed us his love: On the evening before he died, he had supper with his friends. During the meal, he took the loaf of bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and then passed it around with these words:
People: This is my body broken for you. Eat this and remember me.
Leader: And, after the meal, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks for it and then passed it around with these words:
People: This is my blood shed for you. Drink this and remember me.
Leader: And now, every time we eat bread and drink wine like this, we remember Jesus, and his everlasting love. Friends, these are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

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.

*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. Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.)
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: Amen.
Voluntary (Bell Choir) Shall We Gather at the River Margaret R. Tucker

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Leader: Now come, all you who are loved by God. Hear the call to serve others as God has served you; hear the invitation to be part of God’s plan to rescue the world. Join the community of those who walk in the footsteps of God.
People: Lord God of world-changing love, we thank you for this meal, and for welcoming us to your table. We remember that we are your children, and that you have called us to share your love with everyone we meet. Help us to receive your life, walk in your strength, and follow your ways every moment of our lives.
Leader: May God’s caring arms embrace us, Jesus’ comforting words fill us, and the Holy Spirit’s renewing presence surround us today and always.
All: Amen.

*HYMN NO. 165 The Glory of These Forty Days Erhalt Uns, Herr
(Visitors, feel free to excuse yourselves from worship during this hymn if you do not wish to remain for the meeting.)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Mindy Douglas

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
Marilyn Hedgpeth
A Reminder to Worshippers: *Vox Virorum Men’s Chorus* and *Kidnotes’ Haydn, Copland, and Vivaldi Choirs* will offer a free (donations accepted for Kidnotes) 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.

The Children’s Choir will not practice following worship today.

*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 March 3, we welcomed 17 visitors to worship.

The *Sacrament of Baptism* is being celebrated for *Luke Braxton Bennett*, son of *Richard Braxton Bennett, Jr.* and Andrea *Brianna Honea Bennett*.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by *Marcia, Stephen, and David Lorimer* in loving memory of *Bill Lorimer* on the occasion of his birthday.

The *Pulpit Paraments*: In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create 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. Her liturgical projects emphasize the “threads that bind” and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of Anne ‘St. Clair’ Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The *Lenten Banner* was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of *Bess Bryant* and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

Our *Paschal Candle on the stained red oak stand*, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire and given in memory of *Elder Ed Kwon*, is a visible sign of God’s enduring presence in our beautiful century-old Sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesch) and adopted by early Christians, the lit Candle represents the Risen Christ’s triumph over darkness and death, His resurrection, to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross, an alpha and omega, and the current year, symbols attesting to Christ’s presence among us now and always. Traditionally, the Candle, reminding us that we are preeminently an Easter People, is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost, as well as at Baptisms where it signified that we are crucified and resurrected with Christ, and at funerals and memorial services where it visually proclaims Paul’s message in Romans 6: 3-4 that “all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ . . . have been buried with him . . . into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead . . ., so we too might walk in newness of life.”

*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. There is a changing table in the narthex, 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.
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Sunday, March 17 - Second Sunday in Lent

REACH OUT SUNDAY - “Invite a Friend to Church” Day

Some things in life are better when you share them. Join in the fun for FPC’s Reach Out Sunday and experience the friendly faces, beautiful music, and timely message the best we know how: together. Invite your family members, neighbors or co-workers, and their children as well. New members will be welcomed in worship. A Congregational Lunch will be held following worship in Watts-Hill Hall. Donations will be received to offset meal costs. Remember to bring blessing bags or supplies on Sundays during Lent.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week: Mercy Ndambiri, recovering from foot surgery
Fran Bryant

Recovering at Home:
Margaret Mubanga Joseph Ngumi
Franzi Rokoske Karen Swope
Mickey and Bob Velkey
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:
Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King
Dolly Douglas, grandmother of Mindy Douglas
Rev. Mary McKey, friend of Judy and Al Arrowood

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Jeanne Hervey
Baptism Elder: Cris Rivera
Narthex Greeter: Maxie Honeycutt
After Worship Greeters: Tom Bacon (narthex/rear); Gray Wilson (side/font)
Ushers: Emily Wilkins (head), Mary-Jo Keenan (flowers), Katy Barron (counter),
        Laurie Williamson, Ginny Widmark, Kathy Conner

Communion Elders:
Head/replenish elements: Gray Wilson
Bread: Leah Graves (B1/process), Alice Raney (B2), Lenore Champion (B3), George Bernhardt (B4)
Cup: Dewey Lawson (C1), Griffin Momsen-Hudson (C2/process), Karen Romines (C3), Tyler Momsen-Hudson (C4)
Shepherds: Brent Curtis (center aisle), Sigfried Fullenkamp (font aisle), Lea Bingham (pulpit aisle)
1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded,
sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.
go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the
arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty
 Gloria, true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. I will arise and

3 Come, ye weary, heavily laden, lost and ruined
by the fall; if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. Is to feel your need of him.

4 Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness
fondly dream; all the fitness he requir eth
1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimages will cease;

with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

gatherer with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glory of these forty days we
2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the
3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, de-
4 Then grant that we like them be true, con-

cel-ebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
loving God who gave the law; and to El-
ivered from the lions' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
umed in fast and prayer with you; our spir-its strengthen-

things were made, himself has fast-ed and has prayed.
fasting, came the steeds and char-i-ots of flame.
friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.
Sunday, March 24
3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Durham
A ONE-MAN DRAMATIC PRESENTATION
“We Shall Not Sleep”

Produced, created, and performed by Gary Giles, in this one-act tour-de-force for a single actor/singer on a bare stage, Giles portrays three of the most influential and iconic men of the African American culture and historic landscape: Frederick Douglas, William Still, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Help for those who mourn . . .

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who have lost a loved one. Beginning March 12, Aaron Klink, Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator at Pruitt Hospice in Rocky Mount, will lead a six-week series on the Introduction to Grief. His topics are:

March 12    Grief and the New World after Loss
March 19    The Geography of Grief — Returning Spaces
March 26    Relearning Relationships with the Living
April 2     Relearning our Relationship to the Dead
April 9     Relearning Ourselves
April 16    Relearning the Vision for the Future

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program with meetings held year-round on Tuesdays (except for holidays) at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis. We gather at 4:00 p.m. for registration, coffee, and cookies; the meetings start at 4:30 and end by 6.

It's time to get our team together to walk in this year's Durham CROP Walk for hunger relief.

The 45th Durham CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, April 7
beginning at 2:30 p.m. from Duke Chapel

Not able to walk this year? Support FPC's team by sponsoring a walker. Please make checks payable to Durham Crop Walk and give to the person you are sponsoring. For more information about this event, go to: http://durhamcropwalk.org/the-walk/. To sign up to walk and/or make a donation, go online to: https://goo.gl/6S4VcN. You can also sign up after worship on Sundays in the foyer. Contact Jody Maxwell, FPC's coordinator this year, if you have questions.
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*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  
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*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

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