FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

3nd Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

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

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (Solo)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Gary Giles

INTROIT

O Lord, Creator, Good and Kind

Repton

O Lord, creator, good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 63:1-4)

John Weicher

Leader:

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

People:

My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader:

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People:

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader:

So I will bless you as long as I live;

People:

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

All:

Let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Stuttgart

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We are a susceptible people, O God of the ages. We are forever chasing after this and that, whatever strikes our fancy. But most of the time — maybe even all of the time — it's not worth it. None of those fancy things are you. None of them sustain us in the hard times. None of them redeem us when we have messed up. None of them are worthy of our deep-down devotion and ultimate loyalty. Forgive us for all the little idolatries in our daily lives. Re-center us in the loving mystery of you.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Wilson

Leader: People:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Leader:

Let us pray.

All:

We seek your word, O God, as though we are searching for water in the dry and weary

land. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may this word be to us a fabulous meal,

satisfying our souls. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

(Pew Bible, OT Page 685)

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

(Pew Bible, NT Page 76)

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"No, I Tell You"

John Weicher

(silent reflection)

*HYMN No. 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Salley Gardens

THE PEACE

Sam Miglarese

(As we pass the peace, remember it is still flu season. Signs of hospitality 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

Sam Miglarese

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ANNA RUTH DURHAM DIY

Cherrie Henry, Sam Miglarese

Words of Scripture

Elder:

On behalf of the Session, I present Anna Ruth Durham Diy to receive the Sacrament of

Baptism.

Questions to the Parents:

Pastor:

Carlo and Emily, 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 Anna Ruth? 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 Anna

Ruth 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 (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 land 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

Cherrie Henry

Leader: People:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Leader:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

People: 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 Anna Ruth 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

Sam Miglarese

Anointing and Introduction

Cherrie Henry

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

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Cherrie Henry

Offertory Anthem

Come to the Water

Foley, arr. Howard Helvey

Kate Busa, solo

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price,

Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life,

Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:

All who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest,

Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:

Bring the children, without might. Easy the load and light:

Come to the Lord.

(You are invited to come forward with your Hunger for Change offering following the anthem.)

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give our thanks to you, Holy One on high, for you shaped all living beings and every wonder of creation to bear fruit that glorifies you. In the soil of covenant you planted a life with your chosen people and nourished a family to bless all the earth. When through human faithlessness that life was grieved and barren, you sent your Son to be the soil of our redemption. Through his resurrection you brought us out of the deadness of sin into the fullness of your fruit-bearing, fruit-sharing life. And so we rejoice with angels and

archangels and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn:

All (sung): Sanctus Hymn No. 572











Leader:

God, who summons everyone who thirsts to come and drink, make all who drink from this cup, thirst for the wine of your kingdom. As we remember through this fruit of the vine your Son's saving passion, send your Holy Spirit to lead us into life. By your same Spirit, bless this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader:

God of all flourishing, through the fast of Lent nourish in your church a life that is wholly fruitful. Shape your people to hunger and thirst for the day when there is one shared flourishing for all, one feasting with you in glory, when with the saints, apostles, and martyrs your creation shall be, at last, wholly fruitful in you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574



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.

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. Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.)

Communion Hymn No. 523 (all sing)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Bicentennial

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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

People:

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we

travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others, and draw us ever

closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 826

All:

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

John Weicher

*Postlude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

Gary Giles will present the one-man drama, "We Shall Not Sleep," in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. today. Event is free and open to the public. A love offering will be received. As you exit your pew following worship, please kindly pick up personal trash and take it with you, and return hymnals and Bibles to the pew racks. Thank you for leaving the sanctuary presentable for our afternoon guests.

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 17, we welcomed 25 visitors to worship.

Special thanks to Gary Giles for sharing his musical gift with us this morning.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God in honor of *Anna Ruth Durham Diy's* grandparents, *LuAnn*, *Ruby* and *Al* and in loving memory of Anna Ruth's grandfather, *Rodger*, and great-grandmother, *Lucilla*, who are dearly missed. We give thanks to our caring FPC community and all the ways the church has offered support and love to us and Anna Ruth. – *Carlo and Emily Diy*

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. 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 *Book of Common Worship* and *Eucharistic Prayers*.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week:

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Bill Bigger, pastor of Hope Valley Baptist Church, Durham

Recovering at Home:

Margaret Mubanga

Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

Joseph Ngumi

Franzi Rokoske

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:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Amy Wilson

Baptism Elder: *Kristin Meade*Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: Kim Abels (narthex/rear); George Bernhardt (side/font) Ushers: Emily Wilkins (head), Kathy Conner (flowers), Mary-Jo Keenan (counter)

John Mozart, El Hess, Stephen Berry

Communion Elders: Alice Raney (Head/replenish elements)

Cris Rivera (B1/process), Dewey Lawson (B2), Tyler Momsen-Hudson (B3), George Bernhardt (B4)

Jane Wettach (C1), Karen Romines (C2/ process), Lenore Champion (C3), Leah Graves (C4)

Gray Wilson (Shepherd center aisle), Brent Curtis (Shepherd font aisle), Libby Gulley (Shepherd pulpit aisle)

College Care Packages

The Pastoral Care committee is assembling care packages for our college students for the spring exam period. You are invited to support this project by bringing in flat items for the packages: gum, hot chocolate, microwave popcorn, hard candy, granola bars, fruit snacks, puzzles or joke books etc. Please place items in the basket provided at the Mission Collection Center in the foyer by Palm Sunday.

Confirmation Day Sunday, March 31

Join us on Sunday, March 31 as our confirmands participate in worship and complete the process of becoming members of First Presbyterian Church. Following worship, a reception will be held in their honor in Watts-Hill Hall.

SPRING DAY OF SERVICE Saturday, April 6

The Service and Mission Committee is planning several opportunities to serve with other FPC folks in a Spring day of service:

- Landscaping workday on FPC grounds led by Barbara Buckley
- Cleaning/organizing FPC building interior led by Andy Henry
- Dallas Street home repair and painting workday led by Tyler Momsen-Hudson
- Blessing bag and toiletry kit assembly at FPC led by Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- Other opportunities TBA

Additional information and sign up details will be available today after worship in the foyer. To help organize an opportunity, contact Tyler at *tylermmh@embarqmail.com*.

How are you supporting the CROP Walk this year?

The 45th Durham CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, April 7

Step off at 2:30 p.m. from Duke Chapel Activities begin at 1:30 on the Chapel lawn

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 to an FPC walker, go online to: https://goo.gl/6S4VcN. You can also sign up in the foyer on Sundays after worship. Contact Jody Maxwell, FPC's coordinator, if you have questions: jodymaxwell3@hotmail.com or 919-640-6126.

Want to host a viewing and discussion of "Slavery By Another Name" in your home?

The Racial Equity Task Force wants you to host a showing of the documentary *Slavery By Another Name* in your home. They ask that hosts provide a working DVD player already connected to a large screen or TV. Please provide two times and dates in April that work for you, how many people you can comfortably seat, your name, address, and contact information to Emily Wilkins by Monday, March 25. Please reply by text: 919-943-5085 or email to: *emilypw@gmail.com* if you are interested in hosting.

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 439

(Psalm 103)



- 1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;
- 2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;
- 3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a way our sin;
- 4 As it was with-out be gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;





bless the Sav - ior, and for - get not all God's mer - cies to pro-claim. God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals. like the pit - y of a fa - ther has the Lord's com - pas-sion been. to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev - er shall God's righ - teous-ness ex - tend:



- 5 Unto such as keep God's cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way; unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.
- 6 Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God's control, all throughout God's vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 523







- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
- 2 With joy ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat i tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,



so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joice. that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heaven-ly food. Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord? whom all the world can-not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell. to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



- 1 Some times a light sur pris es the child of God who sings;
 2 In ho ly con-tem pla-tion we sweet-ly then pur sue
- 3 It can bring with it noth-ing but he will bear us through;
- 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei-ther their longed-for fruit should bear,



it the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings; theme of God's sal va - tion and find - er new; it ev gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too; the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there, though all



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a gain from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say, be - neath the spread-ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed; God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



of clear shin - ing to cheer it af ter rain. un-known to - mor - row bring with "Let it what it may." and who feeds the ra - vens will give chil - dren bread. his him con - fid - ing, I for while in can - not but re - joice.



The Week at a Glance! **Later Today** Monday, March 25 Tuesday, March 26 Wednesday, March 27 12:15 - 12:45 PM 6:00 PIVI 11:30 AM Daytimers' 5:00 PM Children's Choir Diaconate Luncheon at Neo China Handbell Choir 3:00 PM 6:30 PM 12:00 - 12:30 PM 7:00 PM One Man Drama: Joint Officers' Supper Lenten Prayer Service Chancel Choir "We Shall Not Sleep" and Guided Meditation 7:00 PM (Sanctuary) 4:00 PM Session Middle School and 1:30 PM Plan Worship High School Youth 2:30 PM FPC Staff Rock Climbing (offsite) 6:00 PM 4:30 - 5:30 PM Finance and Scratch "Matthew" Investment Committee Study and Tea at Elizabeth Klinck's home Thursday, March 28 Friday, March 29 Saturday, March 30 Sunday, March 31 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 - 11:00 AM 8:00 - 9:30 AM 9:00 AM - Noon FPC preparing lunch FPC Men at Landscaping and 9:45 AM Sunday School bags at Durham Urban Nosh's Café for Gardening Workday 11:00 AM Ministry Breakfast & 6:30 PM Worship with Communion Conversation First Friends and After Worship: 12 Noon - 1:00 PM Families Potluck at the Reception for Confirmands. Lenten Study: home of Barbara their mentors and families "Jesus and the **Buckley & Scott** Disinherited" 12:15 - 12:45 PM Randell Children's Choir 2:00 PM Worship and Communion at The Forest at Duke 4:30 - 5:30 PM Scratch "Matthew" Study & Tea at Elizabeth Klinck's home 4:30 - 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 PM High School Youth Group

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