First Presbyterian Church
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together
arr. Charles Callahan

INTROIT

This Is the Body of Christ
John Bell (Iona Community)

This is the body of Christ, broken that we may be whole;
This cup, as promised by God, true to his word, cradles our Lord:
Food for the good of the soul.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Philemon 3-7) Sam Miglarese
Leader: Grace to you and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God
because I hear of your love for all the saints
and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.
Leader: I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective
when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.
People: I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love,
All: The hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 664

Morning Has Broken Bunessan

CONFESSION OF SIN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, you search us and know us.
You know the secrets of our heart, even better than we do.
You know how we have run away from your calls;
still you are ready to receive us again, ready to use us again.
In mercy, forgive and heal our inclination to wander.
Fashion us by your Spirit into vessels fit for good use;
that we may bear faithfully what you have entrusted to our care –
treasures of Christ’s saving work for a lost and broken world.

Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Wilson

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

*All who are able, please stand.
All: Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are filled with wonder at all your works and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. We praise you for your majesty; even more we rejoice that you do not forget us, yet desire to know and care for us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**
Jeremiah 18:1-11 (Pew Bible, OT Page 720)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

**PSALM HYMN NO. 28**
You Are Before Me, Lord Sursum Corda (Smith)

**PSALTER LESSON**
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Pew Bible, OT Page 577)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**
“To Be Known” Mindy Douglas

*(A moment for meditation.)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
(from the Heidelberg Catechism) John Weicher
Q.1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
A. That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**HYMN NO. 543**
God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me Green Tyler

**THE PEACE**
John Weicher
As we pass the peace, signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
During “The Peace,” children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for “A Time with the Children.”

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**
(Dedication of Hurricane Clean up Buckets) Lenore Champion
(Following “A Time with the Children,” children may return to the playroom or remain in worship with their caregivers and siblings.

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**
Invitation to the Offering Marilyn Hedgpeth
Offertory Anthem Benedictus es, Domine John Rutter
Glory to you, Lord God of our parents, you are worthy of praise: glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the cherubim: we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven; glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

*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!
INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
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 truly right and just to give thanks in every time and in every place, almighty God. We give you thanks for the gift of creation and especially the gift of our life. We are grateful that you have made us in your image and that you pardon us when we act as though you have no authority over our lives. We are grateful that you sustain us in your great love. And so, with all your people, with angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name, joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

All (sung): Sanctus

Leader: You are holy, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of the life that we know. You anointed Jesus Christ with your Spirit to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to give sight to the blind, and to liberate the oppressed, proclaiming the year of the Lord’s favor. In his baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

People: Remembering the grace of your Son Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming, proclaiming the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, so that the bread we share and the cup we bless will be for us the body and blood of Christ. Make us one with Christ and with our neighbors, and one in service to all the world. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

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

John Weicher and Marilyn Hedgpeth

*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.)

Anthem at the Communion O God, You Search Me (Psalm 139) Bernadette Farrell
(The text for the anthem can be found in the Hymnal, No. 29)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
All: God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 536

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen Surge Ecclesia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Canzona in G D. Buxtehude

Following worship, you are invited to Watts-Hill Hall for a free lunch and to hear a presentation by Pastor Mindy Douglas about her sabbatical. Childcare will be available.
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 September 1, we welcomed 31 visitors to worship.

The flowers are given by Phyllis Supple, to the glory of God and in gratitude for the love of family, friends, and church community.

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 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 Book of Common Worship (1993 and 2018), and Call to Worship.

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Membership Inquiry Classes are currently being held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:45 in the Wilson Parlor. For the class schedule or how to become a member of this church, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth at 919-682-5511 ext. 220 or m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org.

Later today . . .

Youth Groups Fall (Fun) Kick-off
Middle Schoolers: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
High Schoolers: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friends welcome! Dinner Provided!

Who Is My Faith Neighbor?
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

This will be an experiential learning class for adults who may or may not have children or youth in programs on Sunday evenings. Using Barbara Brown Taylor’s latest book, Holy Envy, we will read and discuss religious plurality in the Durham area, and observe how others express their faith. The class meets in room 205 of the Education building. Visits are planned this fall to the Sikh Gurudwara, Judea Reform, Ar Razzaq Masjid and The Durham Friends Congregation. These visits will take place at various times, but our discussions will be on Sunday evenings, running September 8 – November 24.

Alleluia Children’s Choir
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian second-fifth graders are invited to be part of a new young people’s choir with Covenant Presbyterian Church. We’re calling it the Alleluia Children's Choir! We’ll meet in the choir room at First Presbyterian on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:00 beginning this Sunday, September 8. The current Covenant choir includes some older children’s voices so we will be able to sing two- and three-part anthems. The choir will sing on a regular basis at Sunday services both at Covenant and First Presbyterian. The choir will be conducted by Brennetta Simpson, a music education professor at NCCU and choir director at Covenant. Kathy Parkins and Brennetta Simpson are developing a curriculum for the choir. Please contact Kathy if you have any questions.
~ Joys and Concerns ~

Congratulations to Bob and Sheila Breitweiser who became great-grandparents for the first time this past week. Daughter Karla and son-in-law Bennett King’s son Christian and his wife Caitlin are the proud parents of Elena Kimberley King.

We extend condolences to Franzi, Keith and Noah Rokuske on the death of Franzi’s mother, Christina Zabolitski, on September 2. Please keep the Rokuske family in your prayers.

Chuck Barenchi, at Hillcrest following a hospital stay

Paul Cornsweet, at Duke Hospital recovering from surgeries

Home:
Margaret Mubanga
Joseph Ngumi

Care Communities:
Brookdale Durham: Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett
Croasdaile Pavilion: 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 the Congregation:
Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood
Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss
Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King
Ralph Edwards, grandfather of Amy Wilson

Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins
Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

Newcomers, Visitors and Current Presbyterian Women Members . . .

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2019/2020 Presbyterian Women’s circle and Bible study which will begin on Monday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the East Parlor of the Church House. New members and visitors are especially encouraged to join with current members of the Presbyterian Women. The one and a half hour meeting starts with refreshments and coffee and concerns of the church, followed by Bible study led by our Parish Associate, Susan Dunlap. This year’s study book is titled Carved in Stone - A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Questions and further information may be directed to BJ Morton or Shirley Frederick.

Help our Hispanic Community!

The Tutoring Program for children, held every Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Iglesia Emanuel, is gearing up for the new school year, and we need many more eager and committed tutors for reading or math. We promise that you will find this endeavor to be most rewarding, and it is a simple but effective way to show love and support to our Hispanic community in Durham. More questions? Contact Miguel or Margaret Rubiera.

Trip Planned to Montgomery, Alabama

Visit The National Memorial for Peace and Justice

and tour The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration

A group of First Presbyterians is planning a trip to the Memorial and Museum in Montgomery the weekend of October 18-20. Details regarding transportation and lodging are to be determined. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kathy Conner or Eric Wiebe. Check the museum’s website for more information on what to expect: https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/.
Morning Has Broken

1 Morning has broken like the first morning; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heaven, like the first
3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the

spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the
dew-fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet
one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every

morn-ing! Praise for them, spring-ing fresh from the Word!
garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
morning, God's recreation of the new day!
You Are Before Me, Lord
(Psalm 139)

1 You are before me, Lord, you are behind,
2 Then from your spirit where, Lord, shall I go;
3 If I should take my flight into the dawn,
4 If I should say, “Let darkness cover me,
5 Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;

and over me you have spread out your hand;
and from your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?
if I should dwell on ocean’s farthest shore,
and I shall hide within the veil of night,”
try me, O God; my mind and spirit try;

such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
If I ascend to heaven you are there,
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
surely the darkness is not dark to you:
keep me from any path that gives you pain,

too high to grasp, too great to understand.
and still are with me if in hell I lie.
and your right hand will guard me evermore.
the night is as the day, the darkness light.
and lead me in the everlasting way.
God, Be the Love to
Search and Keep Me
O Christ, Surround Me

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.
536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this
2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after
3 Rise, remember well the future God has
4 Service be our sure vocation; courage

meal of love and grace; may we through such love en-
Christ, though wounded, whole; broken, shared, our lives are
called us to receive; present by God’s loving
be our daily bread; mercy be our des-

vision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Alle-
halowed to release and to console. Alle-
nurture, Spirit-ed then let us live. Alle-
nation from this day and unto death. Alle-

lu-i-a, alle-lu-i-a: God, the wonder of our days.
lu-i-a, alle-lu-i-a: Christ, our present, past, and goal.
lu-i-a, alle-lu-i-a: Spirit, grace by whom we live.
lu-i-a, alle-lu-i-a. Rise, O church, a living faith.
~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Amy Wilson
Narthex Greeters: Maxie Honeycutt, El Hess
After Worship Greeters: Amy Wilson (side/font); Andy Henry (rear/narthex)
Ushers: Katy Barron (head), John Mozart (counting), El Hess, Kathy Conner, Stephen Berry
Communion Elders: Amy Wilson (head/replenish elements)
Bread: Luke Everett (B1/process), Will McDow (B2), Tom Bacon (B3), Tyler Momsen-Hudson (B4)
Cup: David Sappenfield (C1), Dawn Carsey (C2/process), Jane Williams (C3), Bob Breitweiser (C4)
Shepherds: Cris Rivera (font), Andy Henry (center), Lenore Champion (pulpit)

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| **Tuesday, September 10** |
| 1:30 PM | Plan Worship |
| 2:30 PM | FPC Staff |
| 7:00 PM | Book Group at Mary Kay Robinson's home |
| 7:00 PM | Vox Men's Chorus |

| **Wednesday, September 11** |
| 5:00 PM | Handbell Choir |
| 6:00 PM | Stewardship Committee |
| 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir |

| **Thursday, September 12** |
| 9:00 AM – 12 Noon | Walk-in Ministry |

| **Friday, September 13** |
| **Saturday, September 14** |
| 9:00 AM – 12 Noon | Landscaping and Grounds Workday |

| **Sunday, September 15** |
| 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9:45 AM | Sunday School / Membership Inquiry Class |
| 11:00 AM | Worship |
| 4:30 – 6:30 PM | Middle School Youth |
| 5:00 PM | Alleluia Children's Choir / Book Study: Holy Envy |
| 6:00 – 8:00 PM | High School Youth Group |

September 13 – 15
First Friends and Families Annual Beach Trip

Learn more about this Church by emailing: info@firstpres-durham.org or visiting our website: http://firstpres-durham.org.

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