God knows my name.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NATIONAL CHILDREN’S SABBATH
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time National Children’s Sabbath October 20, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS
Minute for Stewardship

Prelude (Handbell Choir) All Things Bright and Beautiful English Hymn, arr. Susan Geschke

Introit All Ye People, Young and Old Harmonized by J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 119) Izzy Allison-Pleasants
Leader: Oh, how I love all that you’ve shown us; I meditate on it all day long.
People: Your commands, always with me, make me wiser than my enemies;
Leader: I’ve gained more understanding than my teachers, since I’ve pondered and absorbed your counsel.
People: I understand more than the aged; how sweet are your words to my taste.
All: Let us worship God.

*Procesional Hymn No. 487 These Treasured Children Puer Nobis Nascitur

*Prayer of Confession Thilo Fullenkamp
Call to Prayer (Leader)
Because God listens for our voice, hears us when we call, and responds to our prayers, let us share with God the things that trouble our hearts. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Dear God, you are a great and awesome God. Today we come to you in a prayer of confession. We are sorry for the many things we have done that are wrong in your eyes. We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn’t do. We are asking now for forgiveness for these things, and for other things that we have done wrong and don’t even know about. Please forgive us. In your name alone we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession
Declamation of Pardon (Leader)
Friends of Christ, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed since childhood, that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Response (all sing - Hymn No. 188, verse 1) Jesus Loves Me
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

* Those who are able, please stand.
**Blessing of the Youngest Children** (Infants – 2nd graders)  

*The children are dismissed to their parents or the playroom.*

**Collect for the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: Let us pray  
All: God our Mother and Father, we come to you as children. Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes, hear one another with new hearts, and treat one another in a new way. Amen.

**Epistle Reading**  
1 Timothy 4:11-12  

(Pew Bible, NT Page 209)

**Presentation of Bible Books to 3rd and 4th Graders**

Katherine Whitmore  
Webb Cummings

**Blessing of the Children** (3rd - 5th graders)

Mindy Douglas

**Hymn No. 474**  
*As a Child Rests (Psalm 131)*

As a Child Rests

**Hebrew Scripture Reading**  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  

(Pew Bible, OT Page 735)

Laura McDow, reader

**Gospel Reading**  
Luke 18:1-8  

(Pew Bible, NT Page 81)

**Sermon**  
*Don’t Lose Heart, People!*  
Marilyn Hedgpeth

(Silent reflection)

**Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)  
(From The United Church of Canada)  
Sam Miglarese

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.  
We believe in God who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God’s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

**Hymn No. 450**  
*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane
PRAYERS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(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.

Blessing of Youth

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Sam Miglarese

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the children of this world.

Jesus Loves the Little Children

George F. Root, arr. Brian A. Schmidt

*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!

*LITANY OF COMMITMENT ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN

Leader: When some are encouraged and others disheartened,
People: We have not spoken your word of hope.
Leader: Forgive us, we pray, for the ways we have not lived up to:
People: The scope of your vision, the depth of your love, the wideness of your embrace.
Leader: God of all and not just some,
People: Help us to embody your love and speak your justice until all children
live into the fullness of the promise for which you created them.
All: We pray these things in the name of Jesus who came for all and not just some. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 547

Go My Children, with My Blessing

(Visitors, feel free to excuse yourselves from worship during this hymn
if you do not wish to remain for the meeting.)

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Mindy Douglas

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

(Vote to dissolve pastoral relationships)

*MAYORAL CHARGE AND BLESSING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Keith Kolander

Following worship, all are invited to Watts-Hill Hall for our monthly fellowship lunch. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal. Payment can be made by credit card through Square or by Text Giving (instructions on table in foyer). During lunch, we will receive the 2018-2019 Annual Report and hear a presentation from the Long Range Planning Team. You will then be invited to divide into small groups, led by planning team members, to further discuss the priorities and goals of FPC as we look to our future together in the city of Durham.
**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 October 13, we welcomed 25 visitors to worship.

The **flowers today** are given by **Carol and Wes Carson** to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents; **Matty Lynn Stine, Bryan Stine, Wilma Carson, and Robert Carson**.

**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 liturgy** are taken from The National Observance of Children’s Sabbath Celebration 2019, published by the Children’s Defense Fund.

Today’s **bulletin cover** is a coloring page of the burning bush, artwork from our 2s, 3s and 4s classroom.

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**Our Concerns**

**Condolescence** to **Laura Casteel and family** on the death of her father, **James Lawrence Casteel**, who died recently from colon cancer; and to the **family and friends of Heath Huberg** who died October 13 after a courageous battle with cancer.

**Updates this week:**

- **Barbara Gerwe**, recovering from surgery at home
- **Philip Herndon**
- **Joseph Ngumi**, a patient at Duke Hospital (celebrates a birthday on October 23)
- **Cynthia Shimer**, recovering from surgery
- **Harlee Yoder**, granddaughter of Bob and Tina Yoder, hospitalized at Duke Hospital

**Home:**

- **Chuck Barenchi**
- **Margaret Mubanga**
- **Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett**
- **Carolyn and Jim Wolfe**

**Family/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
- **Frances H. Kennedy**, mother of Emily Wilkins
- **Jodi Kovach**, friend of Amy Cummings
- **Doug Neece**, brother of Vern Neece
- **Jeannine Romines**, mother of Karen Romines
- **Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss
- **Bob Warren**, father of Dawn Carsey
- **Renee Zimmerman**, friend of Emily Wilkins

**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**
- Treyburn Rehab & Nursing Center: **Paul Cronsweet**
Seniors Fall Luncheon
Wednesday, October 23
11:30 a.m. – Reception (East Parlor)
12 Noon – Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)

Orrin Pilkey will give a presentation titled, "The future of American Shorelines in a Rising Sea Level: A Disaster in the Making.” Pilkey is a James B. Duke Professor Emeritus at Duke University. He has written or edited more than 40 books about beaches, barrier islands, and the politics of beach engineering and predictive mathematical modeling. All seniors are welcome to attend. RSVP to the church office (919-682-5511) by Monday, October 21. Be sure to indicate if you will need transportation or will require a special diet. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal. NOTE: This luncheon replaces the Daytimers’ luncheon for October.

Reformation Sunday / Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, October 27

Pledges will be dedicated and new members will be introduced during worship.
Please remember to bring your completed pledge form with you to worship. Questions related to the pledging process should be directed to Tom Bloom, Business Administrator, at 919-682-5511 x 216.

Dinner and Documentary Discussion
"Resilience, the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope"
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Childcare will be available upon request. There is no cost for the meal.

***Please make a meal reservation by responding to the Evite or completing the MEAL RESERVATION form in today’s bulletin.***

Our friends from Covenant Presbyterian have been invited to join us.

Through shared testimonials and research, James Redford’s documentary “Resilience” opens eyes to the toxicity of stress in the lives of children and youth, and the antidote of building strong relationships to counter that stress. It presents big questions that are creeping into multiple fields of work and society around issues of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, lower life expectancy and increasing incidence of heart disease and cancer that are afflicting our children and youth. While this sounds dire, the film emits positive energy as to how we might unite to combat these Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE’s, as they are called). First Presbyterian Church has been invited by Prevent Child Abuse NC to take part in a pilot program aimed at reaching out to faith communities to increase awareness of situations that lead to ACE’s, and also to be part of the solution in building connections that foster resilience in children and youth. All are welcome to join us.

An accurate head count is needed for the meal. Our own Sharon Hirsch is the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse, NC, and the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring the Dinner and Documentary.

A Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee is now calling for nominations of persons to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, whose charge will be to present a candidate to fill the installed position of Associate Pastor currently held by Marilyn Hedgpeth who is retiring. A nomination form is enclosed in today’s bulletin. The nominations deadline is November 3, 2019.
1 These treasured children present now are bound to
2 Our ancient story we shall tell, till these our
3 We long to trust as children do and so en-
4 Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurtur-
5 Then, tender God, each child embrace; God give them

us by sacred vow: with love, we make a
children know it well within their souls and
trust our days to you; in their young lives we
blessings, grant them grace. Surprise them, God, with

heart-felt claim to welcome them in Jesus’ name.
minds and hearts, for this is where their journey starts.
clearly see a lesson in humility.
realize God’s kingdom through our children’s eyes.
wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.
As a Child Rests
(Psalm 131)

As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

1 My God, I am not proud. I do not look for things too great.
2 My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.
3 O Israel, trust in God, now and always trust in God.
Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Go, My Children, with My Blessing  547

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort ever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
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~ Children and Youth of First Presbyterian Church ~

Millie (Sibu) Admay
Izzy Allison-Pleasants
Nora Allison-Pleasants
David Armstrong
Vanessa Armstrong
Dot Barron
Ruby Barron
Bennett Virginia Bass
Clark Stephen Bass
Luke Braxton Bennett
Colin Bethune
Juliet Bethune
Barbara Ann Boggs
Catherine Boggs
Thomas Boggs
Camille Bonner
Lily Brigman
Maddie Brigman
Annabelle Brown
Clarabelle Brown
Evelyn Brown
Isabel Brown
Logan Brown
Megan Buchanan
David Carrasco
Diana Carrasco
Jake Chambliss
Maggie Chambliss
Kayla Champion
Eleanor Cole
Nathaniel Cole
Anna Compton
Giselle Cowden
Seth Cowden
Robbie Creadick
Doran Cummings
Ia Cummings
Webb Cummings
Graham Curtis
Noah Dillon
Rory Dillon
Anna Ruth Durham Diy
Brynn Leigh Ellison
Colin Jeffrey Ellison
Catherine Everett
Ellie Everett
Henry Everett
Minna Fullenkamp
Thilo Fullenkamp
John Hansel
Natalie Hansel
Eloise House
Lee Weldon House
Brandon Hyland
William Hyland
Aiden James
Jett Jocius
Lyra Jocius
Carrie Johnson
Samuel Johnson
James Jones
Max Austin Jones
Art Kelley
Charlie Kelley
Henry Kelley
Camille Kerner
Rowe Kinnett
Jack Kost
Dylan Law
Isaac Law
Maryn Leonard
Nelly Njoroge Machuku
Charlotte Maxwell
Ariel Mbah
Lomitzi Mbilika
Kim Mbugua
Njoki Mbugua
Archie McClure
Maeve McClain-Huslage
Rhys McClain-Huslage
Laura McDow
Dayton Meade
Mary Ellis Merritt
William Merritt
Ben Miles
Jackson Miles
Griffin Momsen-Hudson
Francis Njoroge
Ana Profeta
Duncan Profeta
Cesar Ramirez
Cordelia Ramont
Mattie Ramont
Noah Rokuske
Alex Sanchez
Carlos Sanchez
Annalise Short
Daniel Short
Gretchen Sims
Karl Sims
Lily Snell
Sophie Snell
Evelyn Walters
Penny Walters
Willow Walters
Sean Wehrman
Sheya Wehrman
Lucy Weicher
Tate Weicher
Sophie Wilkins
Cora Williamson
Jack Williamson
Julia Wilson
James Lancaster Wilson
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<td>5:00 PM Alleluia Children’s Choir Book Study: Holy Envy Dinner and Discussion of “Resilience” documentary</td>
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Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
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Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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