Love in the Heart of Durham:

Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me.

- Matthew 10:40

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Reformation and Dedication Sunday  
October 27, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
       Mindy Douglas
Minute for Stewardship  
       Wayne and Lucie House

Prelude  
        Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (trumpet tune)  
          John Becker

Introit  
        To Give Our Thanks    Morning Song (Union Harmony)
       To give our thanks unto the Lord, it is a lovely thing,
       And to your name, O Lord Most High, our praises loudly sing.
       To you, O God, we owe a debt for your gift from above,
       Moved by your gratitude and joy, we share your steadfast love.

*Call to Worship  
     (from Psalm 65:1,9,11,13)  
       Leader:  Praise is due to you, O God.
       People:  You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;
       Leader:  You provide the people with grain for so you have prepared it.
       People:  You crown the year with your bounty;
       Leader:  Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
       People:  The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain;
                 They shout and sing together for joy.

*Processional Hymn No. 35  
       Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
       Lobe Den Herren

*Confession of Sin  
       Call to Prayer  
       Prayer of Confession (in unison)
         Holy God, giver of all good things, we have failed to live in thanksgiving for earth,
         for our families, for neighbors, and for strangers,
         for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows our food.
         Forgive us for sins against you, your creation, and one another;
         through disobedience to your will in word and deed.
         Teach us to seek your holy way and to be happy in your steadfast love,
         through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Silent Confession  
Declaration of Pardon  
Response (See Page 6)  

Collect for the Day  
       Glory to God
       Carl Rist

       Leader:  The Lord be with you.
       People:  And also with you.
       Leader:  Let us pray.
       All:  
              Lord God, joy is your gift; beauty, abundance, and peace are tokens of your work
              in all creation. Work also in our lives; that by these signs we may see the splendor
              of your love and praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

SERMON
“Lost in Wonder” Mindy Douglas
(Silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) (from The Scots Confession) Sam Miglaresse
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons.
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by divine inscrutable providence for such end as God’s eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God’s own glory.

*HYMN No.36 For the Fruit of All Creation Ar Hyd Y Nos

*THE PEACE Sam Miglaresse
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
During the passing of 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 Cheryl Henry
(Following “A Time with Children,” children may return to the playroom or join their parents and siblings as they go back to their seats.)

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth
Words of Welcome and Introduction
Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
Prayer
Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 306, verse 1; all sing) Dennis
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

JOYS AND CONCERNS Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Leader: Be glad and rejoice in the Lord our God,
People: Who pours down grace in abundance.
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

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Mindy Douglas
Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Dedication of Pledges

Following the anthem, those who are able may come forward to lay your hand on top of the offering plate at one of the two tables as a symbol of your dedication to Christ and his work through the church. As you come, you may leave your completed 2020 pledge card, and/or your offerings for the day in one of the offering plates. Place your Hunger for Change offering in the basket. Come with hands empty or full. Come with hearts gladdened by God’s grace and your own gratitude. Those who wish to remain in their seats may raise their hand and an usher will come to you.

*Doxology

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.
All: We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. As stewards true, may we thy bounties thus receive,
and gladly, as blessed, to thee our first-fruits give. Amen.

LITANY OF FAREWELL FOR CHERYL HENRY

Leader: We send you forth as a disciple of Jesus Christ and as an ambassador of friendship,
spreading the good news of God’s love in your new surroundings.
Go in the spirit of Christ. Be steadfast in your devotion to him.
People: Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.
Leader: Know that your ministry with us has served the cause of Christ in this community.
Well done, good and faithful servant!
People: Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.
Leader: May your commitment to Christ grow as you enter another community and another congregation.
People: Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.
Leader: Remember that even though we will be separated in space, our shared faith in Jesus Christ will keep us connected.
People: Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.
All: Gracious God, a wandering Aramean is our ancestor and you have been with us every step of the way on the long journey of faith. Go now with Cheryl, we pray. Keep her faithful to you, in prayer, worship, service, and in the new relationships she will make. Give her traveling mercies and a new community of faith through which she may continue to serve you. Bless her family in Durham. May our friendship with her continue, and may we ever be one in Christ. Amen.
Following worship today, you are invited to a farewell reception for Cheryl Henry in Watts-Hill Hall. Cherrie has accepted a call to an Associate Pastor position at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham.

Later today . . .

Documentary Viewing with Dinner and Discussion
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Resilience, the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope

First Presbyterian Church, along with our friends from Covenant Presbyterian Church, have 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 stress, and also to be part of the solution in building connections that foster resilience in children and youth. Thank you for making a reservation for dinner and for childcare. Event is hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

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 20, we welcomed 27 visitors to worship.

Welcome today to the following new members: Gordon Campbell, Beth Fields, Julio Manceras, and José Gracida and Sam Stevens. Their profiles will be included in the next church newsletter.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Kwesi Aggrey and Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Theresa Conde Aggrey and Susan S. Hamlin.

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 (1993 and 2018), Liturgies for the Journey of Life, and Feasting on the Word.

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee is now calling for nominations of persons to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. You may submit your nominations using the enclosed form. The deadline for nominations is November 3, 2019. See form for instructions.

CLERGY LOVE OFFERINGS: The Session has approved the receiving of love offerings for Cheryl Henry (accepted called to a new position), and for Sam Miglarese and Marilyn Hedgpeth who are retiring on December 31, 2019. Ways to give:

- By check, made payable to FPC (indicate on the memo line who the gift is for)
- Online via the church’s website (from home page, click on “Donate”)
- Text-giving (Instructions can be found on the table in the church foyer.)
The Hunger for Change Offering

First Presbyterian has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Hunger for Change and the CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, and collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel 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 which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery and are dispersed to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process.

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.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week:
Barbara Jenks, mother of Marty Ramirez

Home:
Chuck Barenchi
Barbara Gerwe
Margaret Mubanga
Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett
Joseph Ngumi
Cynthia Shimer
Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

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
Strategic Behavioral Health, Garner: Philip Herndon
The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant
Treyburn Rehab and Nursing Center: Paul Cornsweet

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
Frances H. Kennedy, mother of Emily Wilkins
Jodi Koviac, friend of Amy Cummings
Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece
Jeannine Romines, mother of Karen Romines
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Harlee Yoder, granddaughter of Bob and Lina Yoder
Renee Zimmerman, friend of Emily Wilkins
November 17  John Weicher installed as Associate Pastor (3:00 p.m.)
November 24  Christ the King Sunday (Congregational Lunch following worship)
November 28-29 Church office closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday
December 8 Advent Festival (during Sunday School for children and youth; after worship, for everyone with non-profits groups and refreshments available)
December 15 A Service of Lessons and Carols (11 a.m.)
December 15 Christmas Potluck and Sing-Along (5:30 p.m.)
December 22 Farewell to Sam Miglarce (11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion followed by a farewell reception)
December 24 Christmas Eve Service with Children’s Pageant (3:00 p.m.)
December 24 Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service (5:00 p.m.)
December 25-27 Church office closed in observance of the Christmas holiday

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Carl Rist
Greeter: Chris Williams
After Worship Greeters: Tyler Momsen-Hudson (rear/narthex), Luke Everett (side/font)
Ushers: Julie Whidden (head), John Mozart, El Hess

Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!
sires e’er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
people a-gain; gladly for aye we adore him.
For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
2 In the just reward of labor, God’s will be done.
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and desti-
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still con-
sleeping, future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
sparing, in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.
A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he amid the flood of losing, were not the right man on our side, the doer, we will not fear, for God hath willed his bideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's
armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.
truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.
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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

**CHURCH STAFF**

- **Cheryl Henry**, Parish Associate  
- **Valerie McMillian**, Parish Administrator  
- **Sam Migliarese**, Associate Pastor  
- **Kathy Parkins**, Minister of Music  
- **John Weicher**, Associate Pastor

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