First Presbyterian Church
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 2, 2020

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  
John Weicher

PRELUDE  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Malcolm Archer

*INTROIT  
Come, Host of Heaven’s High Dwelling Place  
St. Columba

Come, Host of heaven’s high dwelling place, come earth’s disputed guest:  
Find in this house a welcome home, stay here and take your rest.

*CALL TO WORSHIP  (Micah 6:6-8)  
Susan Dunlap

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
People: Shall I come before the Lord with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?  
Leader: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
People: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
Leader: God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
All: And what does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God?

*PROCessional HYMN NO. 667  
When Morning Gilds the Skies  
Laudes Domini  
Susan Dunlap

*CONFESSION OF SIN  (remain standing)  

Call to Prayer  
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We demand signs and desire  
wisdom, yet the cross of Christ is all we need. We boasting of our strengths; yet the weakness  
of Christ has saved us. Forgive us; give us grace. Teach us what is truly wise and good and  
blessed: to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession  
Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY  
Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: Let us pray.  
All: God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those  
who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our  
wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength. As we learn to do justice and to love mercy,  
may your rule come as blessing. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON  
Matthew 5:1-12  
(Pew Bible, NT Page 4)

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

*Those who are able, please stand.
EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  (Pew Bible, NT Page 166)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Folly of the Cross” Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)  (From A Declaration of Faith) Susan Dunlap
We believe that at the Lord’s Supper the community of believers is renewed by the memory of Christ’s life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again. Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread. He offers us his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours. In turn, we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death. So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

*HYMN NO. 213  In the Cross of Christ I Glory Rathbun

*THE PEACE  (Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired) John Weicher
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 Lenore Champion
(Following “A Time with the Children,” children may return to childcare or join their parents and siblings as they go back to their seats.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS John Weicher
Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Anthem The Beatitudes James Biery
Lift up your hearts, you poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is yours;
And blest are you, bent in two with mourning, God’s comfort sustains you through all.
Be still with gentle, quiet meekness, the plenty of earth will be yours;
And blest are you, filled with aching hunger, the satisfied heart will be yours.
With joyfulness show love and mercy, the mercy of God will be yours;
And blest are you, pure of heart and selfless, the vision of God will be yours.
Work tirelessly for peace and justice, as Children of God you’ll be known;
And blest are you, who are persecuted, the kingdom of heaven is yours.
Rejoice, be glad, be joyful people, the kingdom of heaven is yours;
So blest are you - hear the words of Jesus: The kingdom of heaven is yours!

*Doxology 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 Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING John Weicher
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: Blessed are you, Lord and God, for you have been everything you call us to be. You have been pure in heart, for you called Israel to be your people in whom all would find a blessing. You have been merciful, for in your tender mercy you made the dawn from on high to break upon your people; to guide us in the ways of peace. You have been a peacemaker, for in Jesus you broke down the dividing wall of hostility. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

All (sung):

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Leader: God our companion, in Jesus you comfort those who mourn and replenish those who hunger and thirst. Fill your people now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

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Leader: God of glory, you promise that the meek will inherit the earth, and that to the poor in spirit belongs the kingdom of heaven. Visit now those who are persecuted for your righteousness and reviled on account of your name. Shape your church to reflect the image of those you call blessed, and lead all whom you call blessed to find a home in your church, that the church may be full of your prophets, and your prophets may be full of your grace, until all tongues cease and tears are shed no more, in the presence and communion of your Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
We celebrate communion by intinction, coming forward to dip the bread into the cup. Ushers will direct you to stations at the front of the sanctuary. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and remember God's greatest gift as you return by the side aisles to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and an elder will bring the elements to you in the pew. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Communion Hymn (all sing)  Eat This Bread  Berthier
Communion Hymn (sung by choir)  

*Nunc Dimitis*  
Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
People: Amen.  
All: Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

**HYMN NO. 536**  
*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*  
Surge Ecclesia

**CHARGE AND B E N D E D I C T I O N**  
Mindy Douglas

**POSTLUDE**  
*Fantasy in G*  
J. S. Bach

**Souper Bowl Fundraiser today!**  
Members of the Christian Education and Service & Mission committees will be in the foyer after worship to offer dry bean soup packets in exchange for a donation to benefit the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. We only have 76 packets, so get them while they are dry!

*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 Sunday, January 26, we welcomed 21 visitors to our worship service.

The flowers are given by Laurie Ray to the glory of God for the blessing of family. Honoring Cynthia Mitchell, James Perry, Tina and Joe Ray who rooted and ground Laurie still.

*The Lord’s Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated:* From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that, by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way. Of course, you may always choose to pray in the words closest to your heart, be those words debts or trespasses.

*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 younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

*Portions of today’s worship texts* were reprinted from *Call to Worship, Book of Common Worship* (2018), *Eucharistic Prayers*, and *The Hymnbook* (PCUSA, 1955).
Added this week: Phyllis Verhey, recovering from a fall

Paul Cornsweet, recovering at Treyburn Rehabilitation Center, Durham
Sara Radtke, recovering from hip surgery
Jim Robins, in hospice care in Raleigh
Judy Wood, mother of Sharon Hirsch, recovering from surgery
Margaret Mubanga

Care Communities:
Brookdale Durham: Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bob Rankin
Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): Arthur Clark
Durham Regent: John Kerr, Ann Prospero
Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: Jean Lazarides
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: Helen Garrison
Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: Phillip Herndon
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
Carley and Jon Meade, family of Bruce, Ellie, Kristin, and Dayton Meade
Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Cris Rivera
Narthex Greeter: Delia Kwon
After Worship Greeters: Tom Bacon (side door); Luke Everett (rear/narthex)
Ushers: John Mozart (head), Emily Wilkins, Bob Pleasant (counter), El Hess, Christy Gudiatis
Communion Head Elder/replenish elements: Luke Everett
Bread: Andy Henry (B1/process), Chris Brown (B2), Jane Williams (B3), Brent Curtis (B4)
Cup: Lenore Champion (C1), Sharon Hirsch (C2/process), Dawn Carsey (C3), Alice Raney (C4)
Shepherds: Jane Wettach (font aisle), Tyler Momsen-Hudson (center aisle), Cris Rivera (pulpit aisle)
Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground Exhibit
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
6:00 p.m. Open House and Vigil at FPC (Watts-Hill Hall)
*Sharing, Naming, and Healing* is an open house event at FPC that will conclude with a vigil of Durham residents sharing their own stories of their housing experiences in Durham, community responses, and prayers of lament and hope for communal healing and justice.

**CONCERT: We ♥ Bach ... with the HIP Festival Orchestra**
Friday, February 14, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with early music expert and gambist/cellist Jaap ter Linden as he guides the HIP (Historically Informed Performance) Festival Orchestra (members of the NC Baroque Orchestra and Mallarmé HIP) in the most revered music in the Baroque repertoire – the Brandenburg Concerti. This is a ticketed event. Tickets available online at: https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=109464. HIPster pass holders have free admission. A few complimentary tickets are available from Kathy Parkins: k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org or 919-451-5300.

**FPC HOSTING LUNCH & LEARN MISSION EVENT**
Wednesday, February 19 from 12 noon – 2:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Durham (Watts-Hill Hall)
PC(USA) mission co-worker **Leisa Wagstaff** has returned to her native North Carolina for a few months on interpretation assignment and while here has been sharing about her 30+ years of ministry and life with our ministry partners in Lesotho, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, and South Sudan. Wagstaff will talk about her work with educators in war-torn South Sudan, which is predominately Christian. Sudan, to the north, is predominately Sunni Muslim. **Bring a bag lunch or order a box lunch** (Call FPC at 919-682-5511 by February 16). Lemonade and water provided by the church.

**COLLABORATIVE CONCERT**
Choral Society of Durham Chamber Choir with NC Central University Choir
Friday, February 21, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary
Rodney Wynkoop and Roberta Laws, conductors
**Performance:** Together We Dream – Spirituals, hymns and inspirational music
Free admission – open to the public!

**GINGER JONES-ROBINSON VOICE RECITAL**
Saturday, February 22, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary
Join Ginger Jones-Robinson and Alan Rudell for an afternoon of art songs and spiritual arrangements by African-American composers.
Ginger Jones-Robinson, soprano, originally from Garner, NC, earned her Bachelor of Music Degree at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and her Master of Music Degree from the University of South Carolina. She is currently pursuing the Doctorate of Musical Arts at USC. Accompanying Ginger will be Alan Rudell who holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of South Carolina. Prior to his appointment at Allen University, Alan served on the faculties of Presbyterian College and South Carolina State University. In addition to an active performing career, he is engaged in research projects on music of 20th century African-American composers. The recital is free and open to the public.
667  When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a-wak-ing cries:  may Je-sus Christ be praised!  A-
2 Does sad-ness fill my mind?  A so-lace here I find:  may Je-sus Christ be praised!  Or
3 Let earth's wide cir-cle round in joy-ful notes re-
sound:  may Je-sus Christ be praised!  Let
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can-ti-cle di-

like at work and prayer to Je-sus I re-
fades my earth-ly bliss?  My com-fort still is this the e-ter-nal song through all the a-ges
air and sea and sky from depth to height re-

pair:  may Je-sus Christ be praised!
this:  may Je-sus Christ be praised!
ply:  may Je-sus Christ be praised!
long:  may Je-sus Christ be praised!
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross for sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beam ing light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace; may we through such love enforce.
2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole; broken, shared, our lives are called us to receive; present by God's loving.
3 Rise, remember well the future God has be our daily breath; mercy be our destiny.
4 Service be our sure vocation; courage, vision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Alleluia, alleluia: God, the wonder of our days.

D G Bm F#m Em7 A Bm
A D Em A Bm Gmaj7
Em7 A D Bm7 E Asus A D
G Em A A7 Bm Em A7 D

Alleluia, alleluia: Christ, our present, past, and goal.
Alleluia, alleluia: Spirit, grace by whom we live.
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.
The Week at a Glance!

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<td>5:00 PM Durham 150 Banner Exhibit Open House followed by a prayer vigil</td>
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<td><strong>&quot;Time Out&quot; Radio: Bill Hendrickson talks with Gene Nichol about faces of poverty</strong> (Listen live on FM-103.5 or online at wcomm.org)</td>
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<td>**Grey Stone **</td>
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**Church League basketball games are played at Grey Stone Family Life Center located at 2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham.**

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<td><strong>YOUTH SUNDAY</strong></td>
<td>9:45 AM Sunday School</td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, February 8</strong></td>
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CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Robert Daye*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate

*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
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