A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE
Attende Domine
Jeanne Demessieux

INTROIT
I am loved by God. I am loved by the Savior of the world.
I was born for amazing things! I am loved by an awesome God.
I am loved by God. I am loved. Born a Child of God. I am loved by God!
Alleluia Children’s Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29:1-4, 11) Mindy Douglas
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!
People: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 475
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing) Mindy Douglas
Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
We don’t believe it. We don’t believe you, O God of splendor, strength, and majesty. Deep down, we don’t really believe that this Jesus is actually you, or just like you. So, we think we can get away with the splendor of the latest technology. Or the strength of our own wits. Or the majesty of our politics. We are always trusting in lesser gods, having convinced ourselves that you’re not really paying attention. Forgive us for such idolatry and faithlessness. Draw us closer to you, so that we cannot disbelieve.
Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Response (Hymn No. 132, verse 3) In Dulci Jubilo
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*Those who are able, please stand.
COLLECT FOR THE DAY
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: We have heard about how you can make your meaning plain to people. We will hear about the heavens opening up, the Holy Spirit descending, and the voice from heaven. Please send your Spirit to be among us again now, so that we might hear, and know, and change. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible, OT Page 670)

GOSPEL LESSON
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Matthew 3:1-17 (Pew Bible, NT Page 3)

SERMON
“Then”
John Weicher
(Silent meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
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 hand 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.

*HYMN NO. 490
Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters
Beach Spring

*THE PEACE
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.
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
Anthem (Alleluia Children’s Choir) Child of God Traditional Spiritual arr. Emily Crocker
(After the anthem, children may join their parents/siblings in the pews or return to childcare.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS
Susan Dunlap

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song
People: God’s praise from the end of the earth!
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
Susan Dunlap
Offertory Anthem  A Song for Baptism (Welcome Song)  Thomas Pavlechko
Welcome new-born lambs, who in pastures dwell; where caring shepherds bring them gently to the well;
For the living waters will their thirst relieve.
Leading to the waters, wond’ring shepherds sing the songs of new creation;
Every living thing, when drinking deeply, will this song receive.
Heard in Eden’s garden when the world was new. Heard again in Bethlehem by a thirsty few.
And those who hear the Song of Life, believe.
Here the new-born lambs may see the Savior’s face. With heads bent low, partaking of his perfect grace.
And finally rising from the water, live!

*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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Leader:  The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People:  Amen.
All:  Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the
sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 375  Shall We Gather at the River  Hanson Place

*BENEDICTION  John Weicher

*POSTLUDE  Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice  Matthias Weckmann

Retirement Celebration for Marilyn Hedgpeth
Following worship, members and friends who have a reservation for lunch will gather in Watts-Hill Hall.
After the meal, join us in the sanctuary where there will be a short program to thank Marilyn for her service.

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
to the shorter side pew, and then return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting
near you. On Sunday, January 5, we welcomed 26 visitors to our worship service.

Special thanks to Gordon Campbell for serving as organist today while Kathy Parkins is away visiting
family, and to Brennetta Simpson (director) and Suzanne Crabtree (accompanist) for their work with the
Alleluia Children’s Choir.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Alice Raney in loving memory of her mother,
Ethel Lipscomb Girvin.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education
Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for “A Time with the Children.”
Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. Following “A Time with the Children,” the
children may return to the nursery or join their parents and siblings in the pew. 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 With One Voice.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for the Class of 2023 Diaconate and Session, and at-large members of the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee. Please use the enclosed nomination forms to submit your nominees. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, January 19.

Inquirers’ Class
Are you curious about our beliefs and life at FPC? Please join us for the remaining class for inquirers, which will meet next Sunday, January 19, from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor. Contact Mindy Douglas for more information about the class: m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511. On Sunday, January 26, we will receive new members and they will be welcomed during worship.

~ Our Concerns ~

CONDOLENCES:
We extend condolences to Amy and Gray Wilson on the death of Amy’s grandfather, Ralph Edwards, on January 6, 2020; and to Bishop Elroy Lewis on the death of his sister, Willie J. Carroll, on January 2, 2020. Please keep these families in your prayers.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:
Congratulations to Heather Wallace and Michael Schultz on the birth of a daughter. Vida Ruth Schultz Wallace was born January 6, 2020. She joins big brother Juneau. Heather and Ruth are doing well.

Carolyn Wolfe is undergoing tests at Duke Hospital

Home:
Isabel Brown
Carol McKnight
Margaret Mubanga
Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

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
Emerald Pond, Durham (Room 212): Paul Cornsweet
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 Niece, brother of Vern Niece
Larry Newark, brother-in-law of Jean Wilson
Ellen O’Brien, mother-in-law of Mindy Douglas
Danny Parker, father-in-law of Al and Judy Arrowood’s son Jon
Faye Thomas, friend of FPC
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Sunday, January 19, 2020

The Beloved Community

As an expression of the “Beloved Community,” First Presbyterian is pleased announce that the Triangle Jewish Chorale will provide musical leadership in worship on MLK Sunday, January 19. Since 1994 the Triangle Jewish Chorale has performed traditional and modern music that expresses the faith and culture of the Jewish people. Concerts consist of songs in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, and other languages of regions where Jews have lived. Lorena Guillen is the Music Director and J. Samuel Hammond is the accompanist. The group will sing selections from the Psalter and also the Song of Solomon.

“Uneven Ground” Exhibit
Reception and Presentation at FPC

Duke Chapel and FPC are exploring our common faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit. The banners will be on display in Watts-Hill Hall through February 16, 2020. The exhibit is open for public viewing on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00–4:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Bull City 150, creator and owner of the exhibit, has planned an opening reception and presentation in Watts-Hill Hall following worship on January 19.

Durham’s Vox Viororum Men’s Chorus
3:00 p.m. Winter Concert in the FPC Sanctuary

Concert Theme: “Traveling to Freedom” – the search for freedom, the dangers of the journey, our country’s history of freedom (both demeaning it and denying it), and our possible roles in offering it to others. Directed by Jeremy Nabors, accompanied by Deborah Coclanis. Free admission: $10 suggested donation. Email: voxviororum@gmail.com for more info.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

MLK Day Family Mission Project at FPC

All ages, especially families with school-age children, are invited to church for three service activities on MLK Day, January 20, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. In addition to making the dry bean soup packets like last year, we will also assemble Blessing Bags and write cards to be delivered with Meals on Wheels. In preparation, please bring donations of cheese crackers, fruit snacks, granola bars and bottled water for the Blessing Bags. These service activities are sponsored jointly by the Christian Education and Service and Mission Committees.

Annual MLK Unity March and Rally

Sponsored by the Durham Community MLK Steering Committee, the march begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company (411 W. Chapel Hill Street) and ends in the sanctuary of FPC with a service. All are welcome to participate in the march and attend the service. The Durham Children’s Choir will provide music for the service.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: Vernon Neece
Narthex Greeter: Maxie Honeycutt
After Worship Greeters: Kim Abels (narthex/rear); Alice Raney (side/font)
Ushers: Julie Whiddon (head), Bob Pleasants (counter), Dale Gaddis, Laurie Williamson
Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground
Exhibit dates: January 3 - February 16, 2020

Please come to Watts-Hill Hall (dates below) and explore faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit. Originally commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Durham as a city, the exhibit is a tool for reflection, learning, and dialogue.

Special events held at First Presbyterian Church:
January 14: Gentrification: the New Segregation? 6-7:30 p.m.; gallery viewing, panel and community discussion on past and current housing issues in Durham and how faith communities have played a role in the segregation, integration, and development of the Durham community.

January 19: Opening Reception at 12:15 p.m.; gallery viewing, refreshments, and a presentation by Bull City 150.

February 4: Sharing, Naming, and Healing at 6 p.m.; an open house closed by 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.

Description: In recognition of the image of God in us all, the dignity and sacredness of all life and Christ’s command to love one’s neighbor as oneself, Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground brings together the history of racism and housing segregation in Durham with the faith-based affordable housing justice work of Duke Chapel and First Presbyterian Church. You are invited to reflect on our city’s history, our churches’ histories, our faith perspectives, and what affects all of us: housing and racism. First Presbyterian Church has a rich history of housing work in Durham, from collaborating closely with Urban Ministries of Durham, Habitat for Humanity and Housing for New Hope, to being involved in Durham CAN’s efforts. Duke University has been involved in land banking, loan trusts, and advocacy for over twenty years. We invite you to delve deeply, prayerfully, and vocally through discussions, panels, vigils, and receptions alongside your neighbors.

Website for Uneven Ground/Bull City 150: https://www.bullcity150.org/uneven_ground/
Disaster Assistance

Helping Displaced McDougald Terrace Families

Most needed items:
- Non-perishable food items
- Healthy snacks for children
- Toiletries / Feminine products
- Laundry detergent
- Baby formula / Baby food / Diapers and wipes
- Bus passes

FPC is not a collection site. Drop items at:
- Durham Housing Authority’s T.A. Grady Recreation Center
  531 Lakeland St., Durham

Financial donations may be given online to the Durham One Fund (United Way of the Greater Triangle)
Go to: https://unitedwaytriangle.org/durham-one-fund/.

Assistance to Puerto Rico Residents

Earthquakes have been rolling through Puerto Rico since December 28th, the largest of which was a 6.4 magnitude in the early hours of January 7th. As the island is still in the process of recovery from Hurricane Maria and many of its residents still are experiencing post-traumatic effects, the earthquakes will likely intensify the effects on many. Power is out on most of the island and initial estimates put damage from the earthquakes at more than $3.1 billion. In Guanica alone, at least 148 homes have been impacted, from structural damage to complete collapse.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is on the ground assessing the situation and is processing an initial grant request. Please join PDA by supporting this response with gifts online to:
https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000015/ or give by phone: 800-872-3283. To send a check, please make payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and designate where you want your gift to go (Puerto Rico) on the memo line and mail to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
   streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
   Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
   praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
   and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
   Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
   he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debt or daily I'm constrained to be!
   Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
   Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
   here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.
1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born to-day;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for ever-more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ever-last-ing hall.

Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!
Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

1. Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures
2. Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our Christ from death and tomb. Weave them garments bright and blessing, living bread. God, renew us; guide our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our

3. O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, of your womb. Number them among your people, raised like sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; footsteps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in

4. Send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight. living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs. lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!
1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrim-age will cease;

with its crystal tide for-ever flowing by the throne of God?
we will walk and worship ev-er, all the happy golden day.
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our happy hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful river;

gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
# The Week at a Glance!

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## CHURCH STAFF

- **Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator
- **Robert Daye**, Sexton
- **Mindy Douglas**, Pastor/Head of Staff
- **Susan Dunlap**, Parish Associate
- **Valerie McMillian**, Parish Administrator
- **Kathy Parkins**, Minister of Music
- **John Weicher**, Associate Pastor

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