

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC *Christ, Mighty Savior* Robert B. Farlee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE *Variations on "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"* *Hyfrydol,*
arr. Peeples, Nixon

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 47:1-6) Mindy Douglas

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

People: **For the Lord Most High is to be feared,
the great Sovereign over all the earth.**

Leader: The Lord subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.

People: **The Lord chooses our inheritance for us;
the pride of the beloved Jacob.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.**

HYMN *Hyfrydol*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."*

CONFESSION OF SIN Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Living God, we confess that
our faith is sometimes weak,
our love for others can be faint,
our prayers are often timid,
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.**

**When we stand looking toward heaven,
yet feel far from you,
draw near in mercy to forgive us,
and fill us with your power,
through the grace of Jesus,
our resurrected Savior.**

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Hymn Response

Hyfrydol

***Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.***

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jean Cary

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **Great and loving God,
your will for us in Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give;
your abiding gift
is the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts,
dispel every fear.
Keep us steadfast in love
and faithful to your word,
that we may always be your dwelling place.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.**

A READING FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

Jean Cary

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

A READING FROM ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 1:6-14

Libby Boehne

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

MEDITATION

"Looking Up or Looking Around?"

Libby Boehne

HYMN

Hyfrydol

***Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Nicene Creed

John Weicher

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things**

were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

HYMN

Hyfrydol

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Libby Boehne

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Christ be with me, Christ within me,
People: **Christ behind me, Christ before me,**
Leader: Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
People: **Christ to comfort and restore me,**
Leader: Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
People: **Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,**

Leader: Christ in hearts of all that love me,
People: **Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Libby Boehne

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on "Hyfrydol"

Jeffrey Honore

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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. On May 17, 107 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

We welcome to worship Rev. Libby Boehne, campus minister to the Presbyterian students at Duke University. Libby is a 2014 graduate of Duke Divinity School.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell**, **Pat Dillon**, and **John Weicher** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance, making our virtual worship broadcasts possible and accessible to us each Sunday.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were taken from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal and reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

Church staff are working from their homes under the Stay-at-home Order for the state of North Carolina. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls and emails. Please read church emails and check our social media to stay up-to-date.

Children and Youth – Are you Connected? If you are not receiving a separate weekly email connecting you to FPC online activities and events for children and youth, contact [John Weicher](#) to be added to the list.

~ Celebrations and Concerns ~

Celebrations:

Paul Baldasare, St. Andrews University president, has been honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's highest award for service as he prepares to retire at the end of the month. The award was presented by Dr. Hope Williams, president of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Governor Roy Cooper.

Katie Becker has been awarded the [Hillary Rodham Clinton Award for Peace and Reconciliation](#). The award provides a full tuition-fee waiver to an exceptional female student from the United States who wishes to pursue study in a field related to politics, conflict transformation or human rights at Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland. This is the second year the award has been offered. Katie is the sole recipient of the award for 2020-2021. She will use her award to complete a master of arts in global security and borders, furthering her research interests in global migration.

Caroline Rourk was featured in the May/June 2020 issue of *Presbyterians Today* in an advertisement for the Presbyterian Foundation. Caroline shared about her decision to join FPC's Legacy Society. Click this link to view: <https://tinyurl.com/FPC--Legacy-Society>.

Concerns:

- **Camilla Crampton**, companion of Mal King, in hospice care
- **John Kerr**, in failing health
- **Margaret Mubanga**
- **Mercy Ndambiri**
- All who have been impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Henderson Rourk**

Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: **Jean Lazarides**

Strategic Behavioral Health, Garner: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Susan B., friend of Emily Wilkins

Tiffany Barber, niece of Christyn Klinck

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Paula Cope, sister of Sam Miglarese

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Dolores Ewald, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Lee Tubbs, mother of Nora Tisdale

Asher Wilson, son of Mike and Emily Wilson and grandson of Chuck and Jean Wilson



Join us on Facebook . . .

There is now a Facebook page for friends of music at First Presbyterian. If you have a Facebook account, you can search for **First Presbyterian Church Durham Music** in the search bar and ask to join the group. Everyone is welcome to see the posts

which will be of interest to people particularly interested in music.

FPC Choir Check-in . . .

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in a virtual gathering. Kathy Parkins will send choir members the link. If you have any questions or have not received the link, contact [Kathy Parkins](#).

Calling all 2020 Graduates!

FPC will recognize graduates this year with a "shout out" on Sunday, June 7. If you or someone in your family or household is graduating from college or high school this spring, help us share the good news. Please submit your



graduate's information by email to [Valerie McMillian](#) in the church office or leave the details by telephone at the church (919-682-5511). **The deadline for information is May 29.**

Weekday Book Studies

The study of ***Call It Grace*** by Serene Jones and led by Mindy Douglas is meeting online on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. using Zoom. If you wish to join this discussion group, contact [Mindy Douglas](#).

All are welcome to join the Women's Spirituality Group in a study of ***Helpmates, Harlots and Heroes*** by Alice Bellis, via Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 p.m. If you wish to join this discussion group, contact [Deborah Momsen-Hudson](#).

Feeding Durham's School Children

Volunteer assistance is needed for the DPS Foundation Feast program. The foundation is partnering with local restaurants who are buying local produce to supply nutritious meals for school children and their families. Opportunities include: handing out food at schools, loading meals onto buses, and taking food (with no contact) to families. In addition, people can donate to the fund. Go to: bullcityschools.org and click on the link to COVID-19 response to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry

Our FPC congregation is earning gold stars for your wonderful, generous response to the call for support of the Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel! Iglesia's pantry continues to provide ample boxes of fresh and staple food for over 350 struggling families every week. This is a huge undertaking, and the needs for ongoing support are not likely to diminish in the near future. If you would like to help, know that your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Here are current options:

- Make a financial donation by going to emanueldurham.org, and click on "Donate"
- Mail a check to Iglesia Presbyteriana Emanuel, 2504 N Roxboro St, Durham 27704
- Purchase food items, preferably in bulk. Most helpful are:
 - ✓ Cereal (cold or hot, in multiple regular-size boxes rather than extra-large ones)
 - ✓ Granola bars and cereal bars (preferably large boxes like sold at Sam's or Costco)
 - ✓ Fruit cups (large boxes)
 - ✓ Peanut butter (small jars, preferably whole flats)
 - ✓ Macaroni and cheese
 - ✓ Cup a noodles/ramen noodles (preferably large packages like sold at Sam's)
 - ✓ Spaghetti or any kind of pasta (preferably multiple small boxes)
 - ✓ Canned vegetables (preferably whole flats of small cans, green beans and corn)
 - ✓ Canned soup, tuna, Spaghetti-Os or other protein-rich or whole meal item.

You may deliver food items to Iglesia Emanuel on Monday afternoons from 3 - 5, on Tuesdays, or drop them off at Margaret and Miguel Rubiera's home, 3108 Chelmsford Drive. Contact [Miguel](#) or [Margaret](#) if you have questions. Thank you again for your loving commitment to help others.

Ways to Give to First Presbyterian Church

- Check made payable to First Presbyterian Church and mailed to the church
- Bill Pay initiated by you through your bank
- Direct Debit (monthly) from a checking account (contact Tom Bloom for required form)
- Text Giving (Contact Tom Bloom if you need instructions)

- Appreciated Stock (Contact Tom Bloom before initiating a stock transfer)
- Credit or Debit Card (Click DONATE on the church's website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>)
- Charitable Distribution from an IRA (For persons aged 70½; contact your IRA administrator)

EVENING PRAYERS

#godwithusinthehard

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 8 PM
HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FIRSTPRESDURHAM/

You do not need to have a Facebook account to participate. Simply go online to: <https://www.facebook.com/Firstpresdurham/> each Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. If you are asked to create an account, just ignore and click on the video.

CHURCH STAFF

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