

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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### GATHERING MUSIC

*By the Babylonian River*

*Lativan folk tune,*

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

*O God in Heaven*

*trad. Philippino tune,*

arr. Kerr

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natalie Wolf

### PRELUDE

*Fugue in a minor*

Anon (18th cent.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 122)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

All: **“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

All: **Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”**

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

All: **For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

### HYMN (Sung to McKee)

***The church of Christ cannot be bound  
by walls of wood or stone.***

***Where charity and love are found  
there can the church be known.***

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of compassion,  
you call us to welcome the stranger,  
to offer a cup of cold water,  
and to love our neighbor.**

**You call us to lives of compassionate hospitality,  
but we fail to commit.**

**When we try to follow that call,  
we focus on our own comfort.**

**We act only when it is convenient for us.**

**We half-heartedly welcome the stranger.**

**We offer cups of lukewarm water.**

**We love our neighbor only when it is easy.**

**O God, forgive us for not following your call to us.**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with our love.**

**Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Silent Confession  
Declaration of Forgiveness

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Loving God,  
as we hear your Word this day,  
send your Spirit to equip and inspire us,  
that your grace-filled hospitality  
may be the center of our lives.**

**Amen.**

**PSALM LESSON** (Read Responsively) Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

All: **I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

All: **'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'**"

Leader: Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord,  
in the light of your countenance;

All: **they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.**

Leader: For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

All: **For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 10:40-42

Natalie Wolf

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Natalie Wolf

**HYMN** (Sung to McKee)

***True faith will open up the door  
and step into the street.***

***True service will seek out the poor  
and ask to wash their feet.***

***True love will not sit idly by  
when justice is denied.***

***True mercy hears the homeless cry  
and welcomes them inside.***

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***(From Confession of 1967)*

Mindy Douglas

With an urgency born of this hope [of God's kingdom come], the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

**INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING***(The Hunger for Change Offering is received today.)***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

John Weicher

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

John Weicher

*(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***Sung to Argentina*

**CLOSING PRAYER** (Christina Rossetti 1830-1894)

Natalie Wolf

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
Leader: As the wind is your symbol,  
All: **so forward our goings.**  
Leader: As the dove,  
All: **so launch us heavenwards.**  
Leader: As water,  
All: **so purify our spirits.**  
Leader: As a cloud,  
All: **so abate our temptations.**  
Leader: As dew,  
All: **so revive our languor.**  
Leader: As fire,  
All: **so purge out our dross. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Natalie Wolf

**POSTLUDE**

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

*trad. Argentine tune,  
arr. William McNair*

**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 June 21, 48 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship on Facebook.

Portions of **today's worship music** are reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926 and worship texts are taken from *Call to Worship, A Psalm and a Prayer and Feasting on the Word*.

**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 morning.

**Hunger for Change Offering:** The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Thank you for your offering today!

**Church staff** will continue working from home until further notice. 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.

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

**These Days devotional booklets** for July - September 2020 are now available at FPC. Stop by the church (Mondays or Fridays, between 9 AM – 2 PM) to pick up a copy, or contact **Sybil King** in the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you. Regular and large print copies are available.

### ~ Concerns ~

**Sympathies:** The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- **Mal King** on the death of his long-time companion, **Camilla Crampton**. The family and close friends gathered for a private service on June 25 and burial on June 26.
- **Roxana Boyd** on the death of her grandfather, **Jim Atwood**, retired PCUSA clergyman who died June 26<sup>th</sup> in Harrisonburg, VA.

**Brendan Bequette**, fiancé of Margaret and Miguel Rubiera's granddaughter Meg

**Dale Gaddis**, recovering from back surgery

**Bill Hendrickson**, undergoing tests at Duke Hospital

**Kerry Holbrook**, recovering at home from outpatient procedure

**Dan Hudgins**, recovering at home following surgery

**Ellen O'Brien**, mother-in-law of Mindy Douglas, recovering at home following surgery

**Hospice Care:** **Ruth Buck**, mother of Susan Buck

#### 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: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Rose Vista Village Assisted Living (Kinston NC): **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

#### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

**Peggy Boulden**, mother of Dick Boulden

**Ken Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

**Paula Cope**, sister of Sam Miglarese

**Becky Evans** (sister) and **Doug Neece** (brother) of Vernon Neece

**Dolores Ewald**, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

**Shannon Johnson**, daughter of Mary Putman

**Chris Kovach**, friend of Jeanne Hervey

**Lee Tubbs**, mother of Nora Tisdale

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

# Virtual Vacation Bible School

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE  
BIBLE SCHOOL

Starting July 1!



Register your child(ren) here: <https://form.jotform.com/201765282713152>.

## Invitations from the Creation Care Subcommittee

The Creation Care Subcommittee of the Stewardship Committee is encouraging members of the congregation to sign a petition that was endorsed by the Session at their June 22 meeting in support of Mayor Steve Schewel's efforts to negotiate a better Operating Agreement for the City with Duke Energy to help Durham transition to 100% renewal energy. The negotiations begin this summer and having strong community support will strengthen the City's position. You can [See the petition](#) for more details and to sign on.



We have seen photos of beaches strewn with plastic trash, and we have heard about the 8 million tons of plastic that go into the ocean every year. Here is something we can do about it, together! **We can make a commitment to a Plastic Free July.** Commit to either cut down on single-use plastic, or eliminate certain plastic items (grocery bags, water bottles, straws, for example), or you can go all the way and commit to eliminating all plastic. As a church, we can make a difference! If you have any questions or want to sign up to participate, contact [Cris Rivera](#) or 919-225-4228.

*Virtual  
Winesdays*

WEDNESDAYS,  
5:30-6:30 PM



See the FPC Facebook Group for Zoom Link.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DURHAM

**EVENING PRAYERS**



**THURSDAYS, 8 PM**

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FIRSTPRESDURHAM/](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresdurham/)



## Support for Those Who Mourn

During the pandemic, Growing thru Grief is continuing to offer support to those who have lost a loved one. Our sessions are now on Zoom. Those interested in attending need to register each week. To register, please send your request to [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org). Then we can send you the information. We need to receive your inquiry by 8:00 a.m. on Monday for Tuesday's session. We meet each Tuesday from 4:15-6:00 p.m., with a presentation plus small group discussion.

Here is the schedule of speakers for the next few weeks:

June 30	Rev. David Franzen: "How to Know When You Need Help"
July 7	Bodie McCann (To be Determined)
July 14	Rob Womack: "From Consolation to Connection: Two Sides of Loss and Healing"
July 21	Rabbi Matthew Soffer (To be Determined)
July 28	Donna Kaye: "Grief Waves"
August 4	Aaron Klink: "The Communion of Saints"

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by coalition of area religious and civic organizations to provide support and comfort to those who mourn.

## Study on Aging for LGBT

Vanderbilt University Social Networks, Aging, and Policy Study (VUSNAPS) is recruiting older LGBT adults across the South to participate in a paid study on relationships, health, and aging. For more information about the study, please see below.

To qualify participants must be:

- Between the ages of 50 and 76
- Identify as LGBT
- Live in an active recruiting area in the South

Participants will:

- Complete three 60 - minute online surveys over the next four years
- Be paid \$40 for the first survey, \$50 for the second, and \$60 for the third
- Have all information shared remain confidential

The results of this study are informing and shaping supportive policy and programs for older LGBT adults in the South. For more information, please visit [vusnaps.com](http://vusnaps.com) or if you have any questions please feel free to call us at 1-615-343-2631 or, toll free, 1-877-932-0614. You can also email us at [vusnaps@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:vusnaps@vanderbilt.edu).

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