

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Three Short Pieces</i>	William Hine
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mindy Douglas
PRELUDE	<i>If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	J. S. Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 85:8-13)		Mindy Douglas
Leader:	God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.	
All:	Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.	
Leader:	Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.	
All:	Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky. God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!	
HYMN No. 13 (verses 1,2)	<i>The Mighty God with Power Speaks</i>	<i>Kingsfold</i>
	<i>The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys; from dawn until the setting sun, God's wonder earth displays. The perfect beauty all around from Zion's height shines forth; and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth. God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds; before God's face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends. All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless; who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.</i>	
CONFESSION OF SIN		Susan Dunlap
Call to Confession		

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God, you call us to step out in faith,
to place our lives in your hands,
and to commit wholeheartedly
to following you.**

We confess that we find this difficult to do.

**It is not always easy to follow where you lead—
to turn away from our own personal wants and desires,
to let go of our safety nets
and trust that you will provide for us in all things.**

Forgive us when we doubt you, God.

Increase our faith.

**Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns,
to your broader vision for us and for our world.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Son of God,
you walk on the waters of turmoil
to meet us in the midst of
your purposed journey for our lives.
Help us to recognize your presence,
remember your promise,
rely on your power,
and receive your peace
through every storm. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 85:8-13

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Grace of an Outstretched Hand”

Mindy Douglas

HYMN No. 812

O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry

Detroit

***O save me, God, and hear my cry:
my prayer to you ascends.
And vindicate me by your might;
on you my hope depends.***

*You, Lord, my help shall ever be,
though evil powers assail.
From their designs, my life redeem
through grace which cannot fail.*

*My sacrifice I offer you
as thanks for all your grace.
Let me so live that I in death
may greet you face to face.*

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Mindy Douglas

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR RUBY GENTITHES

John Weicher, Amy Wilson

Introduction and Words of Scripture

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Ruby Gentithes to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Profession of Faith

Leader: Ruby, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: **I do.**

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Candidate: **I do.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Candidate: **I do.**

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Candidate: **I will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Candidate: **I will.**

Questions to the gathered Children:

Pastor: Do you promise to be a friend to Ruby?
If she gets lost will you help her find the way?
If she falls down, will you help pick her up?
Will you share with her the stories of Jesus?

Children: **Yes.**

Question to the Congregation:

Elder: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ruby by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: **We do.**

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **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.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water.

In the beginning of time,
your Spirit moved over the watery chaos,
calling forth order and life.

We thank you, O God,
for the water of baptism:
in it we are buried with Christ in his death;
from it we are raised to share in his resurrection;
through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Spirit to move over this water
that it may be a fountain of rebirth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Ruby
that she may have power to do your will,
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,
be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Baptism

Anointing

Welcome

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Susan Dunlap

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 NO. 13 (verse 3)

Kingsfold

*The heavens declare your justice, Lord,
as endless as the sky;
against the taunts of disbelief,
our God will testify.
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks,
as honor to your might;
refresh my faith with each new day;
protect me through the night.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **Holy God, each day begins with such promise.
Help us to enter into each day
with joy and confidence in your power and goodness.
Whatever challenge we may face,
help us to trust in your presence,
remembering that you are stronger than any difficulty or threat.
Surround us in the embrace and affection
of steadfast love and faithfulness,
of righteousness and peace.
Then lift us up and strengthen us to follow you.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

Pachelbel

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 August 2, 91 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is being celebrated today for **Ruby Gentithes**. Ruby is the daughter of **George and Annie Gentithes** and active in FPC's youth ministry.

Portions of today's worship texts are taken from *Feasting on the Word*, *Worship.com* blog spot, and *Book of Common Worship* (1993, 2018 editions). Hymn texts are reprinted from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Jay Klinck**, and **John Weicher** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with making our virtual worship broadcasts live and accessible to us each Sunday morning. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the beautiful art images she finds for our online worship each week.

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/ text a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls, texts, and emails.

~ Our Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Amy Shelton Mapel**, friend of FPC, whose brother, **Steve Shelton**, died recently in Texas.

Added this week:

Wil James, preparing for abdominal surgery

Phil Goss, friend of the congregation undergoing chemotherapy

Robert Reaves, husband of Floalice Reaves, active friend of the congregation

Joe (and Carlisle) **Harvard**, recovering at Rebecca Barnes' home

Bill Hendrickson, recovering at home

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

All school administrators, teachers, parents, and students as the new school year begins

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**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Mickey Velkey; Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

Rose Vista Village /Kinston Assisted Living, Kinston NC: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Jennie Bodkin, sister of Mindy Douglas

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Gail Chasin, friend of Kathy Krahenbuhl

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Bruce Foster Momsen, father of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Zoom Fellowship hour after worship - Sunday, August 16

Do you miss seeing those familiar faces in the pews next to you?

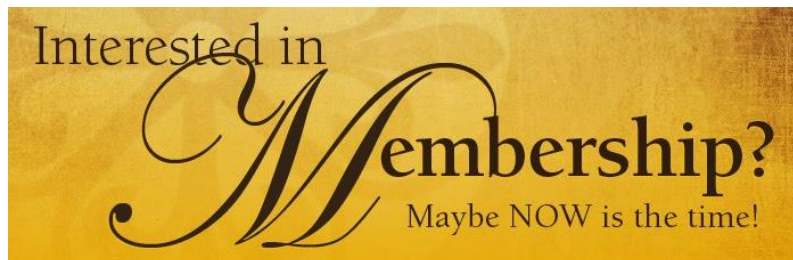
Do you miss making connections with others on Sunday?

Here is your chance to meet up with some friendly faces for 30 minutes of fellowship!

Join us on Sunday, August 16, using this link: <https://unc.zoom.us/my/bpleas>

Bob Pleasants, FPC deacon, will be waiting to greet you and send you to a breakout room with some old and new friends.

Come one, come all! Hope to see you then!



New Member Sunday - August 30, 2020

Interested in joining FPC?

Tired of waiting until we can be in person again?

Ready to find more ways to be connected to the FPC Community?

We will welcome new members as a part of our live-stream worship on **August 30, 2020**.

If you are interested in joining FPC and making this your church home, please let [Mindy Douglas](#) know.


AN INVITATION FROM NEW HOPE PRESBYTERY

In October 2018, members of the Presbytery of New Hope initiated a conversation on Presbyterians and race. Please join the first forum: *Is this Conversation Really Necessary?* led by Dr. Brian K. Blount. The forum will be conducted as a Zoom meeting on **Tuesday, August 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Please sign up to participate at www.nhpresbytery.org/racial-equity.



FPC members, you have been some of the most prolific contributors of school supplies in the Crayons2Calculators drive each summer. Let's do it again!

FPC staff are available at the church on Mondays and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to receive your supplies and monetary contributions. Supplies can also be dropped off on other days using your door access code. Please make check payable to "Durham Teacher Warehouse."



Virtual Fill That BUS!

2020 School Supplies Drive

Help 'Fill That Bus!' to support Durham Students and Teachers
Donate July 20 - August 21

Supplies can be ordered online from the following stores:
Amazon, Office Depot, Walmart, or Brame Specialty
or purchase and bring to Crayons2Calculators 808 Bacon St., Durham, NC 27703

****TOP SCHOOL SUPPLIES****

Hand Sanitizer	Mechanical Pencils
Sharpies	Dry Erase
Construction Paper	No. 2 Pencils
Colored Pencils	Tissues
Markers	SCISSORS (Student & Adult)
Clip Boards	Tape (clear, masking, & duct)
Colored Markers	

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate



Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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