

we cannot repay your abundance of supply or
your extravagance of grace;
nor do you require it.
Why, then, should we expect it of others?
In truth, we cannot.
And so, we ask your forgiveness and your help.
Free the score-keepers in our world and in our hearts.
Restore the fallen in our world and in our hearts.
Strengthen the merciful in our world and in our hearts.
Heal the broken in our world and in our hearts.
Uplift the lowly in our world and in our hearts.
Bring down the tyrants in our world and in our hearts.
Erase the lines of division in our world and in our hearts.
Create a Christ-guided humanity in our world and in our hearts.
And use us to make it so.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response (Hymn No. 396, verse 4)

Holy Manna

*Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Torrell and Vanessa Armstrong

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **God of miracles and mercy,
all creation sings your praise.
Like the vineyard owner,
your grace is extravagant and unexpected.
Lead us to repentance
and the acceptance of your grace,
that we may witness to your love. Amen.**

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Torrell and Vanessa Armstrong

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

GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 20:1-16	Mindy Douglas
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
SERMON	<i>“What Is Fair and What Is Grace”</i>	Mindy Douglas
HYMN No. 307	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	Cwm Rhondda
	<i>God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; Crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.</i>	
	<i>Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.</i>	
	<i>Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.</i>	
	<i>Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.</i>	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	(from <i>A Declaration of Faith</i>)	Brent Curtis
	<i>We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God’s Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us.</i>	
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN		Lenore Champion
INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING		Susan Dunlap
CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS		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.

CONGREGATIONAL ZOOM MEETING
Report from Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Mindy Douglas

Zoom Information for the Congregational Meeting

To join by phone: 1 929 205 6099 (in the US)

To join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87536660738>

Enter the Meeting ID (below).

Leave the Participant ID empty – just hit #.

Meeting ID: 875 3666 0738

No passcode is required.

BENEDICTION (FOLLOWING THE CONGREGATIONAL ZOOM MEETING)

Mindy Douglas

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 September 13th, 94 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

Portions of **today's worship text** are taken from *Feasting on the Word* (Year A, volume 2) and *Book of Common Worship* (1993 edition). *The Prayer of Confession* is copyrighted by John van de Laar – *Sacredise.com*. **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted from *Glory to God* (PCUSA hymnal) under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell**, **Pat Dillon**, and **Jay Klinck** for their “behind the scenes” technical assistance with our virtual worship live broadcasts each Sunday morning. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images she finds to accompany our online worship.

Peacemaking Season is here!

September 6 – October 4

Confronting hopelessness, thwarting division

Empowering congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. FPC will receive the PCUSA Peace & Global Witness Offering on Sunday, October 4. You may mail or bring your offering to the church by October 4th or click [here](#) to give online.

FPC's Stewardship Season begins Sunday, September 27

You will receive your stewardship materials in the mail this week!



Make or renew your sustaining gift today!

One body, many parts

Love in the Heart of Durham

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Romans 12:4-5

End Meeting

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~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

CELEBRATIONS: *Dawn Carsey* and *John Shelton* married recently in Virginia.

CONCERNS:

Linda Barenchi, recovering from the COVID-19 virus

Harold Dunlap

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams, recovering from a toe amputation

Sam Miglarese, recovering from retinal surgery

Ellen O'Brien, mother-in-law of Mindy Douglas, recovering from lung surgery

Jane Rourk, receiving care at the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

Carol Wills

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Those displaced in California, Oregon, and the state of Washington because of wild fires, and along the Gulf Coast because of hurricanes and resulting floods.

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: *Paul Cornsweet*

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

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Phil Goss, friend of the congregation

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

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

KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING!

Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) has launched a hygiene drive to keep our partner pantries fully stocked with the supplies Durhamites need. They are seeking the following items:

CDC-approved disinfectant wipes or sprays (Lysol, Scrubbing Bubbles, Clorox)

hand sanitizer

empty spray bottles

paper towels

toilet paper

feminine hygiene products

hand and body soap

Donations can be dropped off at any of these partner congregations:

- **First Presbyterian** - Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am-1:00pm - 305 E. Main St
- **Cole Mill Road Church of Christ** - Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm - 1617 Cole Mill Rd
- **Antioch Baptist** - Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm - 1415 Holloway St
- **Pilgrim United Church of Christ** - Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm - 3011 Academy Rd
- **Christus Victor Lutheran** - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00am-2:00pm - 1615 E. NC 54 Hwy

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS . . . from the comfort of your own home —

Bag Rice and Beans for the Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel:

- Divide large bags of beans — black, pinto or red — or white rice into **quart-size, freezer strength Ziplock baggies**.
- Fill the bags until almost full, leaving just enough room to close securely.
- Large bags of beans or rice can be purchased at Costco, Sam's Club, or El Camino, a Mexican food distributor located at 2314 Reichard St, Durham 27705.
- Deliver the bags to Iglesia Emanuel on Monday afternoons between 3:00pm and 5:00pm, or contact [Margaret Rubiera](#) for other options
- Sign up at this [link](#).

Do a little cooking for Urban Ministries:

- **Casseroles** for **breakfast, lunch or dinner** (baked ziti, tuna, mac n cheese, etc.)
- **Sandwiches** in individual Zip-lock bags — **no condiments**, so they keep fresh longer. If able, please label bags according to ingredients, such as "turkey & cheese, or T & C."
- **Cookies or brownies** in individual baggies, to go in the lunch bags. Everyone loves a touch of sweetness!
- Encourage neighbors or friends to join your efforts and deliver all the food at one time
- Deliver to the main door of Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St, between 9:30am - 5:30pm, Monday – Friday

Make phone calls to Meals on Wheels clients:

- Give a quick call to home-bound senior citizens or disabled adults on Wednesday or Friday mornings to check on them and offer a much needed warm, human connection
- Contact [Britt Barnes](#) to sign up

You can safely lend a hand in person —

Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel:

- Sign up for a 2-hour shift on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday sorting and bagging food, unloading deliveries, loading boxes of food into cars
- Find your spot on the [SignUp Genius](#) and know you are making a huge difference in the lives of struggling families

Urban Ministries:

- FPC provides volunteers multiple times a month to help prepare and serve breakfast or prepare lunch bags for hungry members of our community
- Breakfast shifts are the 3rd and 5th Fridays of every month, from 7:00-9:00am

- Lunch bag shifts are every 3rd Monday and 4th Thursday, 9:30-10:30am
- Enjoy fellowship with your church friends while you serve our neighbors!
- Contact [Margaret Rubiera](#) to sign up

Deliver Meals on Wheels:

- Deliver boxes of nutritious frozen meals to home-bound seniors and handicapped adults every Monday
- Offer a friendly smile from behind your mask and encouraging words to brighten someone's day!
- Contact [Britt Barnes](#) to sign up

Community Invitations

Duke Chapel offers VOICE CARE VOCAL WORKSHOP

Duke Chapel has partnered with the Duke Voice Care Center to offer a free, online vocal health workshop, titled ***Singing Voice Health During COVID-19 and Beyond***. There will be two sessions, both on Wednesdays, from 7:00-8:00 pm. The first session on **September 23** will focus on the anatomy of the singing voice, how voice injuries are treated, and how to keep one's voice healthy. The **October 14** session will cover the development of healthy vocal habits, age-related voice changes, an introduction to basic vocal conditioning exercises, and tips to keep one's voice "in shape" during COVID-19. The sessions will be presented by Dr. Audrey Walstrom, CCC-SLP, a clinical singing voice specialist at the Duke Voice Care Center who also holds MM and DMA degrees in voice performance from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. [Click here to register](#); individual registrants will receive the webinar link after completing the registration. For questions or further information, please send an email to: chapelmusic@duke.edu.

Save the Date
October 4, 2020 4:00pm



*Worship Service and
Service of Installation*

Rev. L. British Hyrams
Presbyterian Campus Minister
at North Carolina Central University

****Link to register for virtual service/event.****
www.nhpresbytery.org/nccu-installation

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