

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

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

(As we prepare for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Darwall's 148th

Barbara Harbach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 34:3-4, 7)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

People: **We sought the Lord, and God answered us.
God delivered us from all our fears.**

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: **Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

RESPONSE

Psalm 100

Hal Hopson

Brent and Lesley Curtis, cantors

(Refrain) Shout for joy to God all the earth, alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Shout for joy, shout for joy to God all the earth;

Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before God singing for joy. (R)

Know that the Lord is God. God made us, we belong to the Lord;

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's flock. (R)

Enter God's gates giving thanks, and the courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks and bless God's name. (R)

The Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

God is faithful; God is faithful from age to age. (R)

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Sam Miglarese

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray

All: **Redeeming God, you satisfy our soul's hunger through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Filled with your steadfast love, let us live in love, working honestly to share with the needy, and feeding others with the bread of kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35, 41-51

Amy Dillon

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴² They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' ⁴³ Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Mindy Douglas

¹⁷ Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹ For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²² You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Learning Christ"

Mindy Douglas

RESPONSE

Song for Love

Iona Abbey Music Book

*Now we sing to praise love's blessing
all through our lives,
laughter, joy, surprise confessing,
all through our lives.
Love that dreamed a new creation,
love that dared an incarnation,
love that offers transformation
all through our lives.
How our wounds ache for love's healing
all through our days.
How our world needs love's revealing,
in all its ways.
Fearful hearts suspect the stranger,
hardened nations arm for danger,
love lives on, the powerful changer,
all through our days.
Love's the grace that makes us caring
all through our lives,
urges us to warmth and sharing
all through our lives,
speaks in us, oppression naming,
strives in us, injustice shaming,
lives in us, true peace proclaiming
all through our lives.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR OWEN BOYD DURHAM DIY

Mindy Douglas, Sam Miglarese

Words of Scripture

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Owen Boyd Durham Diy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Questions to the Parents:

Pastor: Carlo and Emily, do you desire that your child be baptized?
Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith
and to teach that faith to your child?

Parents: **We do.**

Questions to the gathered children:

Pastor: Do you promise to be a friend to Owen Boyd?
If he gets lost, will you help him find the way?
If he falls down, will you help pick him up?
Will you share with him 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 Owen Boyd by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: **We do.**

***Affirmation of Faith** *(in unison)*

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.

(You may be seated.)

Thanksgiving over the Water

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **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 Owen Boyd that he 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

Mindy Douglas

Anointing

Sam Miglarese

Introduction

Mindy Douglas

Welcome

Response (*spoken*)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Invitation to Offering

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Psalm 100

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

People: **Know this: The Lord alone is God; we belong to the Lord, who made us; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

People: **For good is the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

All: **Mighty God, by your power you created us, and by your goodness you call us to be your people. Accept the offering of our worship that every race and nation may enter your courts, praising you in song; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

INVITATION TO PRAYER (Sung)

Iona Abbey Music Book

*Jesus Christ, Lord of All,
Stay with us now.*

*Find your way among us.
Listen to the anxious.
Sit beside the lonely.
Comfort and disturb us.
Do not ever leave us.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

SENDING

Jesus Calls Us

Iona Abbey Music Book

*Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise,
praise the Son who calls us friends,
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.
Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story,
tell his tales that all may hear,
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.
Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language,
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hands of friend and stranger,
join the hands of age and youth,
join the faithful and the doubter
in the common search for truth.*

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Cwm Rhondda

J. Bert Carlson



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

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 identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On August 1, **80** joined us for in-person worship and **42** households tuned in to the live-streamed broadcast.

Today we celebrate the *Sacrament of Baptism* for *Owen Boyd Durham Diy*, son of *Carlo & Emily* and little brother to *Anna Ruth*.

Thanks and appreciation to the **Rev. Dr. Sam Miglarese** for joining us in worship and serving as minister for baptism and as liturgist. Sam served First Presbyterian Church as associate pastor for 13 years until his retirement in 2019.

Thanks and appreciation to organist and member **Gordon Campbell** for playing this morning while **Kathy Parkins** is on vacation.

Also, special thanks to *Brent and Lesley Curtis* for sharing their musical gifts as cantors.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dorothy Burns Graham** on the anniversary of her birth, August 10, 1937, by her daughter **Scottie Seawell** and granddaughters **Erin, Rachel, and Lauren Boyle**.

Many thanks to *John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck* for their technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings.

Portions of *today's texts and music* were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word, Call to Worship*, and the *Iona Abbey Music Book*.

Childcare: a staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the Christian education building for use during worship.

Worship activity bags are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

Large print worship bulletins along with *children's worship / activity bulletins* are available from the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available for use during worship from the audio console located at the rear of the sanctuary. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Restrooms are located off the narthex (to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary), on the second floor of the Christian education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house.

~ Our Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Katharine Whitmore* on the death of her friend *Margaret Cleveland*.

Added this week: *Deborah Momsen-Hudson*- recovering from surgery

Kerry Holbrook *Ruth Roberson* *Margaret Sims*

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell*

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: *Arthur Clark*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: *Jim Wolfe, Walter Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss.

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Carolyn Bonner, wife of Deborah Momsen-Hudson's coworker Al Bonner

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Trice

Flora Estrella, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

Lori Griffin & baby Teagan Rose in NICU- niece of Jeanne Hervey

Phil Goss, a friend of the congregation

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Dorothy Collin Horne, mother of Ginny Horne

Brian Keyt, cousin of Laura Kelley

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Ed Overton and wife Abby, friends of Doug Butler

Jennifer Paetzold-Garcia, cousin of Sharon Hirsch

Carlton Rounds' mother, who is fighting cancer. Carlton is a friend of Li-Chen Chin.

Kathy Stahl (mother) & *Larry Purtzenski* (stepfather), parents of Katy Loebrich.

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

Please remember to update the pastoral staff on the progress of your loved ones.



We Need Your Input

As we look to the future, our Vision Committee has been actively exploring how our church building can better support our mission. The proposed building project will result in better entryways, a larger and more hospitable fellowship space, a functional kitchen and much better restrooms. To fund the building project, a capital campaign is being considered for Fall 2021. **An informational brochure was shared in early weeks, please return the survey found at the end of the brochure.** You can drop off the survey at the church office, mail it to the church, or quickly respond to the survey online by going to our church website at www.firstpres-durham.org. If you prefer a paper survey, copies are available in the foyer. Drop-off boxes are also available.

Please join us at 4:00 p.m. for a zoom information session about the proposed project.

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Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/346akwvn>

Presbyterian 101:

Who We Are, What We Believe, and Why We Do What We Do

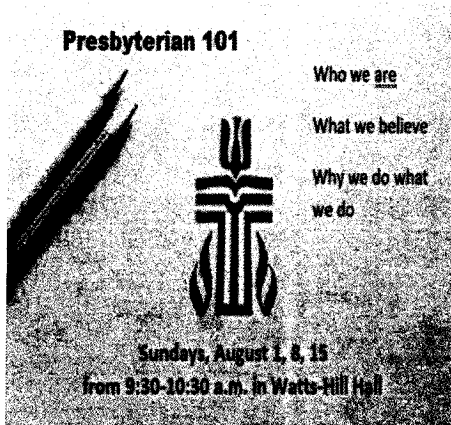
August 15 from 9:30 a.m. at 10:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

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<https://tinyurl.com/cbkjeb8n>

New-ish to FPC or the PCUSA? Or a long time Presbyterian but still wonder why we do what we do in worship or our common life.

Join Christyn Klinck and Beth Stringfield as they lead conversations around who we are as Presbyterians (what makes us different from other denominations or iterations of Presbyterians); why we worship the way we do and what we believe; and what makes FPC a unique community of faith. Questions or interested in a possible hybrid option contact: Mitzi Lesher-Thomas at m.lesher-thomas@firstpres-durham.org



SUMMER SABBATH PRACTICES



DINNER TO TAKE HOME!

We have new dates for our ALL-Church event, Summer Sabbath Practices which will be held at church each evening from **Monday, August 16 through Friday August 20!** Come for 1, 2, 3, 4, or ALL evenings!! Each evening we will explore a different FAITH PRACTICE: Hospitality, Prayer, Service, Storytelling, and Retreat. There will be something for EVERYONE plus FREE DINNER is included - EAT PICNIC STYLE OUTSIDE OR GRAB DINNER TO TAKE HOME! Also, we need volunteers to sign up to help at this event.



Simon Says...

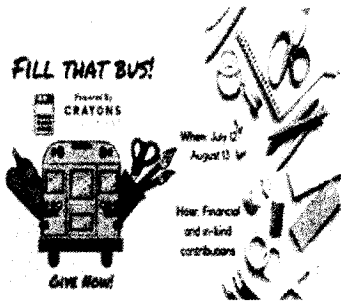
Come on out for **Summer Sabbath Practices** at FPC **August 18th from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.**

There'll be programming for all ages and a grab bag dinner from our fabulous catering team *Cris Rivera & Beth Stringfield*. Bring your camp chair and we can eat together in the parking lot.

Too early, can't make it right after work?

Then join us at **7:00 p.m. (August 18)** at **Simon Says Dip This** for a chance to connect with others who are finding their place at FPC

and maybe in life. AND ... because it's no fun to eat ice cream alone, let me know if you plan to join us at 7:00 p.m. at Simon Says Dip This. - **Mitzi Lesher-Thomas**



Fill that Bus! is a community-wide campaign to help stock the shelves at Crayons2Calculators (C2C) with classroom essentials to directly equip **Durham Public School** teachers with the supplies they need to help reduce barriers to success for every student. **First Presbyterian Church of Durham** is a sponsoring partner organization again this year. FPC's Mal King is coordinating this community project.

Deadline: Friday, August 13, 2021

- Give Now - **Financial contributions** help C2C meet the changing needs of teachers throughout the year.
- Shop for C2C - Add their wish list items to your cart while shopping at **Walmart** or **Amazon**.
- Additionally, we welcome you to drop off supplies in person at FPC or at the C2C warehouse located at 808 Bacon St, Durham, NC 27703.



Save the Date: Sunday, August 22 after worship service

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Wear shorts and clothes that are easy to move around in because we will have a BLOWUP OBSTACLE COURSE in the parking lot
- All folks who will carry backpacks in the new school year: BRING YOUR BACKPACKS for our backpack blessing during worship
- FOOD TRUCK on site

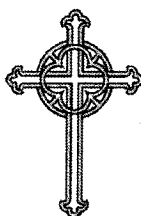
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The Week at a Glance!

Sunday, August 8	Monday, August 9	Tuesday, August 10	Wednesday, August 11
4:00 PM Informational Session for Proposed Building Expansion & Proposed Plans (via Zoom))	1:00 PM Worship Planning 2:00 PM Staff Meeting		No Chancel Choir
Thursday, August 12	Friday, August 13	Saturday, August 14	Sunday, August 15
			9:30-10:30 AM Presbyterian 101 9:45 -10:30 AM Adult Faith Formation 10:00-10:30 AM Children's Faith Formation 11:00 AM Worship

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant



Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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