

**MR. ROGERS SUNDAY**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DURHAM NORTH CAROLINA**

**MARCH 19, 2023**

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE**

*Voluntary on "Jesu, Jesu"*

*Ghanaian folksong,  
arr. McNair*

**INTROIT**

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

*Korean folk song*

*Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body,  
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.  
Come now, O God of love; make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 2:2-5)**

Mindy Douglas

**Leader:** Someday, the house of God will stand on the highest mountain.

**People:** **People will come from every place to learn how to walk in God's path.**

**Leader:** God will show us what is fair and put an end to our fighting.

**People:** **People will turn their old weapons into new tools for growing food.**

**Leader:** Come, people of God:

**People:** **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 749**

*Come, Live in the Light*

*We Are Called*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**Holy God,**

**you have called us to love you with heart, mind, soul, and strength,  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**But, if we are honest,**

**we know that sometimes we hurt each other  
and fail to keep our promises to you.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Teach us, day by day, to turn away from what is wrong  
and turn to you in faith;**

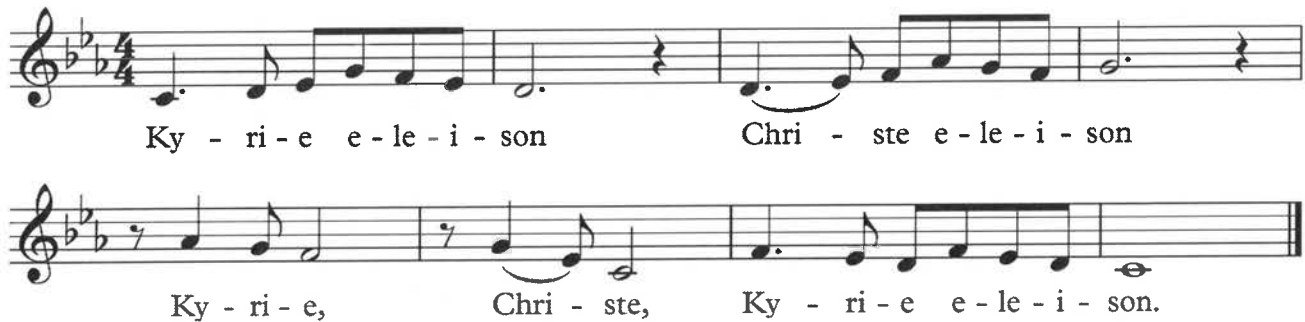
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Kyrie

F. G. Douglas



Assurance of Pardon

## \*THE PEACE

Esther Hethcox

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Josh Walters

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of all beauty, goodness, and truth,  
open our hearts to your Word and guide our feet by your Spirit,  
so we can shout and sing from the mountaintops  
the good news of your peace; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## PSALTER READING

Psalm 84

(Pew Bible, OT Page 543)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Josh Walters

People: Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 4:7-21

(Pew Bible, NT Page 241)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*"Good Neighbors"*

Mindy Douglas

## \*HYMN NO. 203

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

*Chereponi*

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ANNA GRAY WILSON

Mindy Douglas, John Weicher

### Words of Scripture

### Introduction

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Anna Gray Wilson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

### Questions to the Parents:

Pastor: Amy and Gray, 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 Anna?  
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 Anna  
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.**

**\*Profession of Faith (in unison)**

*The Apostles' Creed*

John Weicher

**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**

John Weicher

**Baptism**

Mindy Douglas

**Anointing**

John Weicher

**Introduction**

John Weicher

**Presentation of Baptismal Quilt**

Jean Cary

## WELCOME SONG

*God Welcomes All*

*Themba Amen*

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Esther Hethcox

Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love*

Gordon Campbell, piano

*O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee.*

*I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

*O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee.*

*I give thee back the life I owe, and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.*

*O Love, that will not let me go.*

*\*Doxology (Hymn No. 654)*

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;*

*in the Lord I will rejoice!*

*Look to God; do not be afraid.*

*Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

*Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**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. 742**

*We Will Walk with God*

*Sizohamba naye*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune on  
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

Michael Herman

**Later today ...**

**Officer Training:** Newly elected officers will meet in Watts-Hill Hall following worship (12:30-2:00 p.m.) for lunch and a training session.

The **Blessing of Sankofa Farms**, our community-supported agriculture program, will be this afternoon from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The blessing itself will be short. Afterwards, we will be able to tour the farm and hear more from founder/farmer Kamal Bell. Sankofa Farms is located at 2916 JA Killough Drive, Cedar Grove NC, 27231. All are welcome.

**Family Movie Night:** As part of the McPherson Lectureship, we invite families with young children and anybody interested to join us for a family movie night this evening. We'll gather from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall to watch the Disney Pixar movie *“UP”*.



**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.

Special thanks to **Gordon Campbell** for providing piano accompaniment to the offertory anthem.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is being celebrated this morning for **Anna Gray Wilson**, daughter of **Amy and Gray Wilson**, and sister to **Julia** and **James**.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of **Crafton** by **Margaret, Tom, Neel** and **John Keller**.

The **Pulpit Paraments:** In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. Her liturgical projects emphasize the “threads that bind” and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of Anne ‘St. Clair’ Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The **Lenten Banner** was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of **Bess Bryant** and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

**Childcare:** A staffed nursery and children’s playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

**Hearing Assistance Receivers** are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

**Restroom locations:** To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

**Portions of today's worship texts** are taken from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Presbyterian Mission website for Mr. Rogers Day:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/office-of-christian-formation/mr-rogers-day-resources/>

The **bulletin cover** is an icon created by Kelly Lattimore in tribute to Mr. Fred Rogers.

**These Days** devotional books for April – June are available from the table in the foyer.



This year's Durham CROP Walk will be held on Sunday afternoon, **April 2**, and as we have for many years, FPC will have a team of walkers participating. The CROP Walk raises money to alleviate hunger here in Durham and around the globe. 25% of what is raised remains in Durham and supports many of the nonprofits we partner with as a congregation, including Urban Ministries, Iglesia Emanuel

Food Pantry, Families Moving Forward, and many others. We need your help in reaching the goal we have set to raise **\$6,000** this year. Sign up to walk or support one of the people who is walking:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/first-presbyterian-church-durham>

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### ~ Our Concerns ~

**Carlisle Harvard** has returned to The Forest at Duke Health & Wellness Center after a week-long hospital stay.

**Robert Bloom**, father of Tom Bloom, recovering from COVID and pneumonia

<b>Tom Bacon</b>	<b>Paul Cornsweet</b>	<b>Susan Cyr</b>	<b>Patrick Dobson</b>
<b>Kerry Holbrook</b>	<b>Lee House</b>	<b>Jenni James</b>	<b>George Kafula</b>
<b>Mitzi Leshner-Thomas</b>	<b>Jo Ann Moore</b>	<b>Franzi Rokoske</b>	<b>Andy Widmark</b>
<b>Carol Wills</b>			

### Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley**

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

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe**

The Forest at Duke Health & Wellness Center: **Joe & Carlisle Harvard** (Hickory South, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr)

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

**Kim Cummings**, father of Drew Cummings

**Grace**, Chris James' great-niece

**Bob Lucas**, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Father of Andres**, friend of the congregation

**Pam Hanson**, mother of Laura Hanson

**Alan Petersburg**, brother-in-law of Jenni James

**John Wakefield**, cousin of Vernon Neece



## **A Call for Volunteers**

**COMMUNION:** Would you like to help with communion during worship? We have need for communion preparers and servers (serving communion is not limited to elders and deacons!). You are welcome to sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion1#/>

Up-coming dates are:

**April 6, 9**

**May 7, 28**

**June 4.**

If you are interested but would like to have more information or some instruction before volunteering, please contact **Mary Ann Compton** (919-363-8822).

**USHERING:** If you have served as an usher in the past or have never served but feel this is something you can do, please contact **Esther Hethcox** (540-315-1548) to have your name added to the current rotation. While most ushers are members of the Diaconate, you do not have to be a deacon to serve as an usher. In addition, spouses and partners, children and youth can serve alongside family members. We are especially looking for persons who can serve on a regular basis or as a sub on short notice. We also need persons who can usher at special events such as funerals and memorial services, large assemblies, and concerts. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve as part of our ushering ministry.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:** Now that things are getting busy at the church, and hopefully will continue to do so, the church staff would appreciate having full coverage (mornings and afternoons) in the first-floor office Monday through Friday. Duties are simple and training is available. Backup volunteers also appreciated. We currently have the following fulltime openings:

**Wednesdays, 9:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Fridays, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

If you have interest in serving in one of these slots, or as a backup any time during the weekday, please contact **Sarah Wright** (919-218-7890).



First Presbyterian Church of Durham  
presents  
**The Annual McPherson Lectureship**  
*"Finding God in the Movies"*

Please join us for the 2023 McPherson Lecture on Sunday, March 26, when husband and wife team Catherine Barsotti and Rob Johnston will discuss the theme: *Finding God in the Movies*. Their visit has been long delayed by Covid, so we are delighted to welcome them to Durham. The wider theme of their talks will be the ways we encounter God outside of church and scripture.



**Dr. Catherine M. Barsotti** (PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary) is affiliate assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies at Fuller Theological Seminary and a professor at Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET), a Latino ministry training center in Compton, California. She is a minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church and has worked in international community development, youth ministry, as a chaplain at a domestic violence center for women and children, and a mentor at a Latino ministry training center. Her teaching areas include theology, ethics, and spirituality (in Spanish), missiology, and theology and film (in Spanish and English).



**Dr. Robert K. Johnston** (PhD, Duke University) is Professor of Theology and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary and a past President of the American Theological Society. His recent books include *God's Wider Presence: Reconsidering General Revelation* (2014), *Don't Stop Believin': Pop Culture and Religion from Ben Hur to Zombies* (coedited with Craig Detweiler and Barry Taylor; 2012), *Useless Beauty* (2004), *Finding God in the Movies* (co-written with Catherine Barsotti; 2004), *Life Is Not Work/Work Is Not Life* (co-written with J. Walker Smith; 2001), and *Reel Spirituality: Theology and Film in Dialogue* (2000, 2nd ed. 2006).

### **Sunday, March 26**

- 9:45-10:45 Faith Formation Class, "How Might Movie Watching Prove to be a Spiritual Experience," Watts-Hill Hall  
11:00-12:00 Worship Service, "Am I Hearing God?," sanctuary  
3:00-4:30 Lecture, "Faith and Film," Watts-Hill Hall (RSVP for childcare by March 22: 919-682-5511 x 215)

### **Monday, March 27**

- 9:00-10:30 Clergy Breakfast, "God's Wider Presence," Watts-Hill Hall. (RSVP for breakfast by March 22.)

**All events will be held at First Presbyterian Church and are free and open to the public.**

This lectureship is made possible through an endowment initially given to First Presbyterian Church by the McPherson family in memory of lifelong members Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. McPherson, Sr. and Dr. Samuel D. McPherson, Jr. It was established in 1999 by Mrs. Margaret "Peaches" McPherson (wife of Dr. McPherson, Jr.) and her family. Following Mrs. McPherson's passing in 2018, the lectureship now also honors her life of service and generosity. Former lecturers have been John Kuykendall (1999), J. Barrie Shepherd (2001), Beverly Gaventa (2002), Tom Long (2003), Joanna Adams (2004), Charles Kimball (2005), Nicholas Wolterstorff (2006), Joseph L. Roberts, Jr. (2007), Richard A. Lischer (2008), Stephen A. Hayner (2009), Barbara Brown Taylor (2010), Leighton Ford (2011), Martha Moore-Keish (2012), Samuel L. Adams (2013), Emilie M. Townes (2014), Ron Cole-Turner (2015), Douglas F. Ottati (2016), Miroslav Volf (2017), Starsky D. Wilson (2018), Mary Louise Bringle (2019), and Wallace "Macky" McPherson Alston III (2021/2022).

*Soli Deo Gloria*

For directions or to RSVP, please call the church office at 919-682-5511 x 215 or email [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).



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## Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to  
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -  
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (A7)  
F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)  
F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their

2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and

3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should

4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.

race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.

love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.

feet; this is the way we should live like you.

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## We Will Walk with God

*Sizohamba naye*

We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.

*Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.

*Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will go re-joic-ing

till the king-dom has come.

*Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la,*

*si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will go re-joic-ing

till the king-dom has come.

*Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la,*

*si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



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## This Week at a Glance!

### Later Today . . .

**12:30– 2:00 PM**

Training for Newly Elected Officers  
(Watts Hill Hall)

**2:00 PM**

First Friends Hike  
(Brumley Nature Preserve – north entrance)

**2:00 PM**

Blessing of the Land at Sankofa Farms

**4:00-6:00 PM**

Youth Group with Trinity Avenue PC Youth  
(Mini Golf at Frankie's)

**5:00-7:00 PM**

Family Movie Night  
(Watts-Hill Hall)

**8:00 PM** (via Zoom)

MnM Fellowship

### Monday, March 20

**9:00 AM-12 Noon**

Walk-in Ministry Interviews

**1:30 PM**

Worship Planning

### Tuesday, March 21

**6:15 PM** (via Zoom)

Book Study:  
*How Not to Be Afraid*

**7:30 PM CONCERT**

Duke University's Jupiter  
Ensemble (FPC sanctuary)

For info/tickets:  
<https://dukeperformances.duke.edu/events/jupiter-ensemble/>

### Wednesday, March 22

**11:00 AM** (via Zoom)

Book Study:  
*How Not to Be Afraid*

**1:00-2:00 PM**

Program Staff Meeting

**7:00 PM**

Chancel Choir

**7:00-8:30 PM**

Young Adult Study  
(Wilson Parlor)

### Thursday, March 23

**9:00 AM -12 Noon**

Walk-in Ministry  
Interviews

**5:30 PM** (via Zoom)

McPherson  
Lectureship Sub-  
Committee

### Friday, March 24

**7:00 pm** Lenten Taizé  
Service at United  
Church of Chapel Hill

### Saturday, March 25

**7:00 PM CONCERT:**  
Duke Divinity Pride  
presents The Many  
(singers) in Goodson  
Chapel at Duke Divinity  
School

### Sunday, March 26

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

### McPherson Lectureship

**9:45-10:45 AM** Faith Formation –  
Classes for all ages

**11:00 AM** Worship

Robert Johnston, preaching  
*Hunger for Change* Offering received

**3:00 PM** Lectureship: "Faith & Film"

## CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator  
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director  
Vernon Cooper, Sexton  
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate  
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton  
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



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Esther Hethcox, Designated Associate Pastor  
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