

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS Marilyn Hedgpeth
Minute for Mission Almira Mbah, Ariel Mbah, and Thilo Fullenkamp
Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE *He Comes to us as One Unknown* Robert J. Powell

INTROIT *Psalm 150: Sing Alleluia* Heinrich Schutz
Sing alleluia, praise the Lord!
Sing praise on earth, alleluia.
Sing praise in heaven, declare God's power.
Sing praise for all God's mighty acts.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 148)* Sam Miglarese

Leader: Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens; sing praise in the heights.
People: **Praise God, all you angels; sing praise, all the heavenly host.**
Leader: Praise God, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
People: **Praise God, heaven of heavens and you waters above the heavens.**
Leader: Let them praise the Name of God, by whose command they were created.
People: **God made them stand fast for ever and ever,
and gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
Leader: Praise God from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
People: **Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
People: **Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**
Leader: Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, leaders and all rulers of the world;
People: **Young men and maidens, old and young together.**
Leader: Let them praise your Name, O God, for your Name only is exalted;
your splendor is over earth and heaven.
People: **You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all your loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near you. Alleluia!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing) Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

* Those who are able, please stand.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (*sung twice in English*)

Alleluia

Honduras Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Now the Lord is risen in-deed.
A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya. El Señor re-su-ci-tó.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bob Breitweiser

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13: 31-35

(Pew Bible, NT Page 108)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 11:1-18

(Pew Bible, NT Page 130)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Even to Them?"

Peter Hausmann

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

An Hispanic Creed

Marilyn Hedgpeth

We believe in the Church universal because it is a sign of God's reign, whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues where all the colors paint a single landscape, where all tongues sing the same praise. (*Affirmation continues next page*)

We believe in the reign of God – the day of the Great Fiesta
when all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow,
when all people will join in joyful banquet,
when all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.
And because we believe, we commit ourselves:
to believe for those who do not believe,
to love for those who do not love,
to dream for those who do not dream,
until the day when hope becomes a reality.

***HYMN NO. 493**

Now There Is No Male or Female

Omni Die

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during "The Peace.")

***THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cheryl Henry

(There is no Children's Choir rehearsal today. Children should join their parents in the pew or return to the nursery following "A Time with the Children.")

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Oh, how good and pleasant it is,

People: **When the community lives together in unity!**

Leader: Let us pray.

(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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Love One Another

John Bell

Refrain: ***Love one another for love is of God,
Those who live in him live in God, and God lives in them.***

*Those who show love are the children of God;
Father and mother is God to each of them. (Refrain)*

*God showed his love in the face of the Son;
Christ lives in us so that we might live through him. (Refrain)*

*Love has no place for the menace of fear;
Fear is abandoned where love is found. (Refrain)*

*Love has its purpose in God's holy will;
We learn to love from the one who loved us first. (Refrain)*

***Doxology**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
All: **Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

***BENEDICTION**

Peter Hausmann

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in a

Muelhauser

A ***Mother's Day Luncheon*** will be held following worship in Watts-Hill Hall. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal: \$8 per person; \$24 maximum for a family.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. 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. So that we may better know each other, please sign the ***Ritual of Friendship pad***, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. We welcomed 28 visitors on Sunday, May 7.

We welcome to the pulpit today ***Peter Hausmann***, an ordained Presbyterian minister. Peter is a graduate of Clemson University (BS - Architectural Design) and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.). He is employed with C. T. Wilson Construction Company as a Construction Manager. Peter is involved with local community development, has served on the Durham Central Park Board of Directors, and on the board of Housing for New Hope. He is married to Rocky Golding and they reside in Durham.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the ***Albert G. Carr family daughters*** in loving memory of our mother, ***Katherine L. Carr***, whom we adored, and our beloved grandmothers, ***Louise Carr*** and ***Maria Legg***.

Nursery care for infants through 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

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 or return to an usher.

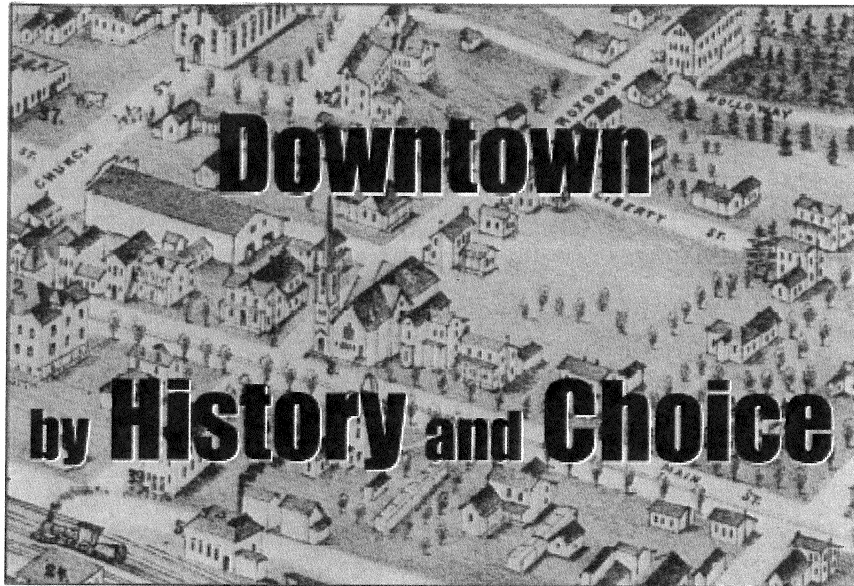
Portions of ***today's worship texts*** were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word, Lutheran Book of Worship*, and *Book of Common Worship*.

Copies of recent ***sermons*** are available from the table in the foyer.

Class of 2017 Graduates: Students graduating from high school or college will be acknowledged in worship on Sunday, June 4. Please provide the student's name, school, and degree info to Valerie McMillian in the church office (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) by Sunday, May 28.

Scripture Readers' Class: If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for worship, please consider attending the scripture readers' training on Sunday, May 21 in room 209 (Bell Choir Room) at 9:45.

Copies available today
(before and after worship in Watts-Hill Hall)



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Memo: **History Book**

A Call for Choir Members

The Chancel Choir is learning music so that we can provide worship leadership through part of the summer. If you have thought of joining the choir, this would be a great time to come on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 (childcare provided if you ask ahead!). We have four more rehearsals until we take our summer break from mid-week rehearsals. Kathy Parkins guarantees that it is the most fun group in the church. Please give her a call at church or send her an email if you have any questions: k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org.

A Conversation with Lauren Winner

An invitation to people who have read Lauren Winner's book "Wearing God"

You are invited to join Dr. Lauren Winner in her home (908 Vickers St) to talk about her book "Wearing God" on **Tuesday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m.** Dr. Winner is excited to share with us around the writing of her book and her experiences teaching it to prisoners. All are invited, but space is limited to 15 persons. Reserve a place by emailing Cherrie Henry at: cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com.

~ OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS ~

Congratulations to *Sarah and Peter Finbow* on the birth of a daughter. *Sadie Louise* was born May 7 at 6:01 p.m., weighing 8 pounds and measuring 21 inches long. Mom and baby are home and doing great. They Finbows request **no visitors** until they have time to get settled in.

Congratulations to *Mindy Douglas* who is graduating this weekend from Duke Divinity School with a Doctorate of Ministry degree.

We express our condolences to the following:

- *Tom Bloom* on the death of his mother. *Antoinette Bloom* died May 5. A funeral service will be held May 20 in Montrose, PA.
- *Charlotte Nelson and Wib Gulley* on the death of Charlotte's mother. *Jane Lewis Nelson* died May 7. A memorial service will be held May 21 at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa, NC.

Added this week:

- Barbara Gerwe*, having back surgery this coming week
- Jennie Bodkin*, sister of Mindy Douglas, recovering from back surgery
- Michael Gilbert*, co-worker of Kerry Holbrook

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin*

Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson*

Hillcrest: *Peggy Mordecai*, mother of Beth Eisenson

Family and Friends of FPC Members:

- *Dot Blyth*, aunt of Libby Gulley
- *Lucy Crockett*, daughter of Becky Crockett
- *Katrina Downey*, friend of Joanne Harrar
- *Mike Gray*, cousin of Linn Lopez
- *Rick Hager*, friend of Celia Dickerson
- *Cherie Haines*, sister of Vernon Neece
- *Paul Martin*, brother of Beth Neece
- *Dell McMillian*, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian
- *Shade Mecum*, stepfather of Katherine Higgins
- *Janice Rattray*, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- *Lisa Short*, cousin of Alissa Miles

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist *Bob Breitweiser*

Acolytes: *Aiden James, Webb Cummings*

Crucifer: *Almira Mbah*

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Karen Romines* (side/font); *Joseph Ngumi* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Celia Dickerson* (flowers), *David Lorimer*,
Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, Sigfried Fullenkamp, Jane Williams

The Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship: Mother's Day Luncheon 2:00 PM Shape Note Choir</p> <p>Youth Groups are on break</p>	<p>Monday, May 15 12:30 PM Investment Sub-Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 16 1:30 PM Plan Worship 2:30 PM FPC Program Staff 6:00 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 17 6:00 PM Budget Working Group 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, May 18 6:15 PM Day School Board</p>	<p>Friday, May 19 7:00 – 9:00 AM / 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM FPC serving breakfast / preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries of Durham</p> <p>FPC hosting MOOGFEST 2017 Performances (sanctuary)</p>	<p>Saturday, May 20 FPC hosting MOOGFEST 2017 Performances (sanctuary)</p>	<p>Sunday, May 21 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship and Confirmation 2:00 PM Communion at The Forest at Duke (Serenity Place) 5:00 – 6:15 PM Families with Children fellowship event Youth Groups are on break</p>

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sarah Finbow, Youth Minister



Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music

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