

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE

*Prelude en Mode de Re*

J. Langlois

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 119:129-132*)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

People: **The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

Leader: With open mouth I pant because I long for your commandments.

People: **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Slane*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Holy God, we are always in a hurry as we approach your throne of grace.**

**Because of this we are neither specific nor intentional in our conversations with you.**

**When we pray, we obsess over issues of little consequence, while neglecting some of the things most important to you. Forgive us, Lord, teach us how to pray.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM

Marilyn Hedgpeth, Mindy Douglas

Introduction of team members and nature of mission

Commissioning Prayer

Leader: Faithful God, in baptism you claim us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live lives fully and worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading this mission team to this time and place. Surround them with your presence and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love. May they be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ as they minister to those whose lives have been broken by Hurricane Matthew.

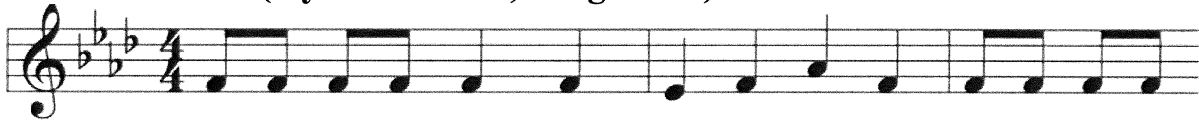
People: **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you call disciples and by your Holy Spirit you empower them to serve you. May your Holy Spirit unite your church, so that we may be joined in love, service, and prayer with this mission team. As they serve in Kinston, so may we be one in Christ, who having gone before us, walks with us, and is coming to meet us, in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.**

Charge and Blessing

\* Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY (Hymn No. 455, sung twice)

*Listen*



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Kings 3:5-12

(Pew Bible, OT Page 306)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jennie Alwood, reader

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 8:26-39

(Pew Bible, NT Page 158)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

(Pew Bible, NT Page 14)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*“Solutions: Part II”*

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) *Confession of 1967 (9.54, 9.55)* Mark McHugh

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God’s will and disrupts creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

**\*HYMN NO. 771**

*What Is the World Like*

*New World*

(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during “The Peace.”)

**\*THE PEACE**

Mark McHugh

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: Lord, to whom can we go?  
People: **You have the words of eternal life.**  
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 Music

\*Doxology with Alleluias

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
All: **We dedicate our lives to you this day and seal that promise by way of this offering. We give out of the abundance of our hearts, that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many. Thank you for giving us grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of your realm. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 36

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

*Ar Hyd Y Nos*

\*BENEDICTION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

\*POSTLUDE

*Postlude en Mode de Sol*

J. Langlois

*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. On Sunday, July 23 we welcomed 16 visitors to worship.

Special thanks to *Gordon Campbell* for serving as organist today while *Kathy Parkins* is on vacation.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of *Larry Peaden* and *Johnathan Jones* at FPC on July 29, 2017.

**Childcare** for infants through six years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered children, ages three to six, join worship for the remainder of service. Care for infants to two years continues in the nursery. 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 texts** were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship, Feasting on the Word, Glory to God* (Presbyterian Hymnal) and *Book of Confessions (PCUSA)*.

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### **FPC History Books are still available . . .**

There are **four methods** by which the book may be purchased:

- 1 - **At FPC** for \$25 cash or check made out to the First Presbyterian Church;
  - 2 - **At the Regulator Bookshop** (Durham) for \$30;
  - 3 - **From Carolina Academic Press** via its website using the Discount Code FPCBOOK; a shipped copy for \$38.44 (includes shipping and sales tax) or call CAP at 919-489-7486 and give the discount code;
  - 4 - **From Amazon**; a shipped copy for \$65.
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### **~ Our Concerns ~**

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Amy, Gray and Julia Wilson** on the death of Amy's father, **Perry Allen**, who died July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hock Family Pavilion in Durham. **Mary Goldman**, friend of **Kathy Krahenbuhl's** family, passed away on July 28. Please keep these families in your prayers.

**Added this week:** **Dell McMillian**, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian, hospitalized in Charlotte. Traveling mercies requested for **Mindy Douglas, Karolyn Mangeot, Jack McCook, Tyler, Carter and Griffin Momsen-Hudson, Carl and Jared Rist, Claire Tipton, Conor Towell, Jane Williams, and Sam Wilson**, who will be assisting with Hurricane Matthew recovery and rebuilding efforts in Kinston this week.

Please continue to pray for **Brian and Jeannette Castle** and son **Zeke's** health, and that the family may soon return home to Durham.

**Atria Senior Living:** **Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

**Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):** **Julian Boswell**

**Croasdaile:** **Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford**

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

**Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:**

**Tom Bowen**, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

**Claiborne Clark**, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

**Louise Dykes**, aunt of Will Chambliss

**Vickie Tobey**, niece of Mickey Velkey (cousin of Beth Brockman)

## Service and Mission Opportunities

**Sunday School Teachers needed:** we currently need teachers for the 2-4's class, for the 3rd-5th grade Godly Play Class (we will provide training), for the Middle School Class, and for the High School Class. If you feel called to "make disciples" and influence young lives, please contact *Marilyn Hedgpeth* at 919-682-5511 or [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org).

**Urban Ministry of Durham's Food Pantry** has begun offering clients more choice and dignity when shopping in its food pantry. Clients now shop with a volunteer "buddy" using reusable shopping bags, and for every reusable bag clients bring back on subsequent visits, they will get bonus food. You can help Urban Ministry of Durham's Food Pantry program in three ways:

- 1) **Donate reusable grocery bags**, new or gently used;
- 2) **Donate healthier foods** such as whole wheat pasta and crackers, low and no-sodium non-perishable foods, cereals without added sugar (oatmeal included), organic foods, sugar free foods, tortilla chips, salsa, coffee, teas, brown rice, spices, herbs, cornmeal, whole wheat flour, unrefined sugar, nuts, raisins and other dried fruit, muffin and pancake mixes (preferably needing just water);
- 3) **Donate most needed foods.** We have a huge supply of canned vegetables but need canned meat (especially chicken), pasta (dry and canned), pasta sauce, mac & cheese, rice, and shelf-stable milk.

Let's help our neighbors who don't have enough food by bringing items to FPC. The Service and Mission Committee will see that our donations are delivered to the UMD Food Pantry this summer.

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### Crayons2Calculators SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE 10 Most Needed Items

Crayons   Markers   Highlighters   Glue Sticks   Erasers   Pencils   Clipboards  
Dry Erase Markers   Pencils   Composition Books   Copy Paper

C2C serves the educational and creative needs of students in Durham's Public School System by providing free school supplies to teachers. For more information, go to the C2C site: <http://www.crayons2calculators.org/>. FPC is a collection site again this year. **Please place donations in the specially-marked plastic container in the foyer.** Thank you for supporting our classroom teachers!

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### Anti-Racism Education Opportunities

#### Racial Equity Institute (REI) workshop dates:

August 10-11, 2017 REI Phase 1, Durham;  
September 8-9, 2017 REI Phase 1, Durham;  
September 21-22, 2017 REI Phase 1, Raleigh.

Register early as these workshops fill up quickly. You can see all the dates at the Organizing Against Racism website: <http://www.oarnc.org/events/> (click on *Register Here* to see openings).

The Montreat Crossroads training on August 18-19 has been postponed until 2018. We will let you know as soon as it has been rescheduled.

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Narthex Greeter: *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*

After Worship Greeters: *Ellie Dilworth* (narthex/rear); *Delia Kwon* (side/font)

Ushers: *Kathy Krahenbuhl* (head), *Michael Honeycutt* (flowers),  
*Chris Anglin, Jane Williams, Catherine Dumas*

**The Week at a Glance!**

Later Today	Monday, July 31	Tuesday, August 1	Wednesday, August 2
<i>Mission Trip begins</i>	<i>Annual Report Summaries due</i>	12 Noon Staff Lunch / Birthday Celebrations  1:30 PM Plan Worship  2:30 PM FPC Staff	9:30 – 10:30 AM Meditation with Lucie House
<b>July 30 – August 5 Summer Mission Trip to Wilson NC</b>			
Thursday, August 3  FPC Day School Closed <i>(Teachers' Workday)</i>	Friday, August 4  FPC Day School Closed <i>(Teachers' Workday)</i>  6:00 Elliott/Smith Wedding Rehearsal	Saturday, August 5  4:00 PM Elliott/Smith Wedding  5:30 PM First Friends and Families Potluck at the Momsen- Hudson's home  <i>Mission Trip ends</i>	Sunday, August 6 <i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>  9:45 AM Summer Sunday School  11:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion  3:00 PM Aurelia and Parker Klinck Senior Recital

**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  
*Mark McHugh*, Ministry Intern  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music

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