



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

Minute for Stewardship

Klinck family

PRELUDE

Isla del Encanto

Puerto Rican carol, arr. Burkhardt

INTROIT

Hallelujah

Nepal folk tune

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Finbow

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

People: **Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.**

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People: **For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sarah Finbow

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children.

We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions.

**We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant,
for we have acted with selfish ambition.**

**Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance,
and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Carl Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, in your perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of
righteousness, and there is no strength but the strength of love. So mightily
spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the
banner of the Prince of Peace, as your children; to you be dominion and
glory, now and forever. Amen.**

* Those who are able, please stand.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT Page 64)
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 (Pew Bible, NT Page 197)
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:23-32 (Pew Bible, NT Page 23)
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Saying Yes to Jesus: When Actions Speak Louder than Words" Mindy Douglas

***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.**

**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. 733** *We All Are One in Mission* *Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*
 (Children through 1st grade enter worship during hymn.)

***THE PEACE** Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mindy Douglas

*No Children's Choir rehearsal today. Following "A Time with the Children"
 children (ages 5+) should join their parents in the pew for the remainder of worship.*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS (The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received at this time.)
Offertory Anthem *Bonse Aba* Traditional Zambian Song,
 arr. Andrew Fischer

Sam Henry, soloist
 Translation: "All that sing have the right to be called children of God."

***Doxology** (sung in Swahili) *Old Hundredth*

*Wá-tu wo-te du-ni-á-ni, Mwim-bi-eñ-i Muñ-gu we-tu,
 Mu-che-ni na kum-si-kí-a, Jo-ni kwa-ke na fu-rá-ha.*

Translation: *All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with one accord,
 Him serve with mirth his praise forth tell, Come ye before him and rejoice.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Creator God, we are amazed at your holy and diverse creation. You made us in your image and offered us every good gift in the garden, yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we could be like you. Jesus came and finally showed us how to truly love. He sat with sinners and tax collectors, touched diseased bodies with gentleness and lifted others from their deathbed. He died and rose again on the third day so that we might have life everlasting. With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday your people cry out:

All: *Sanctus* Hymn No. 565 (American tune)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and

earth are full of your glo-ry._____ Ho - san - na in the high- est._____

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord._____ Ho - san - na

in the high- est,_____ ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: The grains have been harvested and the bread has been baked. The grapes have been collected from the vine and the juice has been pressed. They come together on this table for a holy purpose. Holy Spirit, come, breathe your blessings on these common elements of bread and juice. Bring us to the table with Christ. Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mindy Douglas and Marilyn Hedgpeth

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Gluten- and peanut-free bread is available by the lectern. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets.

Communion Hymns (*all sing; see insert*) *This is the Body of Christ*
We Will Take What You Offer

John L. Bell

(Please stand)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

All: **Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 265

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia Tanzanian trad. tune, arr. Burkhardt

Thank you for returning your name tag to the container in the foyer or narthex.

Following worship today, members are invited to attend the Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon in Watts-Hill Hall. Make sure you pick up your pledge materials in the foyer and bring them with you to the luncheon. Today's lunch is provided free of charge by the Stewardship Committee.

Parents, we encourage you to eat with your children in Watts-Hill Hall, then allow your children to join caregivers in the CE building until the luncheon is over.

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 September 24, we welcomed 14 visitors to worship.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of ***Jennifer Bush Lawson*** by ***Bet and Dewey Lawson***.

THE LORD'S PRAYER when Holy Communion is celebrated: From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that, by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way. Of course, you may always choose to pray in the words closest to your heart, be those words debts or trespasses.

Nursery care for children 3-6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered today, these children join worship for the remainder of service. Childcare for infants–2 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 and narthex for children to use during worship. 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.

Portions of today's **worship texts** were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship, The Worship Sourcebook*, and the *2017 Peace and Global Witness Special Offerings PC(USA) World Communion Sunday Liturgy* resource.

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New Member Orientation Class: Those interested in joining First Presbyterian Church are encouraged to attend this class (now in progress) on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) in the Wilson Parlor. For more information about the class and how to become of a member of this church, contact Associate Pastor, **Marilyn Hedgpeth** at m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org or call 919-682-5511.

BREAKFAST with REV. BRIAN BLOUNT, PhD

Thursday, October 5 from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham

Presentation: *The Future of the African-American Minister: An "Interventionist" Agenda*

\$20 per ticket. Contact **Laura Armstrong** (larmstr6@ncsu.edu) for reservations.

All proceeds go to Presbyterian Campus Ministry at NCCU

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: FPC will be a polling place

On **Tuesday, October 10**, FPC will serve as a polling place for city of Durham residents (due to the closing of the Durham Public Library for renovations). We recommend that you contact the staff by phone or e-mail that day as there will be very little, if any, parking available at FPC during regular hours. The Day School will operate on its normal schedule. Meetings that are not affected by parking restrictions will meet as scheduled. Please contact **Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator, at t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org if you have questions.

Parkins gives Organ Recital in "Bach's Lunch" Series

FPC's Minister of Music, **Kathy Parkins**, will play on the White Rock Baptist Church of Durham's "Bach's Lunch" series on **Thursday, October 12**. Lunch is served at 11:50 (the cost for the lunch is \$4 but the concert is free). The concert will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please call White Rock Church at 919-688-8136 if you'd like to order a box lunch.

Peace Volunteers Needed at NC State Fair

In keeping with FPC's Season of Peace, FPC has been invited to staff the Peace Booth at this year's State Fair in Raleigh. Volunteers are needed on **Sunday, October 15, Tuesday, October 17, and Thursday, October 19 for half a day. All volunteers will receive a free ticket into the Fair (a \$10 savings)**. The orientation and training sessions for all 2017 volunteers are Monday, October 9 or Tuesday, October 10 at 7-8:30 p.m. at Community United Church of Christ, 814 Dixie Trail, Raleigh. If interested, please contact **Brianna Honea Bennett** at briannahonea@gmail.com.

OCTOBER DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Let's show our friends at Families Moving Forward some FPC love! More details are forthcoming.

SENIORS FALL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 25

Gather at 11:30 a.m. in the East Parlor; Luncheon at 12 noon in Watts-Hill Hall

~ **Our Concerns** ~

Added this week:

Dolly Douglas, grandmother of Mindy Douglas

Lillie E., student of Delia Kwon

Mark Higgins, friend of FPC, recovering from a fall (broken leg)

Cotto Rodriguez families, cousins of Miriam and Robin Morey in Puerto Rico, and other individuals and families displaced by recent hurricanes and earthquakes.

George Bernhardt III, son of George & Jo Bernhardt and U.S. soldier stationed in South Korea

Carl Anglin

Bob Breitweiser

Bill Lorimer

Julie Maxwell

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

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

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

Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:

Tom Bowen, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Louise Dykes, aunt of Will Chambliss

Kendra Harrington, friend of Jeremy Tucker

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

Christina Z., mother of Franz Rokoske

~ **Serving Today** ~

Acolytes: *Annabelle Brown, Clarabelle Brown*

Crucifer: *Sigfried Fullenkamp*

Liturgist: *Carl Rist*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Libby Gulley* (narthex/rear); *Laura Hanson* (side/font)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Michael Honeycutt* (flowers), *Alissa Miles, Laurie Williamson, Miriam Morey, Frances Zehmer*

Communion Elders:

Head/Replenish elements: *Libby Gulley*

Bread: *Andy Henry, Carol Carson, Miriam Morey, Caroline Rourk*

Cup: *Lenore Champion, Laura Hanson, Jane Williams, Barbara Buckley*

Shepherds: *George Bernhardt, Alice Raney, Eleanor Dilworth*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today After Worship: Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon (Childcare provided) 5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups (Service project)</p>	<p>Monday, October 2 10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle & Bible Study 7:00 PM Peacemaking Event: Dessert Potluck and Presentation by International Peacemaker Doug Baker</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 3 1:30 PM Worship Planning 2:30 PM All Staff</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 4 5:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, October 5 7:30 – 9:00 AM NCCU Presbyterian Campus Ministry Breakfast (fundraiser): Presentation by Brian Blount at Trinity Avenue PC</p>	<p>Friday, October 6 10:30 AM – Noon <i>“Cultivating Christian Character”</i> Book & Bible Study</p>	<p>Saturday, October 7 11:00 AM Scratch / Young Adults Potluck Brunch at the home of Laura Casteel 6:00 PM First Friends & Families “Blessing Bags” BBQ at the home of Jon and Kim Abels</p>	<p>Sunday, October 8 <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School / Membership Inquiry Class 11:00 AM Worship and Baptism (Judea Reform Confirmands in worship) 2:00 – 4:00 PM Shape Note Choir 6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>
<p>October 6-8 Middle School Retreat at Camp Don Lee</p>			



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