

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

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

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas
Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* Maurice Green

INTROIT *Morning Star, Your Cheering Light* Moravian, arr. Patrick Hagan
Morning Star, your cheering light can dispel the gloom of night.
Jesulein, come and shine in this darksome heart of mine.
Shining soul, true light divine, come without delay and shine;
Jesulein, come and shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, shine.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.**

All: **Let the faithful sing for joy.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 673** *Jesus, Light of Joy* *Lauda Anima*

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing) Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. 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.

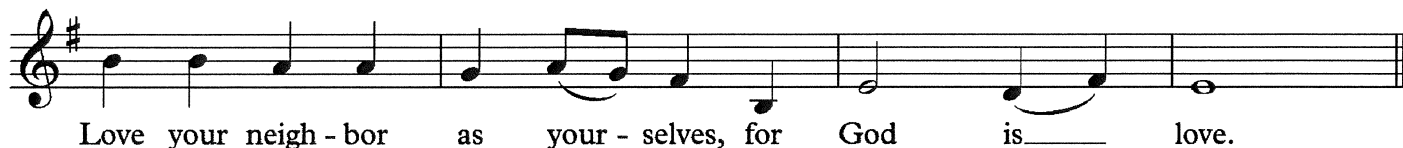
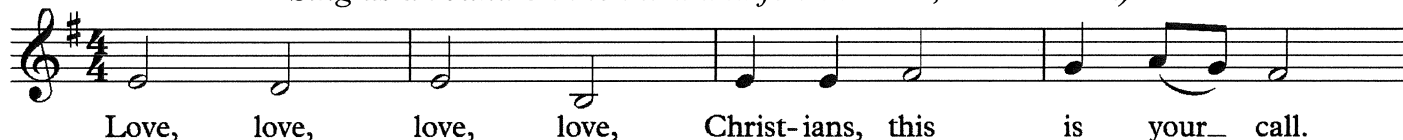
Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY (sung) Folk tune

(Choir sings through first; the congregation joins on the second time through.

Sing as a round on the third and fourth times; choir leads.)



* Those who are able, please stand.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Exodus 12:1-14 (Pew Bible, OT Page 58)
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Amy Dillon, reader
People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:15-20 (Pew Bible, NT Page 20)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:8-14 (Pew Bible, NT Page 162)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"The Armor of Light"* Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *An Hispanic Creed* Sam Miglarese

**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. 316** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* *Twenty-Fourth*

***THE PEACE** (*Children through 1st grade enter worship during the Peace.*) Sam Miglarese
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* *Healey Willan*

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night.*

Dayspring from on high be near; daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;

Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see,

Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief.

More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

*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!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sam Miglarese

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: We glorify and enjoy you now and forever, gracious God, because you created the universe as your work of art, and set us in the midst of it. When the canvas of your kindness was torn by our sin, you crafted a work of even more depth and beauty from the damage we had done. When your Son's body was scarred and pierced, you raised him to glorious life. In your chosen people you drew out a song of praise, and in your church you gave us voices to sing, pray, and dance. And so we rejoice to join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

All (sung): *Sanctus* Hymn No. 565 (Haugen)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: We lift our hearts to you, Lord God. Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now, that every part of every one of us might become an instrument of your peace. Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and wine and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

Leader: God of justice, make us a prophetic people, whose every work and every act is a proclamation of the new order found in you. Holy God, make us a priestly people, whose lives are so transparent with your truth that we become a place of encounter between you and your beloved children. Reigning God, make us a kingly people, whose hearts are filled with worship and wonder, in the power of your Spirit. We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, God of glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

(Ecumenical version)

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

Marilyn Hedgpeth and Sam Miglarese

*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

John L. Bell

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.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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

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

All: **O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 514

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Schmücke Dich

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in B^b

Maurice Green

Membership Inquiry Lunch today following worship . . .

Do you have questions about membership at FPC? Do you want to meet others who are new to the FPC community? Have you already joined, but want to catch up on the ins and outs of FPC life?

If yes, then please join following worship us as we begin a new series of Membership Inquiry Classes with a lunch in Watts-Hill Hall. We will make introductions, give an overview of the classes, and get to know each other a little better. Adults, youth and children are welcome.

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, September 3, we welcomed 10 visitors to worship.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God by ***Mary Ann Ruegg*** in memory of her husband, ***Don Ruegg***.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is an ***infant changing table*** in the narthex (left as you exit sanctuary). ***Worship bags and activity bulletins*** are available in the foyer and narthex for children. Books are in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy if they need 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.

Need a ride to worship? If you would like to have a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings, please contact *Valerie McMillian* (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511).

A copy of the *2016-2017 FPC Annual Report* is now available. Contact *Valerie McMillian* in the church office if you would like a paper copy or the report emailed to you.

Children's Choir rehearsals begin **next Sunday, September 17**. Children who are interested (age 5 and up) should come to worship, and following "A Time with the Children," go to the choir room (second floor, CE building) for rehearsal. Parents should pick their child(ren) up from the choir room at the end of worship. NOTE: there is no Children's Choir rehearsal on Communion Sundays. Questions can be directed to *Samantha Arten* (samantha.arten@gmail.com) or *Kathy Parkins* (k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org).

The *Handbell Choir* has a new practice schedule. Practice will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Bell Choir room (second floor, CE building). NOTE: on the second week of the month, bells will practice on Monday at 5:00 p.m. New ringers are welcome to join us.

The *Chancel (adult) Choir* rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room (second floor, CE building). New singers are welcome to join us. Email *Kathy Parkins* if you will need childcare (k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org).

Gifts for Hurricane Relief: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with presbytery leaders in areas impacted during this very active and deadly hurricane season. National response teams are being deployed into impacted areas as conditions allow. You can support relief efforts. Make checks payable to *First Presbyterian Church*, memo: "*Harvey*" or "*Irma*." Your donations to PDA are appreciated. For the latest information on PDA's relief efforts and ways you can help, go to their website, <http://pda.pcusa.org/>.

Supporting Families Moving Forward

First Presbyterian Church has joined with over 30 other faith communities in Durham to provide dinner and childcare for families participating in evening programming at Families Moving Forward. Our next turn to serve dinner at Families Moving Forward is **Thursday, September 14**. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail *Lea Bingham* at leabingham@gmail.com or call 919-358-1774. We'd love to have you join us.

Membership Inquiry Classes

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor

September 17 *Baptism and Eucharist* led by Sam Miglarese

September 24 *The Liturgical Year* led by Dewey Lawson/David Smith

October 1 *History and Theology* led by Marilyn Hedgpeth

October 8 *Polity and Theology* led by Phyllis Supple

****October 15** *The Christian Life* led by Mindy Douglas

**At this last class, those who wish to join will meet with the Session prior to worship, and will be introduced during worship that day. However, you may join at any point in the process, provided you have a conversation with one of the clergy so that the Session can be notified about your desire to join. All are welcome to come learn more about First Presbyterian Church.

~ **OUR SYMPATHIES AND CONCERNS** ~

We extend our sympathies to *Judy and Al Arrowood* on the death of Judy's aunt, *Helen Lemmons*, who died September 6th in Gastonia NC.

Added this week:

Grace Abels (Peru) and *Carter Momsen-Hudson* (Ecuador), studying abroad this year.

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

Bob Breitweiser

Paul Cornsweet

Celia and Matt Dickerson

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 & Judy Arrowood

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur & Mary Clark

Barbara Cooper, friend of FPC

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 Franzi Rokoske

~ **Serving Today** ~

Liturgist: *Amy Dillon*

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Alice Raney* (narthex/rear); *Delia Kwon* (side/font)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Will Chambliss*,
Amy Dillon, Jo Bernhardt, Amy Sanchez

Communion elders:

Head/Replenish elements: *Barbara Buckley*

Bread: *Karen Romines* (process), *Brent Curtis, Eric Wiebe, Sigfried Fullenkamp*

Cup: *Jane Williams, Delia Kwon* (process), *Alice Raney, Dewey Lawson*

Shepherds: *Al Arrowood* (font aisle), *Tom Bacon* (center aisle), *Gray Wilson* (pulpit aisle)

Remember to sign up following worship!

**First Presbyterian
All Church
GATHERING**



Like a shepherd he will gather the lambs in his arms. - Isaiah 40.11

Sunday, September 24, 2017

3:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.

New Hope Camp and Conference Center

Schedule

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Time to hang out, play games, hike,
walk labyrinth, Gaga ball, volleyball, hand crafts

5:00 p.m.

Vespers Worship

5:45 p.m.

Potluck Supper (Main dish provided. Bring sides.)

7:00 p.m.

Campfire with s'mores, skits, poems, jokes, music and more!

A Season of Peace 

The Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship: Membership Inquiry Lunch</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Shape Note Choir</p> <p>5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Group Kickoff Party</p>	<p>Monday, September 11</p> <p>10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle & Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>6:00 PM Property Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee</p> <p>NOTE: CE Committee will meet at 6:00 PM on September 18</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 12</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>5:30 PM Stewardship Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Book Group at the home of Jane Williams</p> <p>Newsletter Today</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 13</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship & the Arts Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, September 14</p> <p>FPC provides dinner and childcare for Families Moving Forward</p>	<p>Friday, September 15</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM / 9:30 – 11:30 AM FPC serving breakfast / preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p> <p>10:30 AM – Noon Book & Bible Study “Cultivating Christian Character”</p>	<p>Saturday, September 16</p>	<p>Sunday, September 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School / Membership Inquiry Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>12:15 PM Congregational Lunch Youth Parents’ Meeting Stewardship Visit Training</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups</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

For more info about First Presbyterian Church, check out the tables in the foyer and narthex
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