

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27701

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

Minute for Stewardship

Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield

PRELUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

Michael Burkardt

INTROIT

Ellacombe

German melody, 18th cent.

O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
Come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
Whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

People: **And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech,

People: **And night to night declares knowledge.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 17 *Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!* *Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien*

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God you are the breath we breathe, the beating of our hearts, the warmth of the sun upon our faces, the light of the moon that shows us the way in darkness. And yet we are slow to recognize You as such. Instead, we are quick to doubt and criticize; eager to blame our own shortcomings upon others; forgetful of the grace that you daily grant us and the justice you call us to embody. Forgive us our ingratitude. Have mercy on us and claim us once again as your own. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 31, verse 1)

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

* Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1: 1-5

(Pew Bible, NT Page 66)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1

(Pew Bible, OT Page 1)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"From...to"

Cheryl Henry

***HYMN NO. 22**

God of the Sparrow

Roeder

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during hymn.)

***THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sadie Louise Finbow

Words of Scripture

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Sadie Louise Finbow to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor: *(to the parents)*

Pete and Sarah, 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?

Pastor: *(to the gathered children)*

Do you promise to be a friend to Sadie?

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?

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide Sadie 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?

People: **We do.**

(The congregation will please stand.)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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.

***BAPTISMAL HYMN**

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear Schumann's Geistliche Lieder

see insert on page 5

Thanksgiving over the Water

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of rebirth. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Sadie that she may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

(The congregation may be seated.)

Baptism

Anointing

Welcome

Children may leave following the baptism to attend Children's Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Sam Miglarese

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
People: **O lord, my rock and my redeemer.**
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

Not One Sparrow

Shaker Hymn, arr. William Hawley

Not one sparrow is forgotten, E'en the raven God will feed;
And the lily of the valley from his bounty hath its need.
Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, in thy mercy have a share?
And through faith and prayer, my Mother, merit Thy protecting care?

*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 offer thanks and praise.**
All: **Faithful God, you sent us your Word as the sun of truth and justice to shine upon all the world. Open our eyes to see your glory in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 19

God of Great and God of Small

God of Great and Small

*BENEDICTION

Cheryl Henry

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in d

Franz Murschhauser

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.

Baptismal Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

Heinrich von Laufenberg

Schumann's Geistliche Lieder
VOM HIMMEL HOCH

Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, As You were once an

in - fant here, So give this child of

Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day.

Name tags are now available on a table in the foyer as you enter from the back parking lot. Please wear your name tag while attending Sunday School and the worship service. **Please do not take your name tag home.** As you leave the sanctuary, there will be a container at the Main Street doors and in the foyer to deposit your name tag for availability on the next Sunday. Single use name tags are available at each entrance for first-time visitors.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Charles W. Schultz by Pat, Amy, Noah and Rory Dillon.**

Childcare for infants–children 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, the 3-6 year old children join worship for the remainder of service. Childcare for infants–2 years continues in the nursery until the end of worship. NOTE: Children who participate in Children’s Choir go to the choir room following “A Time with the Children” and rehearse there until the end of worship. Parents should come to the choir room to retrieve these children at the end of worship. There is an **infant 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. Books are 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 *Book of Common Worship* and *Feasting on the Word*.

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. 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.

~ **OUR CONCERNS** ~

Added this week:

**Individuals and families displaced by recent hurricanes and earthquakes.
Victims of last Sunday's shooting in Las Vegas and their families and friends.
First Responders, aid workers and care givers responding to all these needs**

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

Carl Anglin

Bob Breitweiser

Paul Cornsweet

Lindsay Efland

Dale Gaddis

Charles Hammond

Bill Lorimer

Julie Maxwell

Asher Wilson

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

Lillie E., student of Delia Kwon

Kendra Harrington, friend of Jeremy Tucker

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

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Cotto Rodriguez families, cousins of Miriam and Robin Morey

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

Christina Z., mother of Franzi Rokoske

This morning, FPC is glad to welcome **Rabbi Larry Bach, the 10th Grade Confirmation Class from the Judea Reform Congregation, and their leaders** as our guests. The class came at 10:30 this morning to ask any questions they might have about worship in the Reformed Tradition. It is fortunate that they are with us today to witness the baptism of Sadie Louise Finbow. FPC's confirmands also visit Judea Reform on alternative years. It is great to be friends with our larger faith community. Welcome!

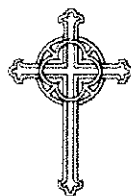
The baptism service this morning is for **Sadie Louise Finbow**, daughter of FPC's Youth Director, **Sarah Finbow**, and her husband **Pete**. Sadie was born on May 7, 2017. We welcome Sarah's extended family and Pete's family from England who are joining us for this special occasion. Our two youth elders, **Ellie Dilworth and Sigfried Fullenkamp**, are assisting with the baptism.

~ Serving Today ~

Acolytes: Ellie Dilworth and Jack Kost
 Crucifer: Frances Zehmer
 Baptism Elders: Ellie Dilworth and Sigfried Fullencamp
 Liturgist: Cris Rivera
 Narthex Greeters: Alice Raney

The Week at a Glance!			
<p>Later Today Noon Membership Committee Meeting</p> <p>2:00 - 4:00 PM Triangle Sacred Harp Shape Note Choir</p> <p>6:00 - 8:00 PM High School Youth Group only</p> <p><i>Middle Schoolers return from weekend retreat</i></p>	<p>Monday, October 9</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 10</p> <p>6:30 AM Voting</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM FPC Program Staff</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 11</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship & the Arts Committee McPherson Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, October 12</p> <p>12:30 PM Kathy Parkins Organ Recital at White Rock Baptist Church, Durham</p>	<p>Friday, October 13</p> <p>10:30 AM- Noon "Cultivating Christian Character" Book and Bible Study</p>	<p>Saturday, October 14</p> <p>5 - 7 PM Young Families Fellowship Potluck at the home of Chris and Meredith Brown 7507 Chesley Lane Durham, NC 27713</p>	<p>Sunday, October 15 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 AM Called Session Meeting</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (New members received)</p> <p>After Worship: Congregational Fellowship Lunch</p> <p>5:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Groups</p> <p><i>FPC volunteering at NC State Fair Peace Booth</i></p>

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



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