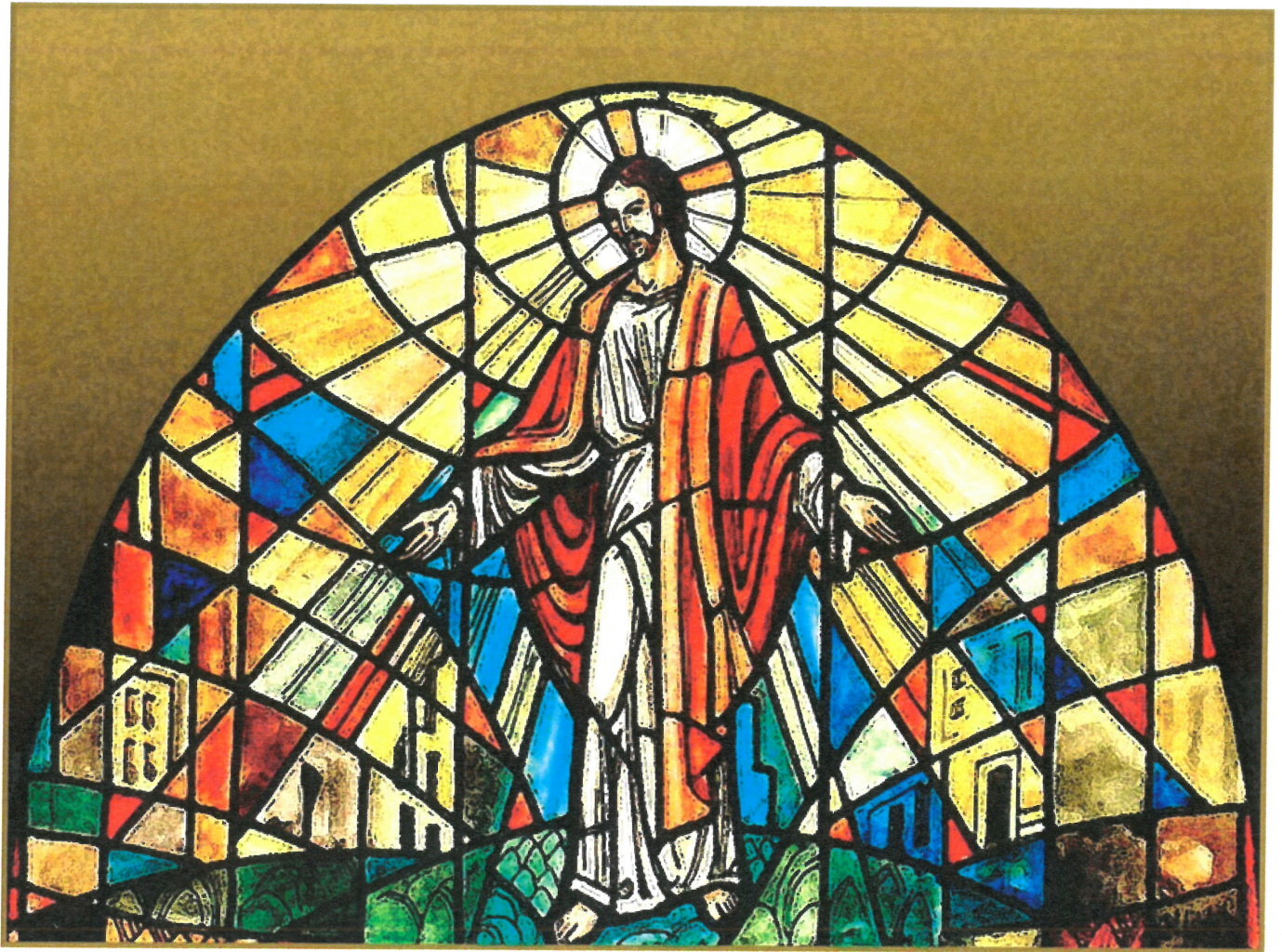


CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2017

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

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

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

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the King of Creation* Johann Walther

INTROIT *Above All Praise* Felix Mendelssohn
Above all praise and all majesty,
Lord, Thou reignest evermore, Hallelujah.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Today and tomorrow in time and eternity,
People: **Your Kingdom come.**
Leader: In our world, in our streets, in our homes, and communities,
People: **Your Kingdom come.**
Leader: In our lives, in our loves, in our hopes and our travelling,
People: **Your Kingdom come.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 310** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* St Thomas

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

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, in the waters of Baptism you give us birth, and at your table you nourish us with heavenly food. In your goodness and mercy, lead us along safe paths, beyond the terrors of evil and death, to the house of the Lord where we may rest securely in you forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-17 (Pew Bible, OT Page 803)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

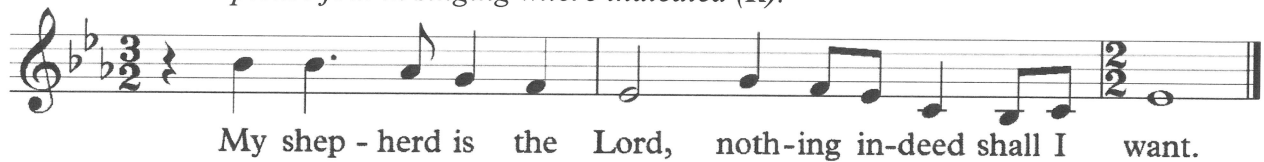
* Those who are able, please stand.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 23

Leslie Curtis, cantor

After the refrain has been introduced by the organist and the cantor,
please join in singing where indicated (R).



The Lord is my Shepherd,
I will never be in need.
In the fresh green meadow my Shepherd
will make me lie down,
and to the still water will guide me,
find refreshment for my spirit. **R**

Guiding me to greener pastures,
You are true to your word.
Though I walk through the darkest of shadows,
what danger could I fear?
You will always go with me,
Your rod and staff will lead me. **R**

You spread a table before me,
before all my foes.
You anoint my head with oil,
fill my cup to overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness wait for me
every day of my life.
In the house of the Lord will I live,
forever and forever. **R**

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25: 31-46

(Pew Bible, NT Page 29)

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"The Shepherd King"

Sam Miglarese

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, Section 9.52

Cheryl Henry

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of people with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinners so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as they eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, they receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called them.

***HYMN NO. 274**

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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***THE PEACE**

Cheryl Henry

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Sam Miglarese

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

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

King of Glory, King of Peace

Walker/Brewer

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and, that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me, and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee. - George Herbert (1593-1632)

*(The Hunger for Change Offering will be received following the anthem.
Please come forward with your offering.)*

*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

Mindy Douglas

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: It is our duty and our joy to thank and praise you, God of heaven and earth; for you are our shepherd, who called Abraham by name, gathered a people under Moses, fed your flock in the wilderness, and led them out of Egypt and Babylon to take refuge in your sheepfold. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus to be our shepherd king, leading us beside still waters, delivering us from the valley of the shadow of death, and restoring our souls. And so with all your gathered flock, with sheep that are not of this fold, and with saints and angels surrounding your glorious throne, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

All (sung):

Hymn No. 35, verse 1 (*Lobe Den Herren*)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Leader: Abundant God, you bestow upon your people the riches of your glorious inheritance and the immeasurable greatness of your power. You send upon your disciples the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Send now that same Spirit to breathe upon your church and make it resound with your praise. Sanctify this bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Leader: God of glory, you sent Jesus to be our prophet, priest, and king, and you show us his face in the face of those on whom the world turns its back.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

As the tempted Christ was hungry in the wilderness, make yourself known to all who search for food. As the crucified Christ was thirsty hanging on the tree, reveal your love among those who lack clean water. As the infant Christ was a stranger in Egypt, manifest your presence through any who are pilgrims from afar. As the newborn Christ was naked in the manger, live in all who experience shame and exposure. As Christ in his passion was sick to the heart in Gethsemane, declare your grace among those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. And as Christ under judgment was a prisoner under Pontius Pilate, be with all who are incarcerated by folly, injustice, or fear. Renew your church by making it resemble Jesus, our crucified king, our savior, Lord, and friend, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us now pray together using the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, saying:

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.**

***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 Hymn No. 802 (all sing) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* *St. Columba*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe, and have sent your Son to be King of kings. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world, and governs the nations in justice and righteousness. Accept our homage as we offer our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

***BENEDICTION**

Sam Miglarese

***POSTLUDE**

O Worship the King

Schultz-Widor

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, November 19, we welcomed 15 visitors to our worship service.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by *Nancy and Jack Kost*, in loving memory of Jack's dad, *Karl Edward Kost*.

Nursery care for infants to 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 for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from *Call to Worship, Book of Common Worship, and Eucharistic Prayer Book*.

Later Today . . .

**Organ Recital/Hymn Sing: *The Church Year in Hymns of Martin Luther*
7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran at 1200 Cornwallis Rd., Durham**

Dr. Richard Lischer of Duke Divinity School will speak about Luther's use of hymns to teach the faith to the laity. *Kathy Cain Parkins* will be one of four organists playing chorales for each major season of the church year (settings by Bach, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, Burkhardt, and others). Free and open to the public.

Our Concerns . . .

Added this week: *Sarah Finbow*, recovering from hand surgery
Russell Roberson, recovering from surgery
Florence Shackelford, a patient at Duke Regional Hospital

Alec Bethune *Paul Cornsweet* *Charles Hammond*
Natalie Hansel *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*

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

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

Family of Church and Staff:

- *Laura Brannon*, cousin of Libby Gulley
- *Claiborne Clark*, son of Arthur & Mary Clark
- *Marc Crawford*, friend of Ricky and Brianna Bennett
- *Kim Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings
- *Lindsay Efland*, friend of Cherrie Henry
- *Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase*, pastor of Durham's Farm Church
- *Vickie Tobey*, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
- *Jerry Walter*, friend of Brian and Jeanette Castle
- *Christina Z.*, mother of Franzi Rokoske

~ Serving Today ~

Acolytes: *Annabelle Brown, Matthew Dickerson*

Crucifer: *Ellie Dilworth*

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Narthex Greeter: *Elizabeth High*

After Worship Greeters: *Gray Wilson* (narthex/rear); *Dewey Lawson* (side/font)

Communion Elders: *Andy Henry*, head elder / replenish elements

Bread: *Miriam Morey* (B1, process), *Dewey Lawson*, (B2), *George Bernhardt* (B3), *Jane Williams* (B4)

Cup: *Brent Curtis* (C1), *Carol Carson* (C2, process), *Jon Abels* (C3), *Caroline Rourk* (C4)

Shepherds: *Jane Wettach* (pulpit aisle), *Laura Hanson* (center aisle), *Gray Wilson* (font aisle)

Ushers: *Kathy Krahenbuhl* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*, *Catherine Dumas*, *Will Chambliss*

Blessing and Hygiene Bag supplies on Communion Sundays

As a way of extending the grace of the Lord's Table beyond our walls, we have asked the congregation to bring ready-made blessing bags or supplies for blessing bags and hygiene kits on Communion Sundays. **Another opportunity is coming up next Sunday, December 3.** Bring your items into the sanctuary with you (as you do the Hunger for Change offering), and place them in the baskets as part of the communion liturgy. Blessing bags might contain: granola bars, nuts, non-perishable fruit, small bottles of water, snack crackers or cookies. Hygiene kits might contain travel-sized soap, shampoo, body lotion, shaving cream, disposable razors, and wash cloths. Thank you for being a good neighbor and supporting this ministry to people in need.

Durham CAN Fundraiser

Monday, December 4

7 - 8:30 p.m. at Duke Memorial UMC

The Durham CAN *Songs of Hope End of Year Celebration* is a night of music, fellowship, and entertainment. We will celebrate our diversity, relationships, and collective achievements; as well as recognize the leadership of our Clergy. This event is free and open to the public.

Human Kindness Organization's Holiday Cards Project

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the home of Cheryl and Andy Henry (1207 Arbor St.)

All ages are invited to make holiday cards for inmates on death row. Supplies provided.

Senior PharmAssist Medicare Open Enrollment "After Party"

Thursday, December 7

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Morgan Imports

Please join Senior PharmAssist in celebrating Durham's support for its seniors. There will be refreshments, music & door prizes. Morgan Imports will donate 10% of all sales to Senior PharmAssist.

Anti-Racism Education Corner


Please make a reservation to attend a screening of the 2016 documentary "13th" and participate in an ongoing discussion about institutional racism, its impacts, and our responsibility as Christians and the Church. The film is 100 minutes and can be seen on Netflix. **RSVP:** Please email, call, or text *Kathy Conner* (kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com or 919-451-5445) to indicate which screening you would like to attend.

Thursday, November 30, 2:00-4:15 p.m. - Dan Hudgins and Ann McKown's home. Seating for 8.

Sunday, December 3, 5:00-8:00 p.m. - FPC, Watts-Hill Hall. Pizza and drinks provided; \$3/person.

Tuesday, December 5, 6:45-9:00 p.m. - Mindy Douglas and Tim O'Brien's home. Seating for 8.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today No Evening Youth Groups</p>	<p>Monday, November 27</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>6:30 PM Supper for Officers</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 28</p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon at Bennett Pointe Grill</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM FPC Staff</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 29</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 30</p> <p>2:00 – 4:15 PM Screening / Discussion of Documentary "13th" at the home of Dan Hudgins & Ann McKown</p>	<p>Friday, December 1</p> <p>10:30 AM – Noon Book & Bible Study "Cultivating Christian Character" (Christmas tree arrives)</p>	<p>Saturday, December 2</p> <p>11:00 AM FPC walks in Durham Christmas Parade (Meet at 9:30 AM at corner of Main & Dillard Streets dressed as an animal or shepherd)</p> <p>1:00 PM Scratch/Young Adults Lunch out at local eatery</p>	<p>Sunday, December 3 <small>First Sunday of Advent</small></p>  <p>9:45 AM Advent Festival (for children and youth) Sunday School (adults)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship with Baptism and Communion</p> <p>After Worship: Alternative Gifts Fair</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM Screening / Discussion of Documentary "13th" (in Watts-Hill Hall; pizza and beverage provided; \$3 suggested donation)</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups (decorate tree with Chrismons and complete a service project)</p>

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