

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27701

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 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		
PRELUDE (Handbell Choir)	<i>Praise His Name in the Dance</i>	Derek Hakes
INTROIT	<i>God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength</i>	Winchester Old
	<i>God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid, And therefore, though the earth remove, we will not be afraid. Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand, Secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.</i>	
*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 78:1)		Sam Miglarese
Leader:	Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;	
People:	Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.	
All:	Let us worship God.	
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 330	<i>Our Help Is in the Name of God</i>	Old 124 th
*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)		Sam Miglarese
Call to Prayer		
Prayer of Confession (in unison)		
	Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sins of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.	
Silent Confession		
Declaration of Pardon		

* Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Wilson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful, comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

(Pew Bible, NT Page 28)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

(Pew Bible, OT Page 215)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Choose This Day"

Mindy Douglas

*HYMN NO. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

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

*THE PEACE

Cherrie Henry

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ELOISE GRAHAM HOUSE

Mindy Douglas, Cherrie Henry

Words of Scripture

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Eloise Graham House to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor: *(to the parents)* Wayne and Lucie, 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? *(to the gathered children)* Do you promise to be a friend to Eloise? 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?

Elder: *(to the congregation)* Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide Eloise 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

Cherrie Henry

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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Cherrie Henry

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 Eloise 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

Mindy Douglas

Anointing

Cherrie Henry

Welcome

Mindy Douglas

***BAPTISMAL HYMN (PAGE 5)**

Lord Jesus Christ Our Lord Most Dear

Vom Himmel Hoch

(After the baptism, children may leave for Children's Choir, return to the nursery, or join parents in the pew.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

People: **And in God's word I hope.**

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.

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer

Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 306, verse1)

Dennis

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

God, Stir the Soil

Roland E. Martin

Joseph Robinson, oboe

God, stir the soil, run the plowshare deep,

Overturn the hard, dry ground.

Sow new seed, free of withered vine and weed,

Bring fair flowers to birth.

God, stir the soil.

- Anonymous Prayer from Singapore

*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: **Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

We Trust in God, a Strong Abode

Paul Manz

Reminder to members: as you leave the sanctuary today, there will be containers at the Main Street doors and in the foyer to deposit your name tag for availability on next Sunday.

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

Heinrich von Laufenberg

Schumann's Geistliche Lieder
VOM HIMMEL HOCH

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

~ Worship Notes and Parish Announcements ~

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 5, we welcomed 21 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of *Barbara and Peter Fish* by their grandchildren: *Connor, Elizabeth, Ayla and Abby*.

Special thanks to the **Handbell Choir** for providing music during today's worship.

The **baptism service** this morning is for **Eloise Graham House**, daughter of **Lucie and Wayne House**. **Amy and Gray Wilson** (ruling elder) are standing as witnesses to Eloise's baptism.

Today, we welcome new members **Bert Clere** and **Laurie Ray**. Bert lives in Durham and is a graduate of UNC-Asheville. He works at Durham Senior Care. Laurie, and husband, James Perry, live in Rougemont. Laurie is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and works as a pediatric physical therapist and consultant for the NC Department of Public Instruction and as an associate professor at UNC-Chapel Hill. Bert and Laurie are coming to us by transfer of letter.

Childcare for infants through children 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. Parents of children who participate in Children's Choir should come to the choir room to pick up their 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*.

~ OUR CONCERNS ~

Added this week: **Peter Fish**, recovering at home

Families recovering from the horrific shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas

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, Florence Shackelford**

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

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

Family of Church members and Staff:

- **George Bernhardt III**, son of George and Jo Bernhardt
- **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
- **Danny Parker**, Al & Judy Arrowood's son's father-in-law
- **Sallie Robinson**, friend of Kerry Holbrook
- **Vickie Tobey**, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
- **Jerry Walter**, friend of Brian and Jeannette Castle
- **Rev. J.C. Williams**, friend of Steve & Martha Rimmer
- **Asher Wilson**, grandson of Chuck & Jean Wilson
- **Christina Z.**, mother of Franzi Rokoske

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Organ Recital/Hymn Sing

The Church Year in Hymns of Martin Luther

November 26 - Christ the King Sunday

7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 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. Organists *Jacqueline Nappi*, *Susan Beschorner*, *Kathy Cain Parkins*, and *Tom Kraska* will play chorales for each major season of the church year with organ settings by Bach, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, Burkhardt, and others.

Care Packages for College Students and Military

The Pastoral Care Committee is assembling care packages for our college students and young adults away serving our country. You are invited to support this project by bringing in flat items for the packages — gum, hot cocoa, microwave popcorn, hard candy, granola bars, puzzles or joke books, etc. Baskets are labeled at the Mission Collection Center in the foyer for your donations. **Items are needed by Sunday, November 26.** The care packages will be sent the week after Thanksgiving. **Parents, remember to update your student's address to ensure a timely delivery of the care package.**

Anti-Racism Education Corner

The FPC's Racial Equity Task Force invites you to see "13th," an award-winning 2016 documentary that explores the history of institutional racism and the mass incarceration of African-American males. **We invite you to attend a screening (in members' homes or at church) 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.

Scheduled Screenings

Thursday, November 16, 6:45-9:00 p.m. at Libby & Dub Gulley's home. Seating for 8.

Monday, November 20, 6:45-9:00 p.m. at Jon & Kim Abels' home. Seating for 12.

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

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

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

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.

Exhibit: Housing Inequality in Durham

BullCity150 Exhibit: "Uneven Ground: Foundations of Housing Inequality in Durham" - The exhibit is open on the following dates: **November 14** with a Housing Policy Discussion - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and **November 17** - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location: MDC Building - 307 E. Main St. For more information, go to: <https://www.bullcity150.org>.

~ **Serving Today** ~

Acolytes: *Clarabelle Brown, Isabel Brown*

Crucifer: *Jack Kost*

Liturgist: *Amy Wilson*

Baptism Elder: *Gray Wilson*

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Jane Wettach* (narthex/rear); *Alice Raney* (side/font)

Ushers: *Kathy Krahenbuhl* (head), *Brianna Bennett* (flowers), *Stephen Berry*,
Chris Anglin, Wayne House

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today	Monday, November 13	Tuesday, November 14	Wednesday, November 15
<p>12:30 PM Interment Service for Anna Smith Currie</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Triangle Shape Note Choir (rehearsal)</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM All Youth combined (Dress rehearsal & final prep for Youth Sunday)</p>	<p>5:30 PM Christian Education Committee</p> <p>5:00 PM "Time Out" Radio Show "Arthur Clark on Veteran Affairs" (Listen at FM103.5 or online at wcomfm.org)</p> <p>6:00 PM Property Committee</p>	<p>12 Noon Staff Lunch</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM FPC All Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Book Group at the home of Mary-Jo Keenan</p>	<p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
Thursday, November 16	Friday, November 17	Saturday, November 18	Sunday, November 19
<p>6:15 – 7:30 PM Day School Board</p> <p>6:45 – 9:00 PM Screening of Documentary "13th" at the home of Libby and Dub Gulley</p>	<p>7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Durham Urban Ministries</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Durham Urban Ministries</p> <p>10:30 AM- Noon "Cultivating Christian Character" Book and Bible Study</p>	<p>9:00 – 11:30 AM Parent-Child Mindfulness Retreat led by Lucie House (at FPC)</p>	<p>YOUTH SUNDAY <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>After Worship: Fellowship Lunch</p> <p>5:00 – 6:15 PM Parents Night Out / Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & Service Project for the children</p> <p>No evening 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
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