

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on "Thaxted"* William Buckley Farlee

INTROIT *Come to His Table* *Austrian Melody*

*Come, come, come, Christ Jesus bids us come. O come to his table, all who love him,  
Think of his grace, and pray to receive him, Come, come, come, Christ Jesus bids us come.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 19:7-10*) John Curran

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: **The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

People: **The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

Leader: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold.

People: **They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 341 *O God, Show Mercy to Us* *Thaxted*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing) Jennie Alwood

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, we love you, but too often we do not keep your commandments. We turn away from your path and love our way of life more than we love you. We love ourselves but forget to love our neighbors, too. Forgive our misdirected love. Help us to respond to your love in new ways each and every day. Strengthen us so that we may know your promises and see your risen presence in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymnal No. 575)

*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

*J. Christopher Pardini*

Declaration of Pardon

Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Because God so loves us, we strive to walk in the light of God's law. Let us remember God's 10 best ways . . .

\*READING OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Exodus 20:1-17) Jennie Alwood

Leader: God spoke all these words, saying,

All: **I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY (Psalm 19:14)**

John Curran

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

(Pew Bible, NT Page 166)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 2: 13-22

(Pew Bible, NT Page 93)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*“At Table”*

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*(Silent reflection)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Sam Miglarese

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that God’s grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and discipline are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*(from Patmos Abbey – the Order of St. Columba)*

**\*HYMN NO. 499**

*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

*Rendez À Dieu*

**\*THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

*(As we pass the peace, please be mindful that it is still flu season.  
Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.)*

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter during the sharing of the peace.)*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Children’s Choir Anthem

*Create in Me, O God*

Jane Marshall

*Create in me, O God, a clean heart;  
Put a new and right spirit within me.*

*(There is no Children’s Choir rehearsal today. Children may return to the nursery or join their parents in the pew after “A Time with the Children.”)*

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

*As We Gather at Your Table*

K. Lee Scott

*As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.*

*Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.*

*Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.*

\*Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

## 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: Covenanting God, you made this world and us to be your companions, and in Moses you revealed to us the spirit of freedom and the freedom of your Spirit. On Sinai you showed your people how to keep their freedom and walk in your Spirit. You called them to be a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. In your temple you enshrined your law and made your mercy seat the place of your people's reconciliation with you. Then in Jesus you came among your people as the embodiment of your law and the personification of your temple and the emblem of your freedom. His cross is the mercy seat in which you forgive our sin, and his resurrection is the new law of life with you forever. And so we gladly thank you, with 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: Righteous God, your Son said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Here we gather before you to lament the agony of that destruction and to celebrate the glory of that raising up. Come into the temple of this your body, that your people may become a temple of your presence, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; 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."

Leader: 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 the many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: Merciful Father, in your commandments we see the simplicity and the sacrifice of our life with you and your life with us. Raise up saints from this community, and make us quick to recognize the saints we encounter elsewhere. Take out of your church the idolatries that grieve you, and fill your church with the transparency of heart that honors you, until the day when all sin is transformed by your grace, all scarcity suffused with your abundance, and all disorder healed by your mercy, and you are all in all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

*(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)*

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**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**

*As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. You are invited to dip your hand in the baptismal font and remember your baptism.*

*Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.*

Communion Hymn (see next page; all sing) *Come to the Table*

*Come to the Table*

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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

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

All: **O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments – to love only you, not worshipping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN NO. 435**

*There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy*

*In Babilone*

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

J.S. Bach

### ***The Membership Inquiry Class begins right after worship today!***

We are offering a series of six Membership Inquiry Classes this spring for persons interested in membership with this church. The classes begin today with an introductory luncheon in the East Parlor following worship and continue on the next Sunday from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., concluding April 29. The classes are an opportunity to learn about the history, ministries, and mission of this church, ask questions, and make a more informed decision about becoming a member. We do not require anyone to take the classes before joining; when you are ready to join, just let the pastors know.

**CROP Hunger Walk (March 25): Remember to sign up online or in the foyer to support FPC’s team.**

## Come to the Table

G Em7 Am7

\*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.  
2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.  
3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.

G Em A7 Dsus D

Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:  
My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.  
Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.

G G7 C Cm

Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.  
Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,  
Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.

G D7 G

Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.  
for you are mine, and I am your Lord.  
With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

**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, February 25, we welcomed 18 visitors to worship.

**Name Tags:** Church and visitor name tags are available on Sunday mornings in the foyer (lower level, elevator alcove). If you enter the sanctuary through the narthex (rear of the sanctuary), your name tag can be picked up and dropped off there (add a yellow dot to the back of your tag to indicate this location). We encourage everyone to wear a name tag on Sunday mornings, including visitors, and after worship, members should drop their tags in the containers provided. Thank you for your cooperation.

The **flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of **Florence McDow** and to honor our church community who lovingly supports all who have lost someone dear. - **Will, Leslie and Laura Mish McDow**

**Special thanks** to **Samantha Arten** for her leadership with the Children's Choir.

**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. 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 the *Book of Common Worship, Feasting on the Word*, and *Eucharistic Prayers*.

Copies of *recent sermons* are now available from the table in the foyer.

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## **Lenten Class Offerings**

### **Holy Listening: Poetry Reading & Writing**

Our first class meets **TODAY from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** at the church. TOPIC: “*Living in the moment.*” We’ll look at some of the poetry of the Bible, as well as poetry by Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Wendell Berry, Gerard Manly Hopkins, and others, including poems participants bring to share. Bring your ears, your heart, maybe something to write with, and a few good poems and prayers. Childcare provided upon request; the youth will be meeting at the same time. Class is open to members and non-members.

### **Spiritual Autobiography**

In this Lenten class, we will take time to reflect upon what God might be saying to us through our life stories. In order to have a quality experience together, participants will commit to attending at least three of the four classes. **Class meets Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at FPC.** Snacks provided.

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### **~ OUR CONCERNS ~**

We extend condolences to *Terry Allebaugh* and *Lori Pistor* (former FPC Associate Pastor) upon the sudden death of their son, *Eli Allebaugh*, age 37.

**Added this week:** *Patricia Kost*, grandmother of Jack Kost and *Anne Turlington*, aunt of Jack Kost

*Mary Clark* and son *Claiborne Clark*

*Paul Cornsweet*

*Dorothy Graham*

*Bob Keever*

*Julie Maxwell* (recovering from surgery)

*Florence Shackelford* (Pavilion at Croasdaile Village)

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

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

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

### **Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:**

*Tom Birchfield*, step-father of Wil James

*Kim Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings

*Heath, Rebecca, and Julia Huberg*, family from South Dakota (Heath is receiving care at Duke)

*Ben Johnston-Krase*, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

*Dell McMillian*, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

*Sue Noel*, resident at Croasdaile Village and friend of Bill Hendrickson

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

*Jerry Walter*, friend of Brian and Jeanette Castle

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## **LENTEN MATCH**

In this Lenten season, a generous donor has invited us to join them in enabling transformative acts of service and mission by matching gifts given by the congregation with their own gift up to \$20,000. The money will go to meeting emergency needs through our Walk-In Ministry, feeding individuals who are elderly or disabled through Meals on Wheels, providing shelter through Urban Ministries of Durham, and to other organizations focused on meeting basic needs. **This Lenten Match opportunity lasts till March 14. If you feel called to participate, please make checks payable to FPC, designated to “Lenten Match” and put them in the collection plate or send them to the church office.** Thank you.



## ~ PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 25 ~

**9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt** (FPC's playground; for families with young children)  
**9:45 a.m. Hot Cross Buns and Coffee fellowship** in Watts-Hill Hall (No Sunday School)

### **10:15 a.m. Palm Parade through downtown Durham**

We will join with neighboring churches, parading, waving palms, and blessing each congregation's ministries, then returning to our respective sanctuaries for worship.

**11:00 a.m. Worship** (Passion Narrative in lessons and songs)

**2:30 p.m. Durham's Annual CROP Hunger Walk** (from Duke Chapel)

## ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29 ~

**6:00 p.m. Joint Worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
(2620 Weaver Street, Durham)

A worship service with Holy Communion to commemorate Jesus' last supper. Childcare will be provided at Covenant. A light supper will be available at 5:00 p.m. before the worship.

## ~ Good Friday, March 30 ~

### **Stations of the Cross**

**12 Noon through Downtown Durham**

A spiritual pilgrimage with the reading of Holy Week texts in Durham's downtown context, beginning at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church and ending at FPC.

## ~ EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1 ~

**8:30 a.m. Prayer Service in the Memorial Garden** (*not a Communion Service*)

**9:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion**

**10:00 a.m. Fellowship Brunch** (*No Sunday School*)


**11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion**

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received on Easter Sunday to provide relief to the hungry, the poor and oppressed, and those affected by natural disasters. Offering envelopes will be provided for this PCUSA special offering.



**Easter lilies** will grace our sanctuary again this year on Easter Sunday. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, please fill out a donor card and return it to the Church office with your donation (any amount) by Palm Sunday, March 25. Additional details are provided on the donor cards which will be available beginning March 11.

## The Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship:</b>  Membership Inquiry  Luncheon  Racial Equity Task Force</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 - 6:30 PM</b>  Lenten <i>Poetry Workshop</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 – 8:00 PM</b>  Youth Groups</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, March 5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30 AM</b>  Presbyterian Women  Circle &amp; Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 PM</b>  **Church League  Basketball playoff game  FPC 1 vs FPC 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, March 6</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30 PM</b>  Worship Planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:30 PM</b>  Program Staff</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b>  Vox Men's Chorus</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Newsletter today</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, March 7</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 PM</b> Bell Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:30 - 7:00 PM</b>  Lenten Study:  <i>Spiritual Autobiography</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b>  Chancel Choir</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, March 8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b>  **Church League  Basketball  Championship Game</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">** Church League  Basketball games are  played at Hope Valley  Baptist Church gym,  located at the corner  of Hope Valley  and Garrett Roads</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, March 9</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30 AM - Noon</b>  Lenten Bible Study  <i>What's Nice about Vice:  A Positive Look at the  Seven Deadly Sins</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, March 10</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>  Presbytery of New  Hope at FPC, Raleigh</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spring Forward</b>  Remember to set clocks  ahead one hour before  going to bed tonight</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, March 11</b>  <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>  <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School/  Membership Inquiry Class</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>After Worship:</b>  Fellowship Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 – 3:00 PM</b>  Strategic Planning Team</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:00 – 4:00 PM</b>  Triangle Shape Note Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 – 8:00 PM</b>  Youth Groups</p>

### ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: *Jennie Alwood, John Curran*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Eric Wiebe* (side/font); *Alice Raney* (rear/narthex)

Communion Elders:

Bread: *Eric Wiebe* (B1, process), *Lenore Champion* (B2), *Gray Wilson* (B3), *Libby Gulley* (B4)

Cup: *Al Arrowood* (C1), *Delia Kwon* (C2, process), *Alice Raney* (C3), *Dewey Lawson* (C4)

Shepherds: *George Bernhardt* (font aisle), *Jon Abels* (center aisle), *Phyllis Supple* (pulpit aisle)

Head / Replenish elements: *Barbara Buckley*

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Jane Williams* (count),

*Chris Brown, Mary-Jo Keenan*

### CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
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