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AND  
MAKE WISE  
CHOICES**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Stewardship: Montreat Youth Conference

Mindy Douglas  
Frances Zehmer

### PRELUDE

*David's Song, Psalm 23*

Caleb Connor, Baritone; Ben Maxwell, Cello

John Roth

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,

People: **Pervading and permeating all creation,**

Leader: You order all things with strength and gentleness:

People: **Come now and teach us the way to salvation.**

All: **Come, Lord Jesus. Let us worship God.**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*Ellacombe*

### \*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 sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our wisdom and 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 turn 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

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bob Yoder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God our Parent, we give you thanks for sending Jesus Christ to give his life as bread for the world. Fill us now with your Spirit that we may make the most of the time, understanding your will and expressing your wisdom in the midst of the people you have chosen. Amen.**

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 6: 51-58

(Pew Bible, NT Page 98)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\* Those who are able, please stand



## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*  
Caleb Connor, Baritone; Ben Maxwell, Cello

John Weicher  
American Folk Song  
arr. Richard Walters

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 608)

*Praise God* (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;          praise Christ, all



peo - ple here be - low;          praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -



more;          praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

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

All: **O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true wisdom; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Slane*

\*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

\*POSTLUDE

*Wake Up, Wake Up, Ye Christians*

M. Drischner

*Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship for a congregational lunch.  
Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.*

*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, August 12, we welcomed 13 visitors in worship.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God in loving memory of *Eva Martin*, mother of *Beth Neece* and grandmother of *Sara Neece-Silleto* and *Ben Neece*; and in loving memory of *Donald Neece*, brother of *Vernon Neece*.

**MUSIC NOTES:** *Kathy Parkins* is on vacation this Sunday. We welcome the following musicians to our service and thank them for sharing their gifts:

**Gordon Campbell**, guest organist, started his organ studies in Morgantown, WV at the age of 12. He continued to study while the family lived in Nairobi, Kenya and then returned to Morgantown where he became a student of Clyde English at West Virginia University and the organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown. At First Presbyterian, he accompanied multiple choirs and frequently played with a brass quintet and other instrumental groups. After a break of several decades, an invitation to play Christmas service at a church in rural England got him back to practicing regularly and now he is enjoying every opportunity to play at FPC, Durham.

**Caleb Connor**, baritone, has been attending First Presbyterian since before he was born. He currently spends most of his time in the Philadelphia area where he is a rising junior studying Music and Political Science at Haverford College, but is glad to be back in Durham long enough to sing for his home congregation. In PA, he's been working as a section leader for the choir at Trinity Episcopal of Swarthmore, and recently sang the baritone role in *Carmina Burana* with the Haverford Chorale.

**Ben Maxwell**, cello, grew up in Durham and joined First Presbyterian with his family when he was just a little fellow. His first music lessons were on the piano with Kathy Parkins. He stopped piano lessons to focus on playing his red electric guitar until he put it under his bed and started playing cello in his middle school orchestra. He graduated high school in 2017 from the UNC School of the Arts in Winston Salem and continues to study cello at the New England Conservatory in Boston. He is having a good summer back in the Bull City and looks forward to playing with Caleb Conner this Sunday.

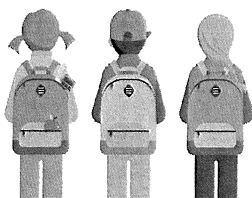
**Nursery care** for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

**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 Worship Sourcebook, Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *Feasting on the Word*.

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Children and youth, please wear your backpacks for a day of dedication at FPC next Sunday!



**Sunday, August 26, 2018**

**Blessing of Backpacks & Promotion Sunday**

**9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Kick-Off and Activities**

Join us in Watts-Hill Hall

Come and meet your new teachers and classmates!

**11:00 a.m. - Worship and Blessing of Children and Youth's Backpacks**

**Marilyn Hedgpeth**, preaching

Dedication of Teachers and Youth Advisors

The Hunger for Change Offering received

## ~ Joys and Concerns ~

**Birth Announcement:** *Adrienne and John McNair* (regular visitors to FPC) have a new addition to their family. *Lowell Carter McNair* was born August 11<sup>th</sup>. Mom and baby are doing well.

**Added this week:**

*Kwesi Aggrey*, husband of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey

**Home:**

*Franzi Rokoske*, recovering from surgery

*Carolyn Wolfe*

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: *Mary Clark*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

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

**Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:**

*Jerry Arrowood*, brother of Al Arrowood

*Marc and Holly Crawford*, friends of Brianna Bennett

*Randy Heffelfinger*, friend of Eric Wiebe

*John Hendrickson*, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

*Marsha Hussung*, sister of Brent Curtis

*Carolyn Kreuger*, former member of FPC

*Paul Martin*, brother of Beth Neece

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

*Rosemary Orphys*, aunt of Kerry Holbrook

*Mary Putman*, friend of FPC

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

*Ryan Washington*, infant friend of Adrienne Allison & Bob Pleasants

*Mandy Wooten*, sister of Randy Lang Howard

## ~ Serving Today ~

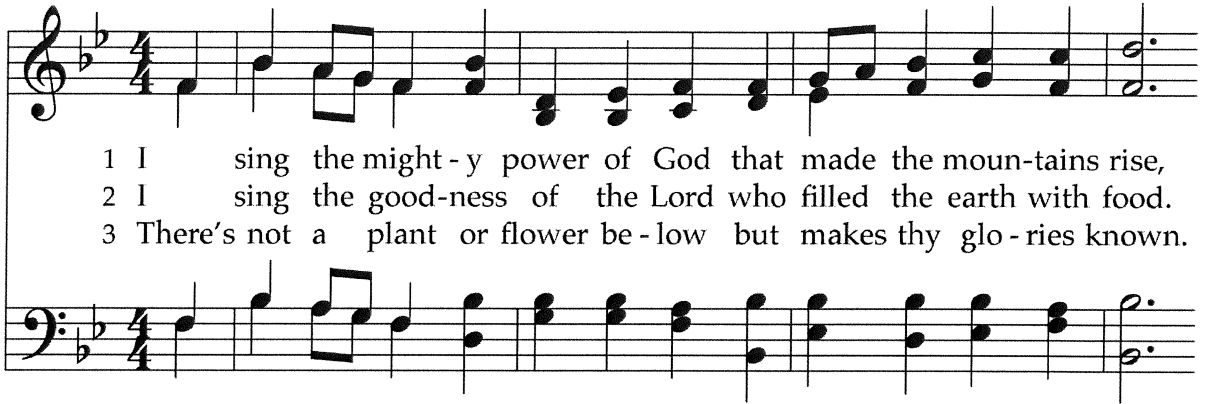
Liturgist: *Bob Yoder*

Greeter: *Alice Raney*

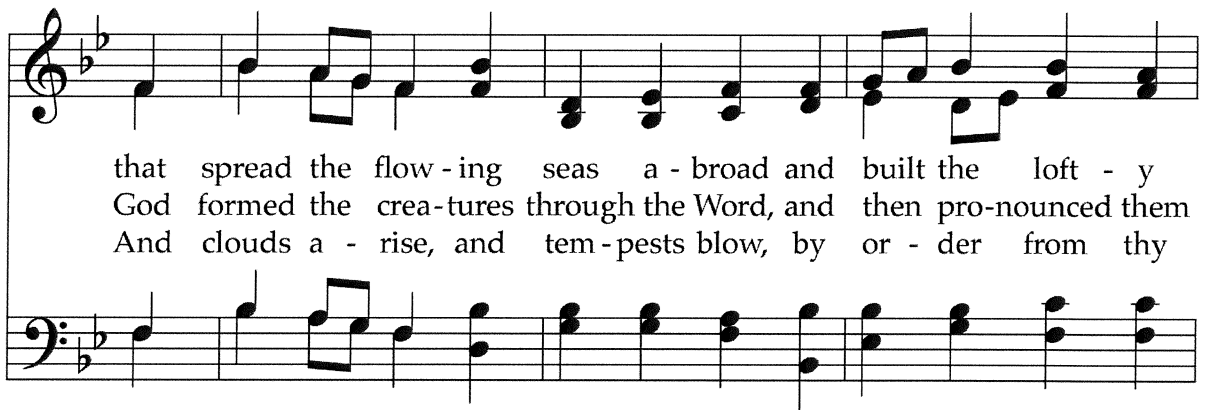
After Worship Greeters: *Karen Romines* (side/font); *Raymond Mbah* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Mary Jo Keenan* (head), *Katy Barron, Dale Gaddis, El Hess, Bob Pleasants*

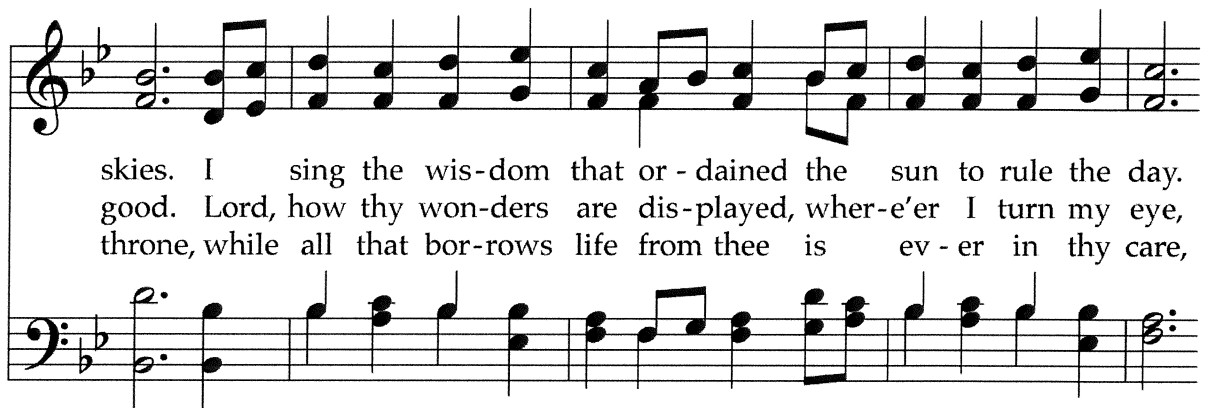
# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



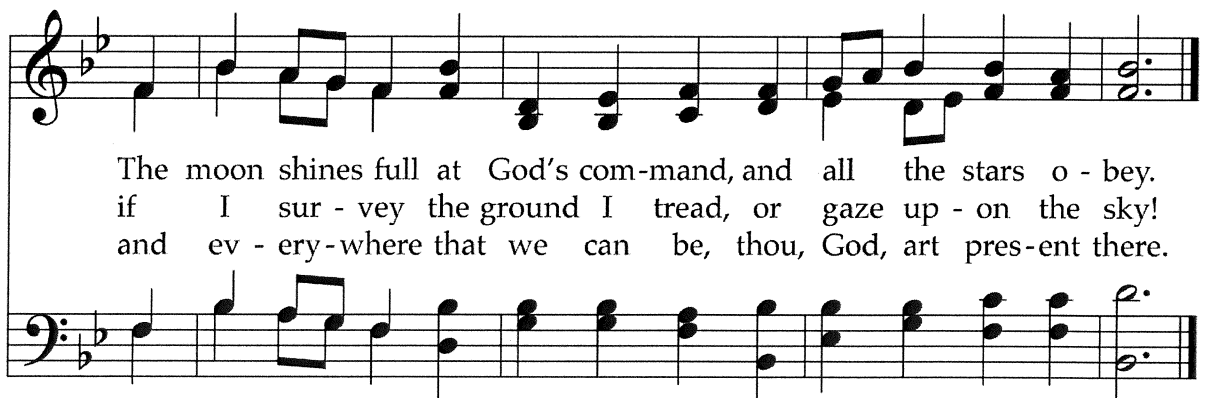
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

# Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.



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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)  
E<sup>b</sup>(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(D/F#)  
E<sup>b</sup>/G(A7)  
B<sup>b</sup>7(D)  
E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)  
B<sup>b</sup>(D)  
E<sup>b</sup>(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(A)  
B<sup>b</sup>

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(D)  
E<sup>b</sup>(F#m7)  
Gm7(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(A)  
B<sup>b</sup>

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)  
Cm(D/F#)  
E<sup>b</sup>/G(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(D)  
E<sup>b</sup>

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship</b> Congregational Lunch (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>Youth Parents meet with John Weicher (East Parlor)</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Ben Maxwell Cello Recital (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>Monday, August 20</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry (Client Interviews)</p> <p><b>9:30 – 11:00 AM</b> FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, August 21</b></p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> Program Staff</p> <p><b>5:45 – 7:00 PM</b> DCIA Program on Worker Rights (Showing the documentary “At the River I Stand” about the Memphis workers strike)</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Finance and Investment Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Youth gathering at Pelican’s Snoballs <i>Newsletter today!</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, August 22</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, August 23</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry (Client Interviews)</p> <p><b>9:30 – 11:00 AM</b> FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p> <p><b>5:30 – 6:30 PM</b> Scratch “Hangout” at Durham Co-op Market</p>	<p><b>Friday, August 24</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, August 25</b></p> <p>RSVP deadline for First Friends Beach Trip (kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 26</b> <i>21<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School Fall Kickoff &amp; Promotion Day (Classes begin together in Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship with the Dedication of Teachers and Backpacks <i>The Hunger for Change</i> <i>Offering will be received</i></p>

### CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Robert Daye*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Marilyn Hedgpeith*, Associate Pastor



*Cheryl Henry*, Parish Associate  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
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