

"Sing to him a new song; play  
skillfully and shout for joy."  
-- Psalm 33:3 NIV

**First Presbyterian Church**

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

McPherson Lectureship

February 24, 2019

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

### PRELUDE

*Sonata in c minor*

A. Vivaldi

### \*INTROIT

*Lift Up Your Hearts*

Daniel Gawthrop

*Lift up your hearts: We lift them up unto the Lord.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98:1-4

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

People: **O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed  
your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Leader: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

People: **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 641

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

*Engelberg*

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace – to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessings, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return: all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

(Pew Bible, OT Page 42)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**ANTHEM**

*You Search and Know Me, O My God*  
Kate Busa, cantor

Mary Louise Bringle/  
Sally Ann Morris

*You search and know me, O my God, where could I hide from you?  
My going out and coming in; my sleep and waking, too.  
If I should soar to touch the heights, or plumb the depths of hell,  
Your ever-present Spirit seeks and finds me there, as well.  
You knit me in my mother's womb and mold me like the clay.  
You wrote my life before my birth, ordaining each new day.  
If I should rise on wings of dawn or sail on oceans vast,  
You guide me lest I lose my way. Your right hand holds me fast.  
How precious are your thoughts, O God, what wonders you have planned!  
Too broad and lofty to attain, and countless as the sand.  
Were I to praise with every breath, such praise would scarcely start  
To sing the glories of your grace: search me and know my heart.* (Based on Psalm 139)

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 6:27-38

(Pew Bible, NT Page 64)

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

**SERMON**

*"Lift Up Your Hearts"*

Mary Louise Bringle

**ANTHEM**

*Jesus Comes*  
Mary Kay Robinson, violin

Mary Louise Bringle/  
Sally Ann Morris

*In a far-off place, Jesus comes to earth. Sheep and cattle grace the site.  
As the angel songs begin, like the whisper of the wind,  
Nature's hope awakes again; Jesus comes.  
For the poor in heart, Jesus comes to earth. Humble shepherds start the news.  
For each homeless infant born, for the meek and those who mourn,  
For the weary and the worn, Jesus comes.  
In our deepest night, Jesus comes to earth; radiant star to light our way.  
Summer's heat or winter's chill, with a warm and loving will,  
To a world that needs him still, Jesus comes.*

**\*THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*As we pass the peace, remember it is flu season Signs of reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during The Peace.)*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

*(Following "A Time with the Children," children may join their parents in the pews or return to childcare.)*

**\*HYMN NO. 410**

*God Is Calling Through the Whisper*

W Zlobie Lezy  
Text by Mary Louise Bringle

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Mindy Douglas

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God.  
People: **The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.**  
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 Anthem *O Holy Spirit, Flowing Light* Mary Louise Bringle/Ron Barnett

*O Holy Spirit, Flowing Light, of sun's gold sheen and mirror's bright,  
Reflect in us your clear delight: Laus tibi, Sancte Spiritus.*

*O Holy Spirit, Wisdom's Fire, of leaping flame and steeple's spire,  
Uplift our intellect's desire: Laus tibi, Sancte Spiritus.*

*O Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, reach through the lattice of your love  
And train us toward the life above, Laus tibi, Sancte Spiritus.*

*O Holy Spirit, Paraclete, make strong our hands and swift our feet  
To serve the Christ in all we meet: Laus tibi, Sancte Spiritus.*

*(Following the anthem, please come forward with your **Hunger for Change Offering.**)*

\*Doxology

*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: **Great and glorious God, unite our praise with the praise of all creation: singing your mighty acts with every breath, playing music to your name with all our instruments, joining the dance of stars and planets with our whole bodies; for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High – Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**A SERVICE OF MARRIAGE FOR JENNIFER CREADICK AND BRIAN LINDNER**

Statement on Marriage

Prayer

Declarations of Intent

Affirmations of the Family/Congregation

Vows

Exchange of Rings

Prayer

Interlude

*Minuet in G*

J. S. Bach

Announcement of Marriage

Blessing

\*HYMN (See page 5)

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*

\*BENEDICTION

Mary Louise Bringle

\*POSTLUDE

*Introduction and Sword Dance*

Alfred Fedak

**Reminder to parents:** The *Children's Choir* will rehearse today from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. in the choir room.



*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 17 we welcomed 22 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Margaret (Peaches) McPherson*, by the *McPherson family* and the *McPherson Lectureship*.

The *special trumpet music* this morning is offered to the glory of God and is made possible through a gift from the McPherson family.

*Special thanks* to all our musicians for sharing their gifts in today's worship service: *Kent Foss*, trumpet; *Mary Kay Robinson*, violin; *Gordon Campbell*, piano.

*Nursery care* for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship with their parents or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery for all of worship. 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 *Feasting on the Word* and *Book of Common Worship*.

### ~ Our Concerns ~

#### Added this week:

Traveling mercies for *Mary Rider*, Brianna Bennett's step-mother, on a pilgrimage to Rome  
*Barbara Campbell Davis*, friend of FPC, recovering from knee surgery  
*Joseph Ngumi* has returned to his apartment following heart surgery and dialysis treatments.

#### Recovering at Home:

*Margaret Mubanga*  
*Franzi Rokoske*  
*Karen Swope*  
*Carolyn and Jim Wolfe*

#### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*  
Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*  
Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*  
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*  
The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

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

*Rev. Bill Bigger*, pastor at Hope Valley Baptist Church, Durham  
*Camilla Crampton*, friend of Mal King  
*Dolly Douglas*, grandmother of Mindy Douglas  
*Rev. Mary McKey*, friend of Judy and Al Arrowood  
*Ann Sanders*, sister of Jane Brawley

# Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Brian Dill, alt.

John Darwall  
DARWALL'S 148th

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

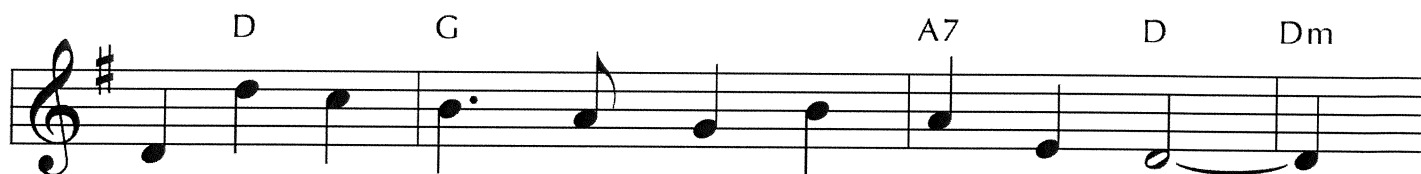
For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

# 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



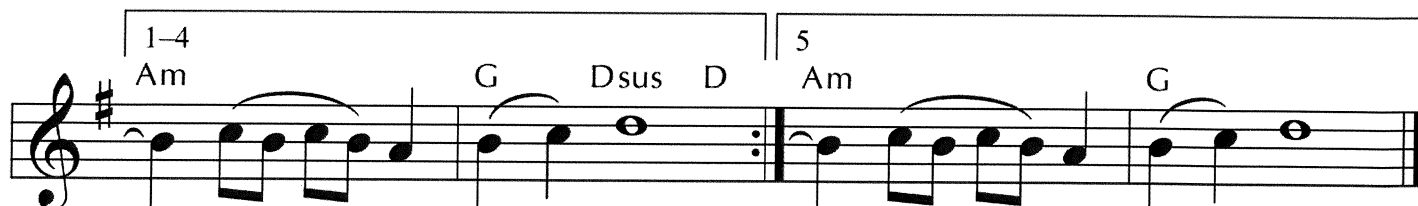
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,  
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?  
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:  
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

# 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?  
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?  
God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!





### **About our Lecturer**

We welcome to FPC the *Rev. Dr. Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle*, our 2019 McPherson Lecturer and Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Brevard College in Brevard, NC. She received her undergraduate degree from Guilford College and her doctorate from the graduate division of religion at Emory University with particular interests in practical and pastoral theology. She served on the faculty at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg from 1983 to 2000 where she taught Philosophy and chaired the Religious Studies department. She is also an award-winning hymn writer whose original texts and translations appear in the hymnals of numerous denominations in North America and Scotland, she has served as President of The Hymn Society in the US and Canada and as chair of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, responsible for creating the hymnal *Glory to God*. A teacher at heart and a theologian by training, she has authored an assortment of publications in pastoral theology. She has won hymn-writing competitions, been featured as an "emerging text writer" by The Hymn Society in the US and Canada, and had her first single-author collection (*Joy and Wonder, Love and Longing*) published by GIA.

### **About the McPherson Lectureship**

The McPherson Lectureship is dedicated to enriching the faith and life of First Presbyterian Church and the Durham community. Inaugurated in the year 1999, the Lectureship is made possible through an endowment given by the McPherson family in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. McPherson, Sr. and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. McPherson, Jr. Former lecturers have been: *John Kuykendall* (1999), *J. Barrie Shepherd* (2001), *Beverly Gaventa* (2002), *Tom Long* (2003), *Joanna Adams* (2004), *Charles Kimball* (2005), *Nicholas Wolterstorff* (2006), *Joseph L. Roberts, Jr.* (2007), *Richard A. Lischer* (2008), *Stephen A. Hayner* (2009), *Barbara Brown Taylor* (2010), *Leighton Ford* (2011), *Martha Moore-Keish* (2012), *Samuel L. Adams* (2013), *Emilie M. Townes* (2014), *Ron Cole-Turner* (2015), *Douglas F. Ottati* (2016), *Miroslav Volf* (2017), and *Starsky D. Wilson* (2018).

### ***Soli Deo Gloria***

### **A Conversation with Mel Bringle – Today at 4:00 p.m.**

#### ***“With a Hymnal as Companion, Praying Our Way through Lent”***

Join us at 4:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall for tea and an informal conversation with our guest lecturer, Mel Bringle. Light refreshments will be available. For those who gave advance notice of need, childcare will be provided.

### **Monday, February 25**

#### **8:00 a.m. – A Conversation over Breakfast**

#### ***“Multi-Sensory Hymn-Based Practices”***

Hymns not only appeal to our musical and verbal intelligences, but also to our concern for nature, passion for art, delight in movement, and fascination with logic, as well as our interpersonal skills and intrapersonal depths. This presentation will explore worship songs appropriate to the scriptural themes of Lent Year C, and introduce a variety of multi-sensory practices to bring those songs to life.

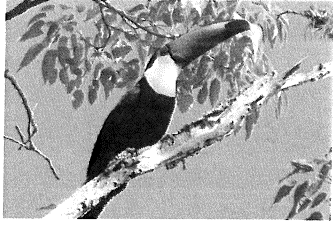
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### **~ Serving Today ~**

Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*

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

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Stephen Berry* (counter),  
*Wayne House, Catherine Dumas, Ginny Widmark*

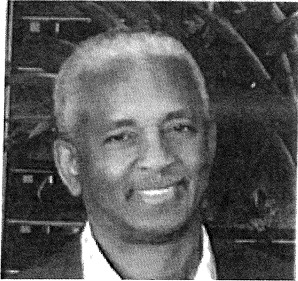


## Brazil Bird Show

Along the southeast coast of Brazil is the Atlantic Forest. It's only a small remnant of the area it covered in the past, but even so, it is still home to many plants, animals, and birds that are found nowhere else. In October and November of last year, *David and Judy Smith* spent five weeks watching and photographing birds in southeast Brazil. Please join them as they share their pictures and experiences on **Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.**

## Moving Beyond Anger and Revenge, Towards the Beloved Community

*How does a community respond to a tragic event like the murders at Mother Emanuel AME?*



The *Rev. Anthony Thompson*, whose words of forgiveness began the healing after the murder of nine at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC in June, 2015, will speak at FPC at a breakfast for clergy and community leaders on **Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.** The breakfast is sponsored by the MLK Steering Committee of Durham and Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA). The cost for the breakfast is \$8.00. RSVP to *Spencer Bradford* at [dcia@dcia.org](mailto:dcia@dcia.org).

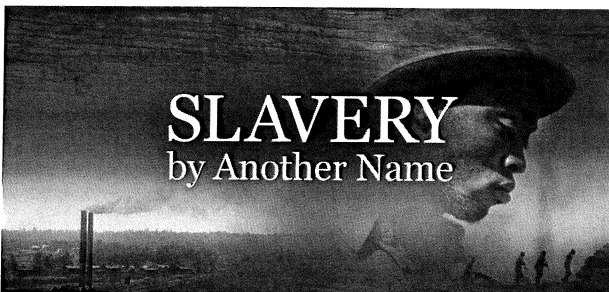


FLORENCE  
FORTH

## Florence Forth Annual Road Race

**Saturday, March 2**

Florence Forth is a 10K and 5K run/walk organized by and for the Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance and held in the 700 block of Ninth Street in Durham. Proceeds from Florence Forth allow the Alliance to raise awareness, educate doctors, and improve clinical care so that no one faces autoimmune encephalitis (AE) alone. Florence Forth was started by FPC members *Leslie and Will McDow* who lost their daughter Florence on March 4, 2012 after a long battle with autoimmune encephalitis. Please consider running/walking or volunteering at this event. Financial contributions to the Alliance are also appreciated by the McDows. Registration and volunteering information is available online at <http://florenceforth.org> and from the tables in the church foyer and narthex. **The deadline to register to walk/run is February 27.**



## Documentary Screening and Discussion

**Sunday, March 3**

**5:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall**

FPC's Racial Equity Task Force invites all to a screening of *Slavery by Another Name*, a documentary based on Douglas A. Blackmon's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, which illuminates how in the years following the Civil War, insidious new forms

of forced labor emerged in the American South, persisting until the onset of World War II. Following the screening of this 2012 Official Selection at the Sundance Film Festival, we will discuss the film together. A light dinner will be served. Future screenings are also being scheduled in members' homes in March and April if you cannot make this date. If you have questions or are interested in hosting a screening, please contact Sharon Hirsch at [hirschnc@earthlink.net](mailto:hirschnc@earthlink.net) or ask any member of the Racial Equity Task Force.



## THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

- 40% - Local Hunger Programs



- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering today.

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship</b> 12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Choir</p> <p><b>4:00 PM</b> McPherson Lectureship: Tea with Mel Bringle</p> <p><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b> Middle School Youth</p> <p><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b> High School Youth</p>	<p><b>Monday, February 25</b></p> <p><b>8:00 AM</b> McPherson Lectureship: Breakfast with Mel Bringle</p> <p><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Diaconate</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Joint Officers' Supper</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Session</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, February 26</b></p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b> Daytimers' Luncheon at Bullock's Barbecue</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> FPC Staff</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Brazil Bird Show</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, February 27</b></p> <p><b>7:30 AM</b> Presentation by Rev. Anthony Thompson (Breakfast provided)</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Bell Choir</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Long Range Planning Team (offsite)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, February 28</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p>	<p><b>Friday, March 1</b></p> <p><b>12 Noon – 1:00 PM</b> Bible Study: Isaiah</p> <p><i>World Day of Prayer</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 2</b></p> <p><b>8:00 AM – 12 Noon</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>FLORENCE FORTH</b> Run/Walk</p> </div>	<p><b>Sunday, March 3</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b></p> </div> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship and Communion (Special Guest: St Andrews University Choir)</p> <p><b>12:15 – 12:45 PM</b> Children's Choir</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> "Slavery by Another Name" Presentation &amp; Discussion</p> <p><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b> Middle School Youth</p> <p><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b> High School Youth</p>

### CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator  
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