

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRELUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual, arr. A.D. Miller

INTROIT

I Love to Tell the Story

William G. Fischer, 1869

Margaret Eme, soprano

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old story of Jesus and his love.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 40: 28-31)

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

People: **The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.**

Leader: God does not faint or grow weary, God's understanding is unsearchable.

People: **The Lord gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.**

Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

People: **But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,**

Leader: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

People: **They shall run and not weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

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

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jeanne Hervey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your son, our Lord; that when he comes, we may be found active in his service and joyful in his praise; in and through his holy name. Amen.**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

(Pew Bible, OT Page 161)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****ANTHEMS***How Great Is Our God
You Are My Strength*

Ready Singers

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13: 14-20

(Pew Bible, NT Page 50)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God****SERMON***“Talk About Suffering”*

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*(A moment for meditation.)****HYMN NO. 354***Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**Battle Hymn****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Sam Miglarese

**We are a people of hope.
We wait for the coming of the One
who is the fulfillment of God’s promise,
the fulfillment of hope,
the declaration that we have been redeemed.**

**Even so, we are not a naïve people.
We know that the world in which we live
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.
We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.
We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.**

**But because we are hopeful people,
we know that none of these things will win in the end.**

**The Holy One is coming
to make holy once again
all that was, is, and ever will be.**

**And in our waiting and our hoping,
we work and worship,
pray and play,
in all things hoping that peace, love, and joy will reign
in our lives and in our world, now and forever.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Cherrie Henry

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

People: **The conviction of things not seen.**

(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.**

(Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during “The Peace” and sit on the floor for
“A Time with the Children.” Their parents and older siblings are invited to join them on the front pews.)

***THE PEACE**

Cherrie Henry

Prayer for Peace

Response (Hymn No. 118, verse 6)

Christmas

*All Glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
Good will to all from highest heaven
Begin and never cease, begin and never cease!*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Blessing of Children (unison prayer)

**Circle my child, Lord.
Keep comfort near and discouragement afar.
Keep peace within and turmoil out.**

**Circle our children, Lord.
Keep protection near and danger afar.
Keep hope within, keep despair without.**

**Circle all children, Lord.
Keep light near and darkness afar.
Keep peace within and anxiety without.**

**The eternal Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit,
shield each child of God on every side.
Amen.**

*(After "A Time with Children," the children may go with their parents and siblings
back to the pews or return to the playroom.)*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Feeling Good

Cherrie Henry

Ready Singers

*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 THANKSGIVING

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

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

All: **We thank you, O God, for the glory of your gifts. Help us to see them, to count them and
to remember them, so that our lives may resound to your praise; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 348**

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in F

J. S. Bach

You are invited to greet Margaret Eme and Ready Singers in the foyer following worship.

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 August 11, we welcomed 20 visitors to worship.

Music Notes: We are grateful to ***Margaret Eme*** and ***Ready Singers*** for providing music for worship today. Margaret is originally from Nigeria and is a faithful attendee to FPC worship. Ready Singers is a group of justice-involved men from the Alamance-Orange County Correctional Center in Hillsborough. Group members are ***Harry Latta, William Ingram, Ervin Terry, Frederick Dunn, and John Nick***.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of ***Edward Kwon*** for his birthday from ***Talitha and Delia Kwon***.

Portions of ***today's worship texts*** are taken from *Daily Prayer* and the *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

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/guardians or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. 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.

~ OUR JOYS ~

Congratulations to ***Aiden James*** who recently earned the Eagle Scout rank with Boy Scouts of America.

Pastor Mindy Douglas returns to the office from her 3-month sabbatical tomorrow, August 19th! We'll officially welcome her back in worship next Sunday!

Marriage Announcements:

- ***Neal Lawson*** and ***Becky Wagner*** were married in Afton, VA on August 10th. Neal is the son of ***Bet and Dewey Lawson***.
- ***Margie Gudaitis*** and ***Taylor Hess*** were married at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on August 10th. Margie is the daughter of ***Christy and Jim Gudaitis***.

~ OUR CONCERNS ~

Paul Cornsweet, recovering from surgeries at Duke Hospital following a fall

Home:

Harold Dunlap
Margaret Mubanga
Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett
Joseph Ngumi
Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: ***Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett***
Croasdaile Pavilion: ***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 the Congregation:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood
Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss
Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King
Ralph Edwards, grandfather of Amy Wilson
Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

Building Connections

Please join us for Kick-Off Sunday, August 25

9:45 – 10: 45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

- *Build an edible creation out of graham crackers, icing, Twizzlers, marshmallows, and gumdrops
- *Join a group to build connections with LEGO's, magnets, wooden blocks, and JENGA
- *Paint baffles together for Habitat for Humanity
- *Take a silly picture in the photo booth with a friend
- *Put together a puzzle with friends
- *Grab a bagel, some fruit, or a cup of coffee and reconnect with an old buddy
- *Meet your new Sunday School teachers and classmates for 2019-2020

FPC's theme for the year is *Building Connections*, because the Bible tells us that loving *relationships matter*: relationships with God, and relationships with one another. Furthermore, brain science research tells us that these relationships are the biggest builder of children's brains and the greatest way to build health and well-being into their lives that will last into adulthood. Kick-off Sunday is for children, youth and adults! Join us as we build relational connections that matter within the body of Christ. Many of our fall Sunday School classes will begin September 1, 2019.

Membership Inquiry Class

This class for inquiring minds and new members explores what membership at First Presbyterian Church entails, but is not a requirement for membership. A set of three classes, led by both clergy and lay persons, will be held September 8, 15, and 22 from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor. Contact Marilyn Hedgpeth for more information (m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511 x 220).

New Adult Study and concurrent Young People's Choir

"*Who Is My Faith Neighbor?*" is an experiential learning class for adults who may or may not have children or youth in programs on Sunday evenings. Using Barbara Brown Taylor's latest book, *Holy Envy*, we will read and discuss religious plurality in the Durham area, and observe how others express their faith. Visits are planned this fall to the Sikh Gurudwara, Judea Reform, Ar Razzaq Masjid and The Durham Friends Congregation. Those visits will take place at various times, but our discussions will be on Sunday evenings, running September 8 – November 24 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. To register and get a book, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth.

Concurrent with the "*Who Is My Faith Neighbor?*" class on Sunday evenings, First Presbyterian will be part of a joint venture with Covenant Presbyterian Church this fall in beginning a Young People's Choir. We hope to do some exciting anthems with instruments and drums and also in languages other than English. The children (grades 2-5) will be meeting here, beginning Sunday, September 8, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The choir will be conducted by Dr. Brennetta Simpson, a Music Education professor at North Carolina Central University who is very experienced in working with children.

Service and Mission

Do you enjoy interacting with people from all walks of life? If so, the Service & Mission Committee has a need for more Walk-in Ministry volunteers. Contact the church office to see the job description. Orientation is provided. Contact Marie Sappenfield if you are interested in serving. Days and times volunteers are needed: Mondays or Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon; Sundays after worship till about 1:00 p.m.

Laptop Needed

George Kafula recently completed training for a new job and needs a laptop, in good working condition, for his work. You can contact George at 984-244-3886 or Marilyn Hedgpeth if you have a laptop to donate.



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 each month.

**Remember to bring your offering
NEXT SUNDAY!**

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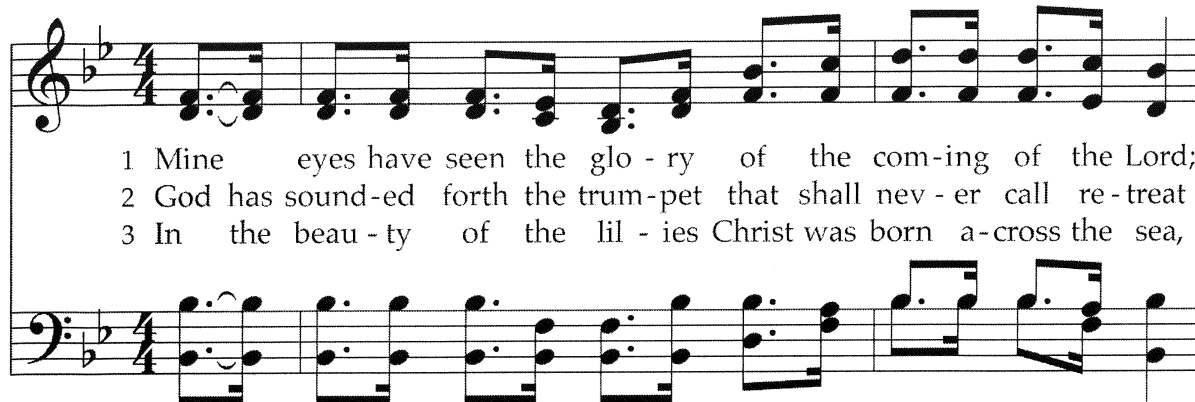
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

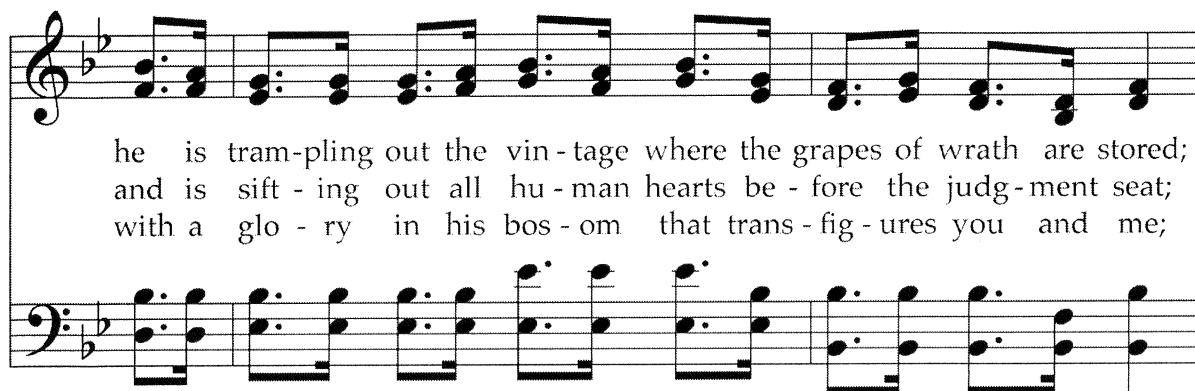
tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



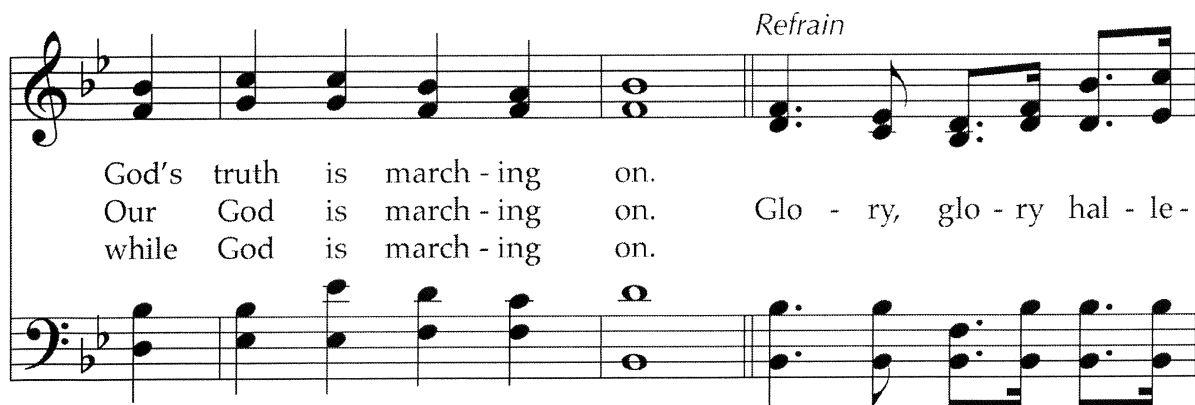
1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!
as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,



Refrain

God's truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
while God is march - ing on.

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,

glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to
 saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the
 take the power and glo - ry; claim the

sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -
 trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -
 king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>No Fellowship Luncheon today</p>	<p>Monday, August 19</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p> <p><i>Mindy returns from her sabbatical</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, August 20</p> <p>Newsletter Today</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>6:00 PM Finance and Investment Committee</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 21</p>
<p>Thursday, August 22</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p>	<p>Friday, August 23</p> <p>6:30 PM First Friends and Families Potluck at the home of Mac and Wendy McCorkle</p>	<p>Saturday, August 24</p>	<p>Sunday, August 25 <i>21st Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School Kick-off</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Teacher Dedication</p>

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jeanne Hervey*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Brent Curtis* (side/font); *David Sappenfield* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (Head), *Elinor Hess* (counter), *Katy Barron*, *John Mozart*

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor (on sabbatical)
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor



Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
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