

First Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Trumpet Processional for Two Trumpets
Laura Kelly and Charlie Kelley, trumpets

André Campra

*INTROIT

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

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*Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ;
All to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.*

*As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;
And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;
Singing thus through all our days, praise to God, immortal praise.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 150)

John Weicher

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

People: **Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

People: **Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

Leader: Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

All: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of justice and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a freshly watered garden.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom; by your Spirit, grant us healing and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the One who heals in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* Those who are able, please stand.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:9b-14

(Pew Bible, OT Page 688)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****PSALM RESPONSE***Psalm 103*

Brent Curtis, cantor

After the refrains has been introduced by the organist and cantor, join in singing the refrain where indicated.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

*It is God who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (Refrain)*

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (Refrain)

*As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him,
for God knows of what we are made, God remembers that we are dust. (Refrain)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

(Pew Bible, NT Page 76)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****SERMON***"No Time to Wait"*

Mindy Douglas

*(Silent reflection)****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***(Creed from United Church of Canada)*

Sam Miglarese

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.*(Affirmation continues next page.)*

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN NO. 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

***THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: **Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

(From Psalm 103:8)

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.

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS, ADVISORS, AND LEADERS

Leader: God of Creation, you have gifted these men and women with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity. We pray you would fill them with the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit. Fill them with energy and insight into your Word, the story of your faithful heart.

Teachers, Leaders, and Advisors:

You have not called us to be perfect; you have called us to faithful.

You have not called us to be all-knowing; you have called us to believe.

We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching, advising, and leading.

Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation and teaching of your Word.

Congregation: **God of hope, guide each teacher, advisor, and leader as they study your Word.**

Strengthen the gifts you have given them, and energize their compassion.

Remind us to find ways to support and encourage them throughout the year.

May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.

All: **We commit ourselves, each to our part, in this joyful task.**

May your steadfast, faithful, covenant love guide all we do. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Sam Miglarese

Offertory Anthem

Bist du Bei Mir (arr. for two trumpets)
Laura Kelly and Charlie Kelly, trumpets

J. S. Bach

The *Hunger for Change Offering* will be received following the anthem.

*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: **Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Land of Rest

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Walther

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 18, we welcomed 42 visitors in worship.

Special thanks to Laura and Charlie Kelley for sharing their musical talents with us today on the trumpet.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Carmela Guajardo*, sister and sister-in-law, respectively, of *César and Cathy Guajardo*.

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

Membership Inquiry Class Beginning September 8

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 Sundays, 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).

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Congratulations to *James Compton* and *Virginia Pearson* who are engaged to be married in 2020!

Added this week:

All of our young adults, youth, and children returning to colleges and schools in the days ahead
Paul Cornsweet, recovering from surgeries at Duke Hospital

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

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King

Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

Ralph Edwards, grandfather of Amy Wilson

Adult Sunday School and Study Opportunities for 2019-2020

Unless otherwise noted, Adult Sunday School classes begin September 1 at 9:45 a.m.

Adult Lectionary

Study: Weekly Lectionary Texts

Location: East Parlor

This class reviews the four texts from The Revised Common Lectionary, offering background information and insight that will enhance the worship experience for the day. The class is team-taught and welcomes lively discussion. *Teachers: David Smith, Robert Brawley, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Sue Fricks, and Jerry Postema.*

Faith and Community

Study: Memory Loss, Stewardship, Barmen Declaration, Immigration

Location: Watts-Hill Hall

What topics are pertinent in expressing our faith within the contemporary context of our community? How does our faith seek understanding when a loved-one is experiencing memory loss? What are the four pillars of Stewardship? Does the Barmen Declaration, forged during the rise of Nazism, speak to us still? And what should concern us with upcoming local, state and national elections? Guest presenters from the church and community will lead the class. *Teachers: Sam Miglarese (Associate Pastor), Cris Rivera, George Bernhardt, Rob Parker, Tim Verhey, Emily Wilkins, Laura McNab, Jennie Belle, and guests from the community.*

The Thoughtful Christian Class

Study: Christian Doctrine (Shirley Guthrie)

Location: Education building, Room 209 (Bell Choir room)

A time of theological discussion and learning for those otherwise busy attending to family matters. *Teacher: Mindy Douglas (Pastor/Head of Staff).*

Journeys

Study: Issues of Poverty and Race

Location: Church House, Room 221 (Apartment classroom)

This inter-generational class will explore issues of poverty and racial reconciliation using a variety of resources. *Teachers: Andy Henry, Eric Wiebe.*

Lectionary Reading (Training for liturgists)

Study: Weekly Lectionary Texts

Location: Church House, Pastor's Study

Adults, youth and children are invited to come and learn how to make the reading of the texts interesting each week for worship. If you take the class and are interested in leading worship, you may sign up for the Sundays on which you are available. *Teacher: Steve Rimmer.*

The Walk

Study: *We Make the Road by Walking*

Location: Education building, Room 205

Using Brian McLaurin's book, this class invites all who come, to walk together through an overview of the whole Bible, exploring the difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. Come make your road as a person of faith. Come walk with us! *Leaders: Mary Berry, Emily Diy, Abi Warmack.*

Women's Spiritual Formation

Study: Fellowship and Prayer

Location: Basement Parlor, Room B-16

This group of women meet for sharing, mutual support, and prayer on Sunday mornings. All women are welcome! *Teacher: Susan Dunlap* (Parish Associate).

Short-term Studies for Adults

Membership Inquiry Classes

Study: *Becoming Christian* (Rowan Williams)

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor

Sundays, September 8, 15, 22, 2019 and February 2, 9, 16, 2020

Using Rowan Williams' book, *Being Christian*, this set of three classes reviews the basic tenets of Christianity, and the various ways members strive to live out those qualities in life and service. This class is not a requirement for membership. *Teachers: David Smith, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Sam Miglarese, Kathy Parkins* (Minister of Music).

Who Is My Faith Neighbor?

Study: *Holy Envy* (Barbara Brown Taylor)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Education building, Room 205

Sundays, September 8 – November 24

This will be an experiential learning class for adults who may or may not have children or youth in programs on Sunday nights. Using Barbara Brown Taylor's latest book, *Holy Envy*, we will read and discuss religious plurality in the Durham area, and how others express their faith. Visits are planned to the Sikh Gurudwara, Judea Reform, Ar Razzaq Masjid, and The Durham Friends Congregation. These visits will take place at various times, but our discussions will be on Sunday evenings, running September 8 – November 24.

To register and get a book, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth at m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church

Sundays, September 29 – December 8

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor

Sponsored and taught by FPC's Racial Equity Task Force, this will be an eight-part mini- course on themes of racism, diversity, white privilege, and barriers to inclusivity. The core of the study will be based upon the book *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church* by Joseph Barndt. Participation is limited to 20, on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Teachers: FPC's Racial Equity Task Force members.*

Presbyterian Women

Study: *Love Carved in Stone* (Horizons)

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon in the East Parlor

September 9 – May 4 (first Mondays, except on holidays)

These women meet for study, fellowship, and discussion. They also support local and national mission endeavors. Women of all ages are welcome. *Facilitator: Susan Dunlap* (Parish Associate).

Men of Faith

Location: Nosh's Café on Erwin Road

A group of men who meet year round on the last Friday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and to chew the fat, check in with each other, and discuss topics of interest or current events. Men of all ages are welcome. *Facilitator: Sam Miglarese* (Associate Pastor).

2020 McPherson Lectureship

Topic: Theology and Film

May 3-4, 2020 (Schedule TBA)

Location: Watts-Hill Hall, Sanctuary

Lecturers: Husband-Wife Team *Catherine M. Barsotti* and *Robert K. Johnston*

Barsotti is affiliate assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies at Fuller Theological Seminary and a professor at Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET), a Latino ministry training center in Compton, California.

Johnston is Professor of Theology and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary and a past President of the American Theological Society.

Sunday School and Nurture Opportunities for Children and Youth

Childcare will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings on the second floor of the Christian education building and continues to the end of worship.

Age / Grade	Teachers	Curriculum
Infants and Toddlers	Momo Matsunami, childcare coordinator (Room 203, Education building)	
2/3/4-year-olds	Amy Sanchez, Elizabeth Klinck, Bob Pleasants, Amy & Gray Wilson, Kayla Champion, Charlotte Maxwell, Kristin Meade (sub) (Room 206, Education building)	<i>Growing in Grace and Gratitude</i>
K /1 st /2 nd grade	Katharine Whitmore, Nancy Kost, Julie Maxwell, Cathy Snell (Room 202, Education building)	<i>Growing in Grace and Gratitude</i>
3 rd -5 th grades	Celia Dickerson, Walt Barron, Kathy Colville Alec Bethune, Delia Kwon, Oscar Carrasco (Room 201, Education building)	<i>Godly Play</i>
6 th -8 th grades Middle School	Amy Dillon, Lenore Champion, Lucie & Wayne House, Marilyn Hedgpeth (Associate Pastor) (Middle School classroom, below the sanctuary)	<i>Spark House Re-Form: New Testament Ancestors</i>
9 th -12 th grades High School	John Weicher (Associate Pastor), Emily Hansel, Leah Graves (sub) (High School classroom, below the sanctuary)	<i>The Gospel of Matthew</i>

Sunday Evening Youth Groups

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Middle Schoolers in Watts-Hill Hall

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. High Schoolers in Watts-Hill Hall

Advisors: John Weicher, Amy Wilson, Laurie Ray, Brent Curtis, Lenore Champion, Courtney Trutna

For more information about activities for youth, contact John Weicher, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families at 919-682-5511 x 213 (office); 610-368-2889 (mobile/text); j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org (email).

“Alleluia Children’s Choir”

For Second – Fifth graders

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Education Building, Choir Room

Children from FPC and Covenant Presbyterian Church will blend their voices under the leadership of Brennetta Simpson (Covenant) and Kathy Parkins (FPC). Rehearsals will be on Sunday evenings. The choir will sing regularly at either church on selected Sunday mornings. Register by contacting Kathy Parkins at FPC: k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org (email) or 919-682-5511 x 219 (office).

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



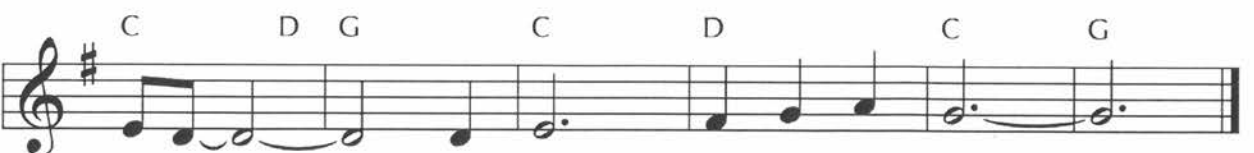
free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

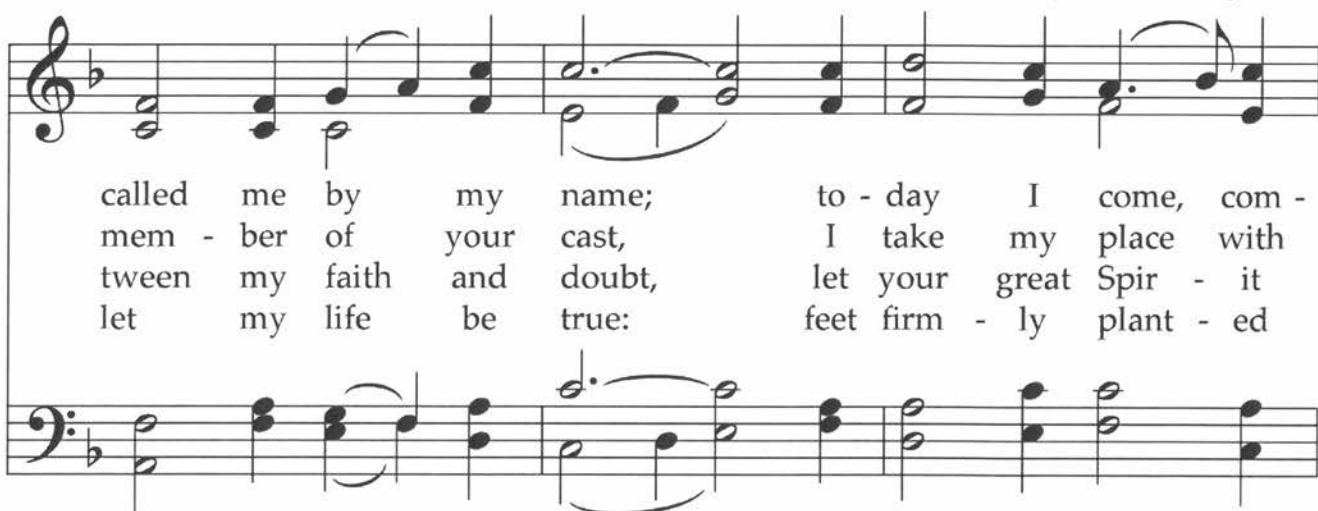


oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Lord, When I Came into This Life 691



1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and



called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed



mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today Until 5:00 PM (or as long as they last) Pupusa sale (fundraiser) at Iglesia Emanuel	Monday, August 26 9:00 – Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews 6:00 PM Diaconate 6:30 PM Officers' Supper 7:00 PM Session	Tuesday, August 27 11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon at Bennett Pointe Grill 1:30 PM Worship Planning 2:30 PM FPC Staff 6:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus auditions	Wednesday, August 28 No Bell Choir No Chancel Choir
Thursday, August 29 9:00 – Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews	Friday, August 30 8:00 AM FPC Men of Faith at Nosh's Café for Breakfast/Conversation	Saturday, August 31	Sunday, September 1 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Amy Dillon*

Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: *Chris Brown* (font/side door); *Laura McDow* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Christy Gudaitis, Kathy Conner, Andy Henry, Mary-Jo Keenan, Michael Honeycutt*

CHURCH STAFF

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



Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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