

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Minute for Peacemaking: Tomorrow's Youth Organization in Nablus, West Bank

Mindy Douglas  
Carolyn Mangeot

### PRELUDE

*"Voluntary in A"*

William Herschel

### \*INTROIT

*"Gloria, Gloria"*  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Alleluia*  
*(Glory to God in the Highest)*

Taizé Community

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to this place to search for God,

People: **But God is already searching for us.**

Leader: We come to this place to speak for God,

People: **But God is already speaking for us.**

Leader: Let us worship and listen for God,

People: **Who calls us together and leads us home.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**We expect you to stay in your lane, O Divine One. We know the way the world works, after all, and so we have gotten comfortable with the ways we think you move in it.**

**Forgive us such faithless comfort and easy laziness. Forgive us for bristling at your abundant grace as decadent or silly. Forgive us snickering at your love. When we come to ourselves, we remember just how we need that love – like right now.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Marilyn Hedgpeth

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Torrell Armstrong

### EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

(Pew Bible, NT Page 208)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 15:1-10

(Pew Bible, NT Page 78)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****HYMN NO. 173** (sung by choir)*A Woman and a Coin**Life Restored*

*A woman and a coin: the coin is lost!  
 How much it means to her, what time and toil,  
 what part it was to play in her bright dreams!  
 Am I that treasured coin worth searching for?  
 I'm found, and you rejoice! What love! What love!*

*A shepherd and a sheep: the sheep is lost!  
 Far from the flock, the one in hundred cries,  
 then, risking life, the shepherd's voice and staff!  
 Am I that treasured sheep worth dying for?  
 I live, and you rejoice! What love! What love!*

*Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost;  
 you gave your only son at what a cost;  
 your Spirit welcomes home the tempest-tossed:  
 now we can be all you were dreaming of.  
 We're safe, and you rejoice! What love! What love!*

**SERMON***"Frustrating Grace"*

John Weicher

*(A moment for meditation.)***\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Mindy Douglas

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, all races and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**\*HYMN NO. 435***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**In Babilone***\*THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*During the passing of the peace, children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for "A Time with the Children."*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

*(Following "A Time with Children," children may return to the playroom or join their parents and siblings as they go back to their seats.)*

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

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind

People: **To see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**

(from Psalm 14:2)

(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

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

Offertory Anthem

*Glory to God in the Highest*

John Bell, Iona Community

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,*

*we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God,*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us:*

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

*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.*

\*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 rejoice and give thanks, O God, for the lost have been found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*Amazing Grace*

\*BENEDICTION

John Weicher

\*POSTLUDE

*Fugue in D*

J.S. Bach

*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 September 8, we welcomed 31 visitors to worship.

**Music Notes:** The text of "*Glory to God in the Highest*" is a short hymn of praise to the Trinity and is one of the core canticles of the church (a canticle is a song used in liturgical worship drawn from biblical texts other than the Psalter). Its use dates from the 4th century and it continues to be used in the morning office of the eastern churches. In the western church, it became a part of the Eucharistic service in the 12th century. This text has been set thousands of times by various composers from the earliest times continuing until today.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents **Margaret S. Davis, J. Van Davis, Marie F. Rourk, and Malcolm H. Rourk, MD** by **Henderson and Jane Davis Rourk** and **Caroline Davis Rourk**.

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

### **Alleluia Children's Choir**

The Alleluia Children's Choir sang this morning at Covenant Presbyterian Church during their 10:00 a.m. worship. **The children will not have practice today**. The choir will practice again next Sunday, September 22 at 5:00 p.m. at FPC. For more information on this newly formed joint choir for children in second-fifth grade, contact Kathy Parkins.

### **Evening Class: Who Is My Faith Neighbor?**

This class is worshipping with the Sikh Gurudwara congregation in Durham today. There is **no class discussion at FPC this afternoon**. Our discussion of *Holy Envy* will resume next Sunday, September 22, at 5:00 p.m. at FPC.

### **Congregational Meeting to be held September 22**

The FPC Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 22 following worship for the purpose of hearing a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and voting on a candidate for the installed position of Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families.

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### **~ Our Joys and Concerns ~**

*Chuck Barenchi*, a patient at Duke Hospital

*Paul Cornsweet*, in rehab at Treyburn Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Durham

*Families and individuals displaced or impacted by Hurricane Dorian*

*Margaret Mubanga*

*Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett*

*Joseph Ngumi*

*Franzi Rokoske*

*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: *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*, companion of Mal King

*Ralph Edwards*, grandfather of Amy Wilson

*Heath Huberg*, friend of Kathy Parkins

*Doug Neece*, brother of Vern Neece

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*Bob Warren*, father of Dawn Carsey

## Love in the Heart of Durham:

Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me.

- Matthew 10:40

## Stewardship Season Kickoff – Sunday, September 29

Last year, we began a new tradition at FPC. We held our stewardship season kickoff meal following worship instead of during the weekday at a supper event. This year, we are again providing a FREE LUNCH in Watts-Hill Hall. On Sunday, September 29 immediately following the worship service, the Stewardship Committee will give a presentation around the theme: “*Love in the Heart of Durham*,” while we enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield. Childcare will be available during the luncheon. **RSVP** via the Evite or use the reservation card in today’s bulletin if you plan to join us. One response per household is needed by September 25.

Your personalized stewardship materials will be available for pickup on September 29<sup>th</sup> in the foyer. **Dedication Sunday is October 27.** Please make note of these important dates.

# PRIDE

## Durham’s Pride Festival and Parade

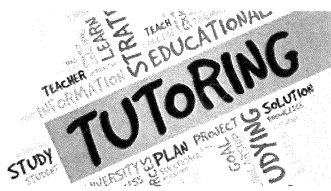
***Come celebrate and walk with our LGBTQIA+ friends, neighbors and allies in the Durham Pride Parade!***

For the past several years, FPC members have been present for the Durham Pride Parade as festival goers, and for the first time last year, we had a group to participate in the parade! We hope to have another large crowd representing FPC in support of our LGBTQIA+ community this year on **Saturday, September 28!** We will gather when the festival opens at 10:00 a.m., with the parade starting at 11:00 a.m. Please email Laurie Williamson ([laurie@laurieandmatt.com](mailto:laurie@laurieandmatt.com)) if you would like to join us. Laurie will follow up with those interested to coordinate walkers, signs, color, and flair!



## Trip planned to Montgomery, Alabama

A group of First Presbyterians is planning a trip to The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and The Legacy Museum in Montgomery the weekend of **October 18-20**. We will visit the Memorial and tour the “From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration” Exhibit. Details regarding transportation and lodging are to be determined. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kathy Conner or Eric Wiebe. Checkout the museum’s website for information on what to expect: <https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/>.



The Tutoring Program for children, held **every Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Iglesia Emanuel**, is gearing up for the new school year and we need more tutors for reading or math. Questions? Contact Miguel or Margaret Rubiera.

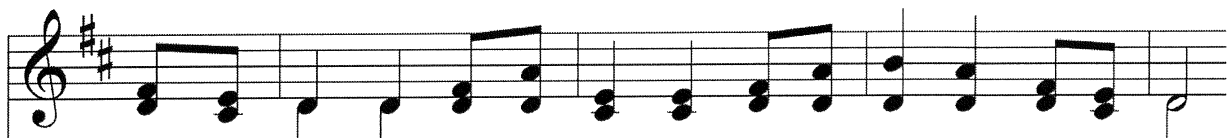


If you would like to help victims of Hurricane Dorian, you may give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/>. This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to enable a significant response for relief and recovery from hurricanes and typhoons that cause widespread destruction in the United States and internationally. Additional hurricane relief and recovery information from Church World Service is available from the tables in the foyer and narthex.

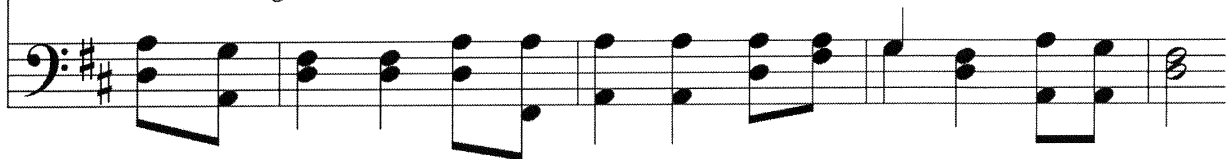
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



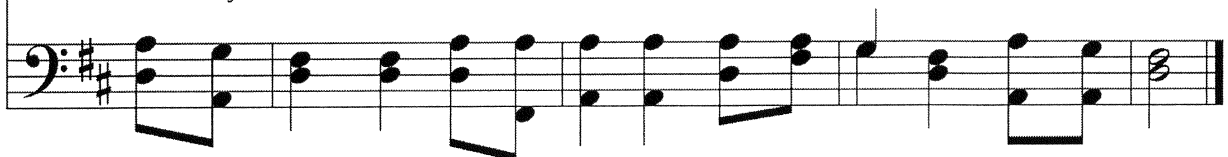
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



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## Sung by the choir

## A Woman and a Coin



A wom - an and a coin: the coin is lost!  
 A shep - herd and a sheep: the sheep is lost!

Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost;



How much it means to her, what time and toil,  
 Far from the flock, the one in hun - dred cries,

you gave your on - ly son at what a cost;



what part it was to play in her bright dreams!  
 then, risk - ing life, the shep - herd's voice and staff!

your Spir - it wel - comes home the tem - pest - tossed:



Am I that trea - sured coin worth search - ing for?  
 Am I that trea - sured sheep worth dy - ing for?

now we can be all you were dream - ing of.



I'm found, and you re - joice! What love! What love!  
 I live, and you re - joice! What love! What love!

We're safe, and you re - joice! What love! What love!

# 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) for each system. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.



# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Torrell Armstrong*

Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Wendy McCorkle* (rear/narthex), *Raymond Mbah* (side/font)

Ushers: *Matt Cline* (head), *Katy Barron*, *Miriam Morey*

**This Week at a Glance!**

<p><b>Later Today</b>  <b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b>                      Middle School Youth  <b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b>                      High School Youth  <i>No Alleluia Children's Choir practice</i>  <i>No "Holy Envy" Book Study</i></p>	<p><b>Monday, September 16</b>  <b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b>                      Walk-in Ministry client interviews  <b>9:30 – 11:00 AM</b>                      FPC preparing bag lunches at Urban Ministries</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, September 17</b>  <b>Newsletter Today!</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> High School Youth Midweek Meal (Coffee World, Guess Rd)  <b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship  <b>2:30 PM</b> Program Staff  <b>6:00 PM</b> Finance &amp; Investment Committee  <b>7:00 PM</b> Vox Chorus</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, September 18</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> Bell Choir  <b>5:30 PM</b>                      Winesday Fellowship at Durham Co-op  <b>7:00 PM</b>                      Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Thursday, September 19</b>  <b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b>                      Walk-in Ministry client interviews  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Day School Board</p>	<p><b>Friday, September 20</b>  <b>7:00 – 9:00 AM</b>                      FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries</p>	<p><b>Saturday, September 21</b>  <b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b>                      Grounds Workday   <i>International Day of Peace</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 22</b>  <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>  <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School Membership Inquiry Class  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship  <b>Hunger for Change Offering</b> received during worship  <b>Congregational Meeting</b> at the end of worship to hear APNC report/vote on candidate  <b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b>                      Middle School Youth  <b>5:00 PM</b>                      Alleluia Children's Choir / Book Study: <i>Holy Envy</i>  <b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b>                      High School Youth</p>

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