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Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (Wind Ensemble) *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*

Benedetto Marcello

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Litany for the Reign of Christ)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

People: **Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Leader: The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

People: **Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Leader: God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

People: **Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Leader: God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

People: **Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Leader: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

People: **Christ will reign forever and ever.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

Darwall's 148th

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 109, verse 3)

Merle's Tune

*On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,
The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20

(Pew Bible, NT Page 200)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

(Pew Bible, NT Page 58)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Ultimate Allegiance”

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from: *A Declaration of Faith* Chapter 4, Section 5)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

We are certain that Jesus lives. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

***HYMN No. 264**

At the Name of Jesus

King’s Weston

***THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.
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

Mindy Douglas

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

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory (Wind Ensemble)

A Thanksgiving Prelude

Mindy Douglas

Charles Callahan

*Doxology (Hymn No. 612 verses 1, 3)

We Praise You, O God

Kremser

***We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.***

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Blessing, honor, and glory are yours, O God, eternal source of all creation. You are mightier than the thunder of waters, stronger than the waves of the sea. You are majesty on high. Yet when the time was right you sent your Son, a vulnerable infant of low estate, to testify to the truth of power made known in your embracing love. Jesus came to raise up the poor and cast down the mighty. He taught us, like none other, that your kingdom is one of forgiveness, where human needs are daily met and we are set free for love. Remembering all that he has done for us, we offer you our praise and thanks and give our lives to your service.

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 572

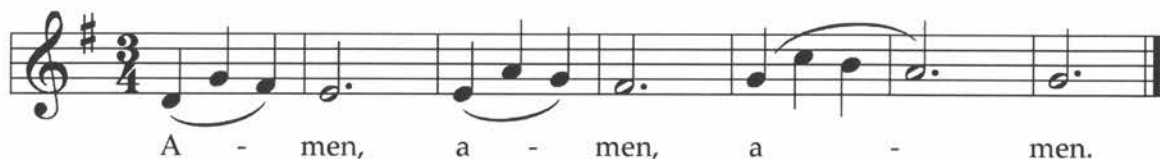


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and filled with your life-giving Spirit. Unite us in Christ and to one another, that we may reveal your justice in the world. Grant us your wisdom and keep us faithful as we wait and work in hope for your coming reign of peace. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns in glory, now and forever.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

Ecumenical Version

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

We celebrate communion by intinction, coming forward to dip the bread into the cup. Ushers will direct you to stations at the front of the sanctuary. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and remember God's greatest gift as you return by the side aisles to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and an elder will bring the elements to you in the pew. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Anthem at the Communion

King of Glory, King of Peace

David Ashley White

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee.
And that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me:
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise thee:
In my heart, though not in Heav'n, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;
E'en eternity's too short to extol thee.*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

John Weicher

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 826**

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Prepare the Royal Highway

Paul Manz

*Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship today 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 November 17, we welcomed 37 visitors to worship.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and in gratitude for the staff and members of First Presbyterian Church.

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Music notes: The **Prelude** by Italian composer Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) was originally a choral arrangement of Psalm 19, one of Marcello's settings of the first fifty Psalms. The **Offertory** by American organist/composer Charles Callahan, originally written for flute and organ, combines two familiar Thanksgiving hymns: *Let All Things Now Living* (#37 in our hymnal) and *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (#367). We are grateful to the **First Presbyterian Wind Ensemble** (*Christyn Klinck, Li-Chen Chin, Brent Curtis, and David Smith*) for their contribution to today's worship service.

The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated: From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that, by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way. Of course, you may always choose to pray in the words closest to your heart, be those words debts or trespasses.

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).



Director of Children's Ministry: The job description can be found on the church's website. The Search Committee asks that qualified candidates apply by email to: j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org. Questions may be directed to Search Committee co-chairs Kathy Conner (kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com) and Laura Kelley (lkelly601@gmail.com). Additional members of this committee are Tom Admay, Leah Graves, Amy Sanchez, and Katharine Whitmore.

Administrative Assistant: The job description can be found on the church's website. Qualified candidates should apply by email to: admin-position@firstpres-durham.org or by mail to the church, Attention: Administrative Assistant Search Committee. Questions may be directed to Search Committee co-chairs El Hess (elinor.hess@gmail.com) and Jerry Postema (gpostema244@gmail.com). Additional members of the Administrative Assistant Search Committee are Christy Gudaitis, George Danser, and Marie Sappenfield. FPC members, family members of FPC members and regular non-member attendees are not eligible to apply for these ministry positions.

Iglesia Emanuel needs our help!

Iglesia Emanuel will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving community meal on November 27th, the night before Thanksgiving Day, and as usual, are soliciting donations of turkeys for the celebration, preferably cooked. Please call or text (preferably) the pastor, Julio Ramirez-Eve (919-672-4333), if you are able to donate a turkey, cooked or uncooked, or collaborate with any other donation for this event. Thank you very much for your support!

Open Call for Messiah Sing-Along

Sunday, December 1, 2019

4:00 p.m. at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

504 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham

The Choral Society of Durham invites you to participate in a free Messiah Sing-Along. Doors open at 3:15 p.m. Although it's free, donations are appreciated. \$10 is suggested per adult. No requested donation for students or children. This is not a ticketed event. There's open seating until the sanctuary is full. For details, go to: <https://triangleonthecheap.com/messiah-choral-society-durham/>. NOTE: Kathy Parkins has scores if anyone wants to borrow one for this sing-along.

Today is the deadline!

... for receiving pictures and note cards for **Sam Miglarese and Marilyn Hedgpeth's retirement celebrations**. Blank note cards can be found on the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer. Please place pictures and note cards in the boxes provided there.

... for confirming student college addresses and donating items for **College Care Packages**. Please place donations in the baskets provided in the foyer. Send updated college addresses to Valerie in the church office:
v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

~ Our Concerns ~

Memorial Service: A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held for **Rev. Robert (Bob) Yoder** on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at FPC. The family will greet friends at a reception in the parlors following the service.

Condolences: We extend condolences to **Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett** and family on the death of her aunt, **Monicah Njoki Njiru**, who died this week in Kenya.

Added: **Isabel Brown**, a patient at UNC-Hospital

Home:

Chuck Barenchi **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**
Emerald Pond, Durham (Room 212): **Paul Cornsweet**
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: **Helen Garrison**
Strategic Behavioral Health, Garner: **Phillip Herndon**
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
Erica Moody, sister-in-law of Mal King
Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

Schlecht Family Memorial Funds

Jennifer Schlecht Memorial Fund: The Schlecht Family is establishing this fund to continue their daughter Jennifer's life and work dedication to transform the lives of women and girls in crisis around the world. For more information and to donate please visit: JenniferSchlechtMemorialFund.org.

Abaynesh Memorial Fund: This fund, in memory of the Ken and Mary Jo's granddaughter Abaynesh, will provide scholarships so that other young children have the opportunity to attend the O'Gorman Garden School in Harlem. Abaynesh loved the Garden Montessori School and flourished there while developing a love for learning. For more information and to donate please visit: ogormangarden.org/abaynesh-memorial-fund.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

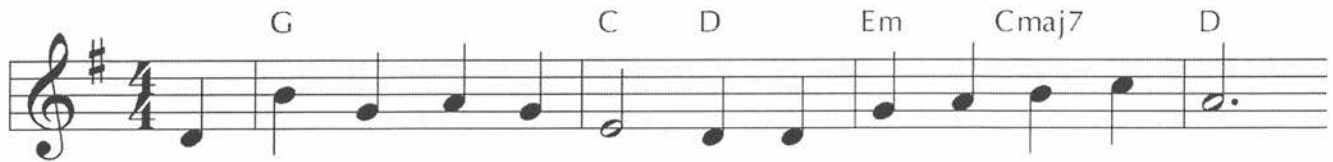
Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

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

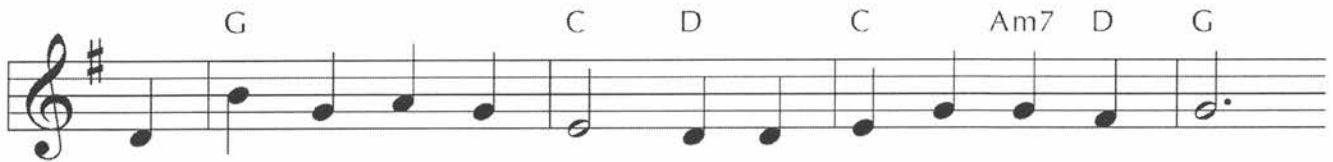
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Blest Be the God of Israel

Song of Zechariah



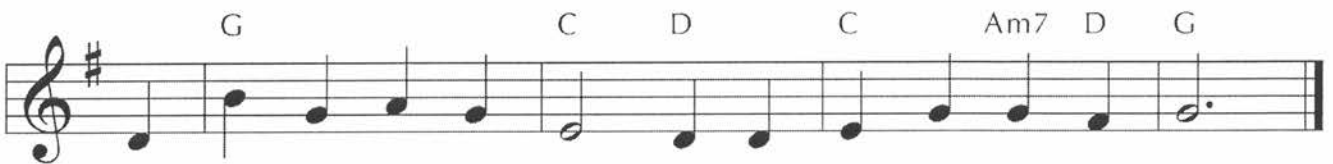
1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

At the Name of Jesus

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Capo 5: (Am)

(G) (Am) (C) (Am)

(Dm) (Am)

Dm

C Dm

F Dm

Gm Dm



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C)

(G)

(Am)

(C)

(Dm)

F

C

Dm

F

Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G)

(Em)

(Am)

(G)

(D)

(G)

C

Am

Dm

C

G

C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am)

(G)

(Em)

(Dm)

(C)

(G)

(Am)

Dm

C

Am

Gm

F

C

Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship Congregational Luncheon</p> <p>12:15 – 4:00 PM Racial Equity Task Force Retreat</p> <p>1:00 PM Immigration Protest and Rally in Graham</p> <p>4:00 PM Holy Envy Book Study</p> <p>5:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir</p>	<p>Monday, November 25</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>6:30 PM Joint Officers' Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 26</p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon at Bullock's Barbecue</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus</p> <p>Newsletter today!</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 27</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p>No Bell Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 28</p>  <p>THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>No Walk-in Ministry</p> <p>11:00 AM – 1:30 PM FPC serving lunch at Durham Urban Ministry</p>	<p>Friday, November 29</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Durham Urban Ministry</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>Saturday, November 30</p>	<p>Sunday, December 1</p>  <p><i>First Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Communion</p> <p>No Youth Groups No Bible Study No Children's Choir</p>

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: *Dawn Carsey* (rear/narthex), *Brent Curtis* (side/font)

Ushers: *Katy Barron* (head), *Julie Whiddon* (counter), *Bert Clere*, *Miriam Morey*, *Bob Pleasants*

Communion Elders:

Head/Replenish Elements: *Tyler Momsen-Hudson*

Bread: *Lenore Champion* (B1, process), *Raymond Mbah* (B2), *Jane Wettach* (B3), *David Sappenfield* (B4)

Cup: *Griffin Momsen-Hudson* (C1), *Leah Graves* (C2, process), *Diane Prosser* (C3), *Kristen Meade* (C4)

Shepherds: *Alice Raney* (pulpit aisle), *Michael Honeycutt* (center aisle), *Brent Curtis* (font aisle)

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

CHURCH STAFF



Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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