

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

5th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC *Holy, Holy, Holy* (variations) *Nicaea*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Early American Hymn Tune

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 31:14-15a) Mindy Douglas

Leader: I trust in you, O Lord.

People: **I say you are my God.**

All: **My times are in your hands.**

HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* (verses 1-2)

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you God has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."*

CONFESSION OF SIN Susan Dunlap

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (All, in unison)

Living God, we confess

**that we look for the living among the dead,
but we reject the very cornerstone.**

**You call us to be a holy people,
but we ignore your saving grace.**

Forgive us; give us new life!

**Make us new people, a new temple,
filled with the Spirit of life –
the life that death cannot destroy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

RESPONSE *How Firm A Foundation* (verse 4)

*When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
in Christ you show us the way,
reveal to us your truth,
and offer to us everlasting life.
Keep our eyes upon him,
that we may see your path more clearly,
know your truth more fully,
and receive your life more abundantly;
through Christ, who dwells with you
and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.**

A READING FROM PSALMS

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

"Living Stones"

Mindy Douglas

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation (verses 3,5)

*"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.*

*The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Susan Dunlap

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Christ be with me, Christ within me,
People: **Christ behind me, Christ before me,**
Leader: Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
People: **Christ to comfort and restore me,**
Leader: Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
People: **Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,**
Leader: Christ in hearts of all that love me,
People: **Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Donald Hustad

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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. On May 3, 132 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell**, **Pat Dillon**, and **John Weicher** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance, making our virtual worship broadcasts possible and accessible to us each Sunday.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were taken from *Call to Worship, Book of Common Worship (2018)*, and *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

Church staff are working from their homes under the Stay-at-home Order for the state of North Carolina. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls and emails. Please read church emails and check our social media to stay up-to-date.

Children and Youth – Are you Connected? If you are not receiving a separate weekly email connecting you to FPC online activities and events for children and youth, contact John Weicher to be added to the list.

Ways to Give to First Presbyterian Church

- Check made payable to First Presbyterian Church and mailed to the church
- Bill Pay initiated by you through your bank
- Direct Debit (monthly) from a checking account (contact Tom Bloom for required form)
- Text Giving (Contact Tom Bloom if you need instructions)
- Appreciated Stock (Contact Tom Bloom before initiating a stock transfer)
- Credit or Debit Card (Click DONATE on the church's website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>)
- Charitable Distribution from an IRA (For persons aged 70½; contact your IRA administrator)

Celebrations and Concerns

Birth Announcement: We celebrate the birth of **Robeson Alfred Tisdale Jennings** to **Leonora Tisdale** and **Otis Jennings** on May 8, 2020. Mother and baby are doing well. **Robie** is the grandson of Nora and Alfred Tisdale.

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to:

- **Valerie McMillian**, FPC Parish Administrator, on the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, **Tyrone McMillian**, on May 4, 2020. A private family graveside service was held May 7th in Sanford, NC.
- **Beth and Vern Neece** on the sudden and unexpected death of Beth's brother, **Paul Martin**, on May 8, 2020 as a result of a fall.

Concerns:

- **Lee Tubbs**, mother of Nora Tisdale, was discharged from the hospital and has returned to Glenaire in Cary
- **Camilla Crampton**, companion of Mal King, in hospice care
- **Margaret Mubanga**
- All who have been impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Henderson Rourk**

Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **Ann Prospero, John Kerr**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: **Jean Lazarides**

Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Tiffany Barber, niece of Christyn Klinck

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Paula Cope, sister of Sam Miglarese

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Dolores Ewald, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Asher Wilson, son of Mike and Emily Wilson and grandson of Chuck and Jean Wilson

Winesdays on Wednesdays Virtual Happy Hour

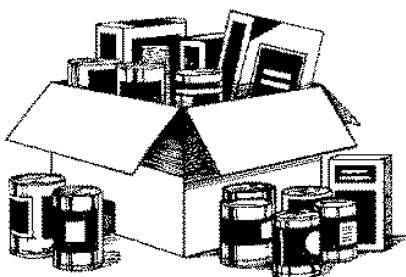
You are invited to FPC's virtual Winesday Happy Hour each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Join in with your beverage of choice! Contact Laurie Williamson or Mindy for the link to join this group.

Weekday Book Studies

The study of ***Call It Grace*** by Serene Jones and led by Mindy Douglas is meeting online on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. using Zoom. If you wish to join this discussion group, contact Mindy Douglas.

All are welcome to join the Women's Spirituality Group in a study of ***Helpmates, Harlots and Heroes*** by Alice Bellis, via Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 p.m. If you wish to join this discussion group, contact Deborah Momsen-Hudson.

Urgent Appeal from Iglesia Emanuel



The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on so many struggling families who have lost their source of income. Our sister church, Iglesia Emanuel, is working overtime to help address critical food shortages not only in the Hispanic community, but well beyond. This is a huge undertaking week after week for such a small church, and Iglesia Emanuel could not possibly continue their mission to feed the hungry without ongoing support from others. Here are ways we can help:

- **New option:** provide practical support by dividing large bags of rice or beans into ziplock baggies, help sort donated food items, pack bags of food. Check SignUpGenius for shift openings - [Iglesia Emanuel COVID-19 Food Bank Signup Genius](#).
- **Newest items needed:** Donate disposable gloves, reusable (non-disposable) shopping bags, and paper shopping bags with handles
- Make a financial donation on line by going to emanueldurham.org
- Mail a check, written to Iglesia Presbyteriana Emanuel, 2504 N Roxboro, Durham, NC 27704
- Donate food, preferably bulk items. Most needed are rice, beans, other staples such as Mac 'n Cheese, cereal, canned goods, etc.

- Food donations may be taken to Iglesia Emanuel, but call Guillermo Salamea at 919-451-6626 to confirm time of drop-off
- Food donations may also be taken to Miguel and Margaret Rubiera's house, 3108 Chelmsford Dr, and we will deliver for you, or we will pick up from your front porch!
- Feel free to contact us with any questions, and thank you again for your loving commitment to help others. Contact: [Miguel Rubiera](#) or [Margaret Rubiera](#).

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You do not need to have a Facebook account to participate. Simply go online to: <https://www.facebook.com/Firstpresdurham/> each Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. If you are asked to create an account, just ignore and click on the video.

CHURCH STAFF

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



Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
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