

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God

F. Peeters

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 62:8)*

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people;

People: **Pour out your heart before God;**

All: **God is a refuge for us.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

National Hymn

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you led men and women to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, O God, on the heart of this land. Make us kind, compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good and the good of the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 327, verse 2)

Lasst uns erfreuen

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Ruler of the universe, you call us to radical hospitality beyond all earthly claim. Grant us strength to offer ourselves to you as people who have been raised from death to life through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

* Those who are able, please stand.

PSALTER LESSON (read responsively) *Psalm 13* (Pew Bible, OT Page 494)

Leader: How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
 How long will you hide your face from me?

People: **How long must I bear pain in my soul,
 and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
 How long will my enemy be exalted over me?**

Leader: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

People: **Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
 and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
 my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

Leader: But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

All: **I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 6:12-23 (Pew Bible, NT Page 156)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10:40-42 (Pew Bible, NT Page 11)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"Called to Welcome"* Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Declaration of Faith* Mark McHugh

God sends us to strive for justice. God has reached out to those who suffer injustice and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry. The Lord is moving toward the time when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We are persuaded God is at work here and now when people deal fairly with each other and labor to change customs and structures that enslave and oppress human beings. We are charged to root out prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions. We are commissioned to stand with women and men of all ages, races, and classes as they struggle for dignity and respect and the chance to exercise power for the common good. We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.

***HYMN NO. 297** *In Christ Called to Baptize* *St. Denio*

***THE PEACE** (*Children through 1st grade enter worship during "The Peace."*) Mark McHugh

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mindy Douglas

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader I will sing to the Lord,

People: **Because the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.**

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord.

Hymn No. 779 *How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?* *Land of Mercy*

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

All: **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

Offertory Anthem

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

*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: **Great God, we thank you for this land so fair and free; for its worthy aims and charities. We are grateful for people who have come to our shores, with customs and accents to enrich our lives. You have led us in the past, forgiven evil, and will lead us in time to come. Give us a voice to praise your goodness in this land of living men and women, and a will to serve you, now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 301

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Intermezzo

H. Schroeder

Immediately following worship today, interested persons are invited to the East Parlor to hear about a new ministry to refugees in our community.

Are you a quilter? The quilters of FPC need your help making baby quilts. **All needed supplies are in quilt packets and will be given out following worship today.** Any questions contact BJ Morton: BJMorton1954@aol.com or Linn Lopez: tonylinn@netzero.com.

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. We welcomed 21 visitors to worship on Sunday, June 25.

SERVICE AND MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Mission Trip: Hurricane Matthew Recovery

FPC is organizing a mission team for Kinston NC for July 30 – August 5. Participants must be at least 14 years old. We have about 8 crew members and would welcome more. Please contact *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* for more information: tylermmh@embarqmail.com.

Needlepoint Project

Do you do needlepoint (also called canvas embroidery)? Would you like to add your talents to a new project for the beautification of the sanctuary? *Jane Rourk* and *Barbara Fish* are beginning work on a needlepoint banner to be displayed in the sanctuary on the Sundays when Communion is served. If you are interested, please contact Jane or Barbara:

Jane: jrourk@nc.rr.com or 919-489-5820; Barbara: barb2fish@yahoo.com or 919-688-9125.

Flower Ministry

The flower ministry of FPC offers a meaningful way to donate flowers for the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion. If you would like to reserve an upcoming Sunday to provide flowers for worship, please sign up on the calendar in the foyer. *Ruth Roberson* (RuthHRoberson@gmail.com, 919-949-2106) or *Jean Wilson* (JeanJWilson@gmail.com, 919 403-7333) will be glad to provide more details about ordering flowers and the discount offered to FPC by Ninth Street Flowers.

Items needed . . .

The Property Committee is looking for the following items to be donated to the church:

- clothes dryer (new or in good working condition)
- two foldable wheel chairs.

Sunday, July 9

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session of FPC has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, July 9 (end of worship) to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect a deacon to the Class of 2020 and an at-large member to the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee. The deacon nominee to the Class of 2020 (replacing Patricia Kennedy) is *Emily Wilkins*. The Nominating Committee nominee (replacing Geoffrey Kennedy) is *Madeline Anglin*.

Sunday, July 16

HYMN SING AND MYRTLE FEST PICNIC

Join us at 11:00 a.m. for worship as the congregation engages in an old fashioned hymn sing. Music will be provided by a bluegrass duo. Following worship, we will picnic outside under our crepe myrtles and enjoy more bluegrass music. All are welcome to bring sides (main meat, a vegetarian alternative and beverages provided), and a blanket or lawn chairs!


Sunday, September 24

ALL CHURCH GATHERING

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

New Hope Camp and Conference Center

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: "Working with Refugees"</p> <p><i>Quilting packets available in the foyer</i></p>	<p>Monday, July 3</p> <p>5:00 PM "Time Out" Radio Show interview with Diane Standaert (listen live on WCOM, FM103.5 and online at wcomfm.org)</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 4</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>The Church Office is CLOSED in observance of the Independence Day holiday.</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, July 5</p> <p>5:30 PM Stewardship Committee</p>
<p>Thursday, July 6</p>	<p>Friday, July 7</p>	<p>Saturday, July 8</p> <p>9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Scratch/Young Adults Day Hike at Occoneechee Mountain State Park, Hillsborough <i>(meet/carpool from FPC)</i></p> <p>6:30 PM First Friends and Families Potluck at the home of Susan Dunlap and Prasad Kasibhatla</p>	<p>Sunday, July 9 <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Summer Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Communion (Congregational Meeting at the end of worship)</p> <p>2:00 – 5:00 PM Celebration of Life Service for Robin Kramer Puckett at the Doris Duke Center, Kirby Horton Hall</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Triangle Shape Note Choir</p>

Massanetta Middle School Youth Conference July 6-9

WORK DAYS AT FPC

Saturday, July 15 - Grounds Workday from 8 AM – 12 Noon
For more information, contact *Barbara Buckley*: bjbuckley1@frontier.com.

Saturday, July 22 - Inside Workday from 8 AM – 12 Noon
For more information, contact *Chris Brown*: wjbrown2000@gmail.com.

Many hands make light the work! Please join us!

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Liturgist: *Amy Dillon*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Al Arrowood* (narthex/rear); *George Bernhardt* (side/font)

Ushers: *Mary-Jo Keenan* (head), *Michael Honeycutt* (flowers), *Karen Swope*,
Julie Whiddon, *Jennie Alwood*, *Amy Sanchez*

Special thanks to **Gordon Campbell** for serving as our organist today while Kathy Parkins is away attending a family reunion event in Kentucky.

The **flowers** gracing our sanctuary today are given by **Gerald Postema and Leslie Winner** in gratitude to God for the ministry at First Presbyterian Church of **Reverend Joseph S. and Carlisle Harvard**.

Copies of the **These Days** devotional book for July – September 2017 are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex. Pick up a regular or large print version today, while supplies last.

Nursery care for infants–children 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, the 3-6 year old children join worship for the remainder of service. There is an **infant 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 in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were reprinted from *Call to Worship, Book of Common Worship, and The Worshipbook*.

~ OUR CONCERNS ~

Added: **Ken Goldner**, recovering at The Forest at Duke
Claiborn Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark
Louise Dykes, aunt of Will Chambliss

Beth Eisenson, recovering from knee surgery
Barbara Gerwe, recovering from back surgery
Beth Neece, recovering from surgery

Atria Senior Living: Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell

Croasdaile: Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford

Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson

Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:

Tom Bowen, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
Tony Lopez, husband of Linn Lopez **Dell McMillian**, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sarah Finbow, Youth Minister
Joseph S. Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate (on sabbatical)
Mark McHugh, Ministry Intern
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music