



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mindy Douglas  
Jane Williams

Minute for Mission  
Ritual of Friendship

**PRELUDE**

*Voluntary 1 in C*

G. F. Handel

**INTROIT**

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever, ev'n the spir't of truth.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
People: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
Leader: Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,  
People: Whose steadfast love endures forever.  
All: **Let us worship God.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 12**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*St. Denio*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give. Forgive us when we allow our hearts to be troubled and disturbed by the cares and concerns of the world. Forgive us when we put our trust in the empty promises of the world which cannot sustain us and are not worthy of our allegiance. Guide us back to your peace, and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may abide with you, now and always.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

\* Those who are able, please stand.

Response (*sung twice in English*)

Alleluia

Honduras Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is risen in - deed.  
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Jane Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Living and gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have brought us out to a spacious place where we are called to live as those redeemed. Empower us by your Spirit to keep your commandments, that we may show forth your love with gentle word and reverent deed to all your people. Amen.**

**PSALM LESSON**

Psalm 66: 8-12, 16-20

(Pew Bible, OT Page 528)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14:15-21

(Pew Bible, NT Page 109)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES LESSON**

Acts 17:22-31

(Pew Bible, NT Page 137)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Searching for God"*

Mindy Douglas

**\*HYMN NO. 317**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

McKee

**\*THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during "The Peace.")*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

## CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Mindy Douglas and Marilyn Hedgpeth

### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

Mindy Douglas

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Loving God, we thank you for parents, grandparents, friends, and mentors who have encouraged these young adults in the faith since their birth. We thank you that they have been surrounded by this cloud of witnesses to journey with them as they grow and wrestle with difficult issues, to observe them praying, to go along with them as they have served, and to offer praise and thanksgiving alongside them. Now, we thank you that these youth are coming of age, and stepping out in faith to embrace your style of servant ministry. May your grace continue to bless their young lives, and may the world prosper from the gifts they bring to the church. To the One who calls and blesses all faith journeys we pray, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*(Confirmands, mentors, and children may return to their seats. The Children's Choir is on summer recess.)*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard,

People: **Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

*(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

Offertory Anthem

*I Will Not Leave You Comfortless*

Everett Titcomb

*I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.*

*And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.*

\*Doxology

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

*Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:*

*"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"*

*Be to the Father, and our Lord, To Spirit blest, most holy God,*

*All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Chris Brown

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

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

All: **May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us. May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.**

## COMMISSIONING FOR CHERYL BARTON HENRY AND MARK MCHUGH

Mindy Douglas

Mindy: We wish God's blessings upon Cherrie Henry, our Parish Associate for young adult ministry, and on Andy and Sam Henry as they begin their sabbatical time of pilgrimage and renewal. This is a time for growth, remembrance, and a deepening of spiritual life and connections with God.

Congregation: **God be with you while we are away from one another.**

Mindy: God's blessings on you while you are gone, during your time of renewal and sabbatical and upon Mark as he works with the young adults in this congregation while you are away.

Congregation: **God bless you in your journey! May you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey together. God grant you a trusting heart as you plant your feet and heart in new places. We send you forth with our blessing. We will pray for you while you are away.**

Cherrie: And we will pray for you.

Mindy: We welcome and commission Mark McHugh as our Pastoral Intern who will be a spiritual guide and a pastoral presence for our young adults while Cherrie is away.

Congregation: **We pray for you and give thanks for your gifts. May God be with you as you care for our young adults in the name of Christ Jesus.**

Mark: I thank you for this sacred trust. I pray God will guide me as I guide you.

### \*HYMN NO. 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*Green Tyler*

### \*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

### \*POSTLUDE

*Fugue in C*

Johann Pachelbel

Peter Fish will be signing copies of FPC's newly published history book following worship today in Watts-Hill Hall. You may purchase a copy for \$25.00.

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 on Sunday, May 14

We welcome the following new members during today's worship: *Hailey Reid*, joining by Reaffirmation of Faith, and *Minna Fullenkamp* and *Riley Pienkowski*, confirmands.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Malcolm H. Rourk, III* by *Jane and Henderson Rourk* and *Caroline Davis Rourk*.

*Nursery care* for infants through 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 and youth. Books are on the pews 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* and *Book of Common Worship*.

Copies of transcribed *sermons* are available from the table in the foyer.

**LAST CALL to Class of 2017 Graduates:** Students graduating from high school or college will be acknowledged in worship on Sunday, June 4. Please provide the student's name, school, and degree info to *Valerie McMillian* in the church office (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) by this Friday, May 26.

**Welcoming the Stranger:** We can be grateful that our church is blessed with many visitors. On occasion, some of the visitors have asked for money or other forms of assistance, and it is not always clear how to respond. *Marie Sappenfield* and *Susan Dunlap* are offering an opportunity on Sunday, June 4 following worship to discuss ways to respond to such requests. We will talk about practical, faithful ways to welcome all our visitors and how to graciously and appropriately offer Christian hospitality. A light lunch will be offered.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Congratulations to . . .

- *Brianna Honea and Ricky Bennett* who were married on Friday, May 12 at Bald Head Island, NC.
- *Ed and Caroline Pritchett* on gaining a daughter-in-law and a granddaughter in the same week! Son *Poston Pritchett* married *Kelly Lohmeyer* on May 9, 2017 in Ravello, Italy. The couple will live in Houston. Daughter *Leslie Harper Pritchett Smith* had a baby daughter (*Harper Bailey Smith*) May 13 at Duke Regional Hospital.
- *Diane Standaert*, the new Chair of the Durham Human Relations Commission for the upcoming year.
- *Geoffrey Kennedy* who has been offered a new job as Head Brewer at a brewery in Knoxville, TN. We will say farewell to Geoffrey and Patricia on Sunday, June 25.

Added this week: *Barbara Gerwe*, recovering from back surgery  
*Tyrone McMillian*, home after a brief hospital stay  
*Michael Gilbert*, friend of *Kerry Holbrook*

**Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):** *Julian Boswell*

**Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham):** *Helen Garrison*

**Croasdaile Village:** *Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Kever, Bob Rankin*

**Forest at Duke:** *Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson*

**Hillcrest:** *Peggy Mordecai*, mother of Beth Eisenson

**Family and Friends of FPC Members:**

- *Jennie Bodkin*, sister of Mindy Douglas
- *Dot Blyth*, aunt of Libby Gulley
- *Robert G. Cope, III*, great nephew of Sam Miglarese
- *Katrina Downey*, friend of Joanne Harrar
- *Mike Gray*, cousin of Linn Lopez
- *Rick Hager*, friend of Celia Dickerson
- *Cherie Haines*, sister of Vernon Neece
- *Paul Martin*, brother of Beth Neece
- *Shade Mecum*, stepfather of Katherine Higgins
- *Linda Momsen*, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- *Janice Rattray*, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- *Lisa Short*, cousin of Alissa Miles

**~ Serving Today ~**

Liturgist: *Jane Williams*  
 Acolytes: *Charlie Kelley, Jack Kost*  
 Crucifer: *Sigfried Fullenkamp*  
 Narthex Greeter(s): *Alice Raney*  
 After Worship Greeters: *Jane Williams* (side/font), *Caroline Rourk* (rear/narthex)  
 Ushers: *Chris Brown* (head), *Michael Honeycutt* (flowers),  
*Mary-Jo Keenan, Amy Dillon, Amy Sanchez*

**The Week at a Glance!**

<p><b>After Worship:</b>  <b>2:00 PM</b>                  Communion at                  The Forest at Duke  <b>5:00 - 6:15 PM</b>                  Families with Children                  Fellowship Event                  (meet at FPC)                    Youth Groups on break</p>	<p align="center"><b>Monday, May 22</b></p> <p align="center"><b>6:00 PM</b>                  Diaconate</p> <p align="center"><b>6:30 PM</b>                  New Officers meet with                  Session over supper</p> <p align="center"><b>7:00 PM</b>                  Session</p>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday, May 23</b></p> <p align="center"><b>11:30 AM</b>                  Daytimers' Luncheon                  at Bennett Pointe Grill</p> <p align="center"><b>1:30 PM</b>                  Plan Worship</p> <p align="center"><b>2:30 PM</b>                  FPC Staff</p> <p align="center"><b>5:30 PM</b>                  A Conversation with                  Lauren Winner about                  "Wearing God"                  (in Lauren's home)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday, May 24</b></p> <p align="center"><b>7:00 PM</b>                  Chancel Choir</p>
<p align="center"><b>Thursday, May 25</b></p> <p align="center"><b>9:30 AM – 12 Noon</b>                  FPC preparing lunch                  bags at Urban Ministries</p>	<p align="center"><b>Friday, May 26</b></p> <p align="center"><b>8:00 AM</b>                  Men of Faith Breakfast /                  Conversation at Nosh's Café</p> <p align="center">No Book or Bible Study</p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, May 27</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Ramadan                  Celebrations begin</b>                  (Contact the Institute of                  Islamic and Turkish                  Studies, Cary to                  participate)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday, May 28</b></p> <p align="center"><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p align="center"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship                  (<b>Hunger for Change                  Offering</b> received)</p> <p align="center">Youth Groups on break</p>

**CHURCH STAFF**

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Robert Daye*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Sarah Finbow*, Youth Minister



*Marilyn Hedgpeth*, Associate Pastor  
*Cheryl Henry*, Parish Associate  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music

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