

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27701

Trinity Sunday

June 11, 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

Minute for Stewardship

Dan Hudgins

PRELUDE

O Rest in the Lord (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

Rebecca Robinson, soloist

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers.

INTROIT

Veni Creator Spiritus

Plainsong, 8th cent.

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises vibrant out of death:

Come to create, renew, inspire; come, kindle in our hearts your fire.

Praise to the Father, Christ the Word, and to the Spirit, God the Lord;

To whom all honor, glory be both now and for eternity.

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

Sam Miglarese

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Leader: From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.

People: **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

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

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess our sin, which separates us from you. We know how people who belong to you should live, but we fail to live that way. We have done evil, and have failed to do good. We have lived for self rather than for you or our neighbor. Thus our lives are diminished, our witness is stifled, and your image in us is tarnished. Forgive us, good Lord, through Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, guide us to live as people who know and love you.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.

*Sing glory to God in the height of the heavens,
 Salvation and peace to his people on earth;
 Our King and our Savior, our God and our Father,
 We worship and praise you and sing of your worth.
 Creation unites in the pow'r of the Spirit,
 In praise of the Father, through Jesus the Son.
 So complex, so simple, so clear, so mysterious,
 Our God ever three, yet eternally one.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Beth and Vernon Neece

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God, whose fingers sculpt sun and moon and curl the baby's ear; Spirit, brooding over chaos before the naming of day; Savior, sending us to earth's ends with water and words: startle us with the grace, love, and communion of your unity in diversity, that we may live to the praise of your majestic name. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4

(Pew Bible, OT Page 1)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****PSALM LESSON (read responsively)**

Psalm 8

(Pew Bible, NT Page 492)

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

People: **Out of the mouths of infants and children
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

Leader: You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.

People: **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

Leader: What are human beings that you should be mindful of them?
 Mortals that you should seek them out?

People: **You have made them but a little lower than the angels;
 You adorn them with glory and honor;**

Leader: You gave them mastery over the works of your hands;
 You put all things under their feet;

People: **All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
 the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.**

All: **O Lord, our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

(Pew Bible, NT Page 34)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“God in Threes”

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***HYMN (see back cover)**

Called by Christ to Love Each Other

Vesper Hymn

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during “The Peace.”)

***THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Sung)**

I Believe in God the Father

Genevan 42 (Hymn No. 481)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

People: **The whole earth is full of God’s glory.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(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

The Waters of Life

James Biery

*The voice of God calls us above the waters,
The glory of the Son shines on us,
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.*

*Doxology (Hymn No. 8, verse 4)

Melita

***O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

All: **Our Triune God, all thanks and praise are due to you for inviting us to be your disciples. We are truly honored because you have called us to proclaim your rule and power. May we be faithful as you send your Holy Spirit to energize us and direct us in your work. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 11**

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Aberystwyth

***BENEDICTION** (from *2 Corinthians 13:13*)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue

Felix Mendelssohn

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 27 visitors to worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

Special thanks to *Rebecca Robinson* for her musical contribution to today's worship. She is the daughter of *Joe and Mary Kay Robinson*.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Chuck and Linda Barenchi* and in celebration of their 18th wedding anniversary.

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, these children join worship for the remainder of service. Childcare for infants–2 years continues in the nursery. 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 and youth. 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* and *Celtic Hymnbook*.

The *bulletin cover*, titled *Trinity* (Троица), was believed to be created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. *Trinity* depicts the three visitors to Abraham and Sarah at the oaks of Mamre (cf. Genesis 18:1–15). It has often been interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity.

Trinity Sunday

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

- William Guite

Joseph Harvard recognized as Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church

We hope you will be able to join us for worship next **Sunday, June 18**. As a part of our worship, we will celebrate a recent action by the Session to make the Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Harvard, III the Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church. Joe retired in 2013 after 33 years of ministry here, along with his wife Carlisle. This title recognizes the long and loving, mutually caring pastoral relationship Joe has had with this congregation. Through this title, we claim to the world that Joe Harvard, along with Carlisle Harvard, has left a mark of love on this congregation through his preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, his teaching the way of Christ through love and justice to the world, his care for those who are sick, grieving, or suffering in any way, and his leadership in the areas of community building, racial justice, hospitality, and peacemaking. On June 18, we will celebrate this action of our Session through a litany in worship and a time of fellowship and dining together after worship. All are welcome to join us for worship and lunch as we celebrate this wonderful occasion for the Harvards and for First Presbyterian Church!

Scripture Readers' Class: If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for worship, please consider attending the scripture readers' training at 9:45 next Sunday, June 18 in room 209 (Bell Choir Room).

An Invitation to a Book Reading

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 p.m. The Regulator Bookshop, Durham

You are invited to a reading by Jane Williams from her recently published book,
Mysterious Moments: Thoughts That Transform Grief

~ OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS ~

Congratulations to *Lucie and Wayne House* on the birth of daughter. Eloise was born June 7.

Condolences:

Libby and Dub Gulley and family on the death of Libby's aunt, *Dot Blyth*, who died June 3 at Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill;

Jill Casey (friend of *Claire Tipton*) on the death of Jill's grandmother, *Carole Yeager*, who died June 6 in Bel Air, Maryland.

Concerns:

Beth Eisenson, recovering from knee surgery

Linda Satchell, Walk-in Ministry client, undergoing surgery at UNC Hospital

Barbara Gerwe, recovering from back surgery

Atria: *Peggy Mordecai*, mother of Beth Eisenson

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile: *Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford*

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

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

Family and Friends of FPC Members:

Katrina Downey, friend of Joanne Harrar

Michael Gilbert, co-worker of Kerry Holbrook

Cherie Haines, sister of Vernon Neece

Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece

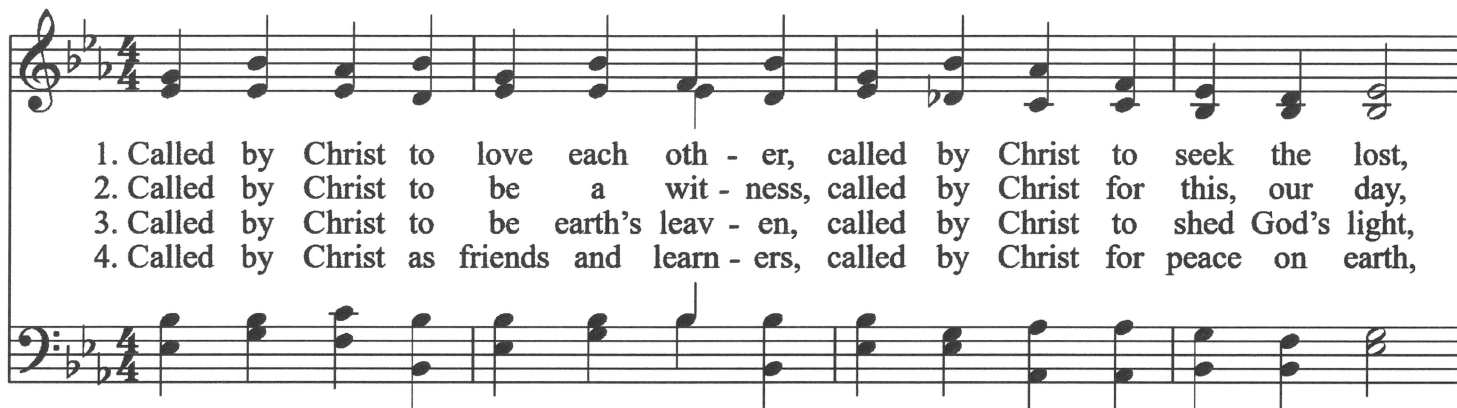
Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Linda Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

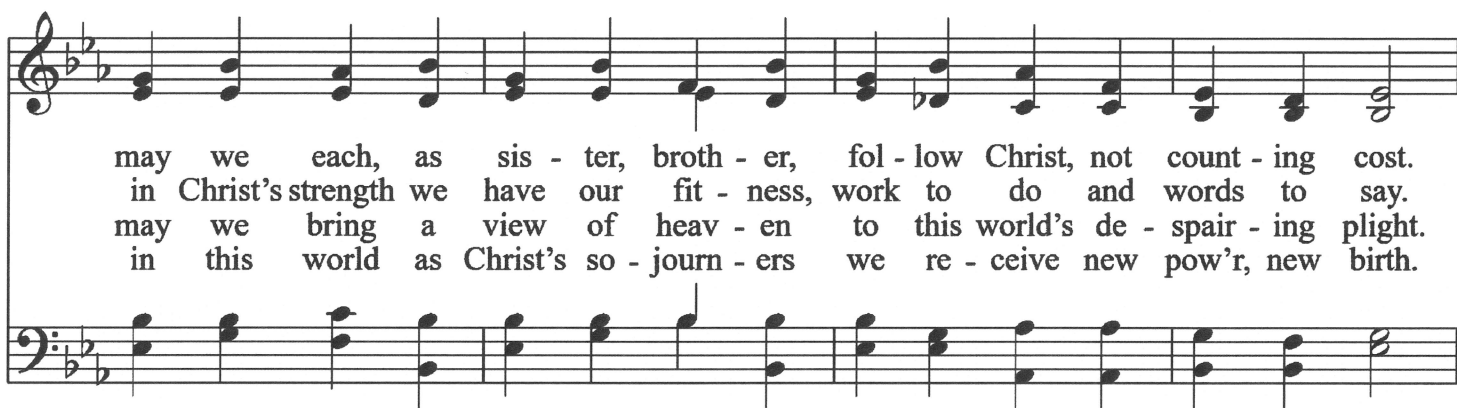
Janice Rattray, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley

Lisa Short, cousin of Alissa Miles

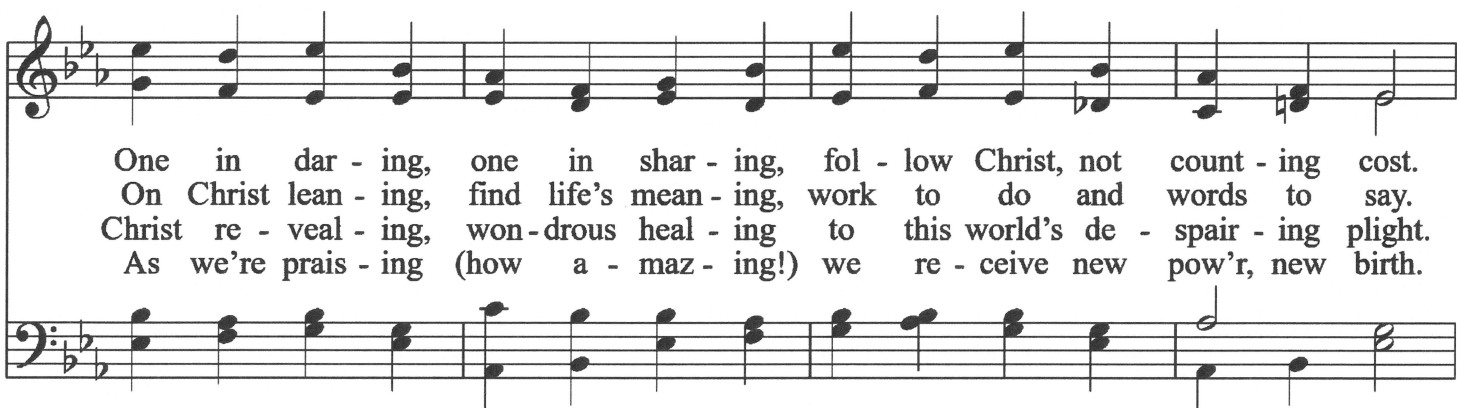
Called By Christ to Love Each Another



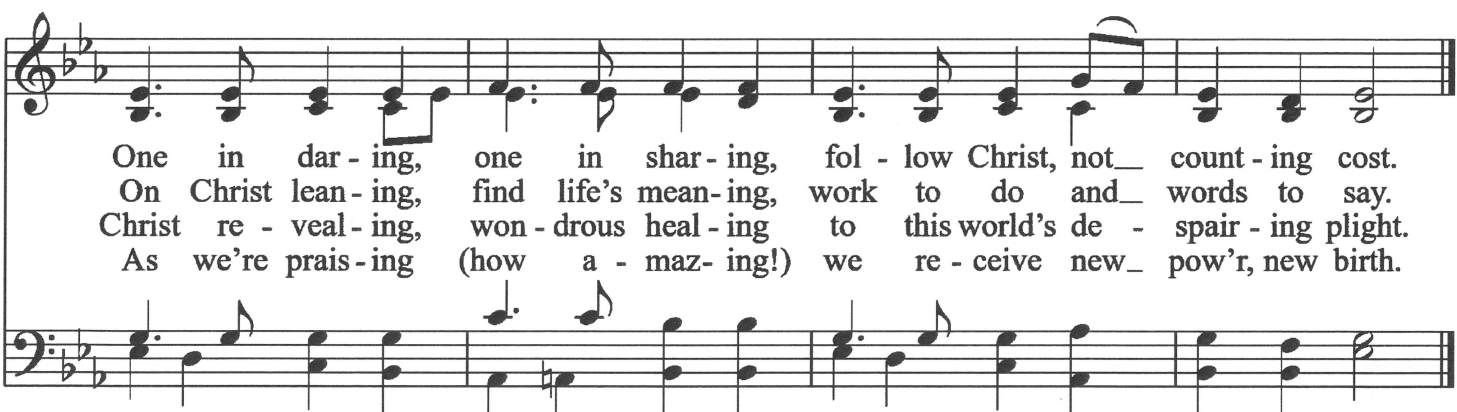
1. Called by Christ to love each oth - er, called by Christ to seek the lost,
2. Called by Christ to be a wit - ness, called by Christ for this, our day,
3. Called by Christ to be earth's leav - en, called by Christ to shed God's light,
4. Called by Christ as friends and learn - ers, called by Christ for peace on earth,



may we each, as sis - ter, broth - er, fol - low Christ, not count - ing cost.
in Christ's strength we have our fit - ness, work to do and words to say.
may we bring a view of heav - en to this world's de - spair - ing plight.
in this world as Christ's so - journ - ers we re - ceive new pow'r, new birth.



One in dar - ing, one in shar - ing, fol - low Christ, not count - ing cost.
On Christ lean - ing, find life's mean - ing, work to do and words to say.
Christ re - veal - ing, won - drous heal - ing to this world's de - spair - ing plight.
As we're prais - ing (how a - maz - ing!) we re - ceive new pow'r, new birth.



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~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: *Vernon and Beth Neece*

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Lenore Champion* (narthex/rear); *Jerry Postema* (side/font)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Kathy Krahenbuhl* (flowers), *Christy Gudaitis*, *Chris Anglin*,
Jane Williams, *Torrell Armstrong*

The Week at a Glance!			
<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Summer Mission Trip Interest Meeting</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Shape Note Choir</p> <p>3:00 PM Visitation and Communion at Croasdaile Village</p> <p>4:00 PM Rosa Ramirez Voice Recital</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 PM Family Festival “Surprising Friendships”</p>	<p>Monday, June 12</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 PM Family Festival “Surprising Friendships” at Trinity Ave PC</p> <p>6:00 PM Property Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 13</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 PM Family Festival “Surprising Friendships” at Mt Bethel PC</p> <p>6:30 PM Book Group Potluck at the home of Dale Gaddis</p> <p><i>Newsletter today!</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, June 14</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 PM Family Festival “Surprising Friendships” at FPC</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, June 15</p>	<p>Friday, June 16</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM / 9:30 AM - Noon FPC serving breakfast / preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p>	<p>Saturday, June 17</p> <p>9:00 AM – Noon Landscaping and Grounds Workday at FPC</p>	<p>Sunday, June 18</p> <p align="center">  </p> <p>9:45 AM Summer Sunday School Scripture Readers' Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship & Baptism (Receive new members)</p> <p>After Worship: Fellowship Lunch</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 (on sabbatical)
Mark McHugh, Ministry Intern
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music