



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

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**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**

*Voluntary in a*

Anonymous

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

People: **Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

All: **Let us worship God.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*Laudes Domini*

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

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

*(Please be seated.)*

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY (HYMN NO. 184)** *Calm to the Waves*

*Calm Seas*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Kings 19:9-13

(Pew Bible, OT Page 326)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jennie Alwood, reader

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 10:5-15

(Pew Bible, NT Page 160)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 14:22-33

(Pew Bible, NT Page 16)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*“The Still Eye of the Storm”*

Sam Miglarese

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Confession of 1967 (9.21, 9.22)*

Mindy Douglas

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for humanity when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to humanity, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which humanity knows that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

**\*HYMN NO. 8**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*Melita*

**NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME**

Mindy Douglas and Marilyn Hedgpeth

**\*THE PEACE** (*Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during “The Peace.”*)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Sam Miglarese

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Mindy Douglas

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Leader Seek the strength of the Lord;

People: **Seek God’s presence continually.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(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 Solo

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

Robert Lowry (arr. Alan Bullard)

Rosa Ramirez, soloist

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation;  
I hear the clear thought far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest loudly roars, I know my Saviour liveth;  
Although the darkness binds me close, deep in the night sweet songs he giveth,  
His inner peace makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

\*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: **Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become, and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

*Foundation*

\*BENEDICTION

Sam Miglarese

\*POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in C*

Garth Smith

*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 10 visitors to worship on Sunday, August 6, 2017.

We *welcome* new members ***John Mozart*** and ***Elinor Hess***. John is joining by Letter of Transfer and Elinor is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. Their sponsor is ***Jean Wilson***.

Special thanks to ***Rosa Ramirez*** for singing during today's worship. Rosa is the daughter of ***Julio and Marty Ramirez***. She graduated from Durham School of the Arts this spring. She will attend Queens University in Charlotte this fall, studying music therapy.

The ***flowers in the sanctuary*** are given by ***Vernon and Beth Neece***, to the glory of God and in memory of Beth's mother, ***Eva Martin***, whose birthday would have been today, along with ***Alva Martin, S. Anne Martin, Cheryl Martin, Ralph Neece, Helen Neece Penwell, Don Neece, Bud Haines, and Larry Evans***.

The ***flowers in the foyer*** are given to the glory of God by the ***Goldner family*** in memory of ***Eunice Kensinger (Ken) Goldner*** who died August 2, 2017.

***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 *Book of Common Worship*, and *Feasting on the Word*.

**Attention all new and returning college students, those giving a year of service, and our military men and women:** Before you head off for these new adventures please make sure that the church office has your new address. Your FPC family wants to keep in touch with you. Please email your address to *Valerie McMillian* at [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) or call 919-682-5511.

**Need a ride to worship?** If you would like to have a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings, please contact *Valerie McMillian* at [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) or 919-682-5511.

Do you like to read? Have books you would like to share with others (and do not want returned)? Beginning this week, the church will have a **LENDING LIBRARY** located in the church house on the middle bottom shelf across from the restrooms (first floor). The only rules: bring one, take one and enjoy. Questions: contact *BJ Morton* ([bjmorton1954@aol.com](mailto:bjmorton1954@aol.com))

### **Organizing a Faith Team with The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham**

Do you feel a call to serve those who live on the edges, the least among us? Is the opportunity to work at the intersection of evidence-based practice and social justice intriguing to you? First Presbyterian is forming a Faith Team to support someone returning from prison to the Durham community. The team will include six volunteers and meet for approximately one year, two times per month. Training will be on **September 9 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the church**. Please email *Libby Gulley* if you'd like to attend or want more information: [gulley@nc.rr.com](mailto:gulley@nc.rr.com).

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### **~ OUR CONCERNS ~**

#### ***Added this week:***

*Torrell Armstrong*, hip replacement surgery this week

*Ken Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss

*Dave and Jill Eckl*, friends of Martha and Steve Rimmer

**Atria Senior Living:** *Peggy Mordecai*, mother of Beth Eisenson

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

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

**The Forest at Duke:** *Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson*

#### **Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:**

*Tom Bowen*, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

*Claiborne Clark*, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

*Katrina Downey*, friend of Joanne Harrar

*Louise Dykes*, aunt of Will Chambliss

*Dell McMillian*, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

*Vickie Tobey*, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

## **It's time to gear up for Sunday School!**

The **Christian Education Committee** is in need of several adults to teach Sunday school. We especially need teachers for the middle and high school Sunday School classes but are happy to have you no matter what age group you feel called to teach. We also need a couple more adults to work with our youth groups (middle school, high school or both!). Please contact **Sarah Finbow** (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) or **Marilyn Hedgpeth** (m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org) ASAP (preferably prior to teacher training on next Sunday, August 20).

Do you love to clean and organize? We could use some help straightening and organizing the Sunday school rooms and resource room. Please contact **Sarah Finbow** (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) ASAP to help with this project! We would love to have all the rooms organized prior to September 10th.

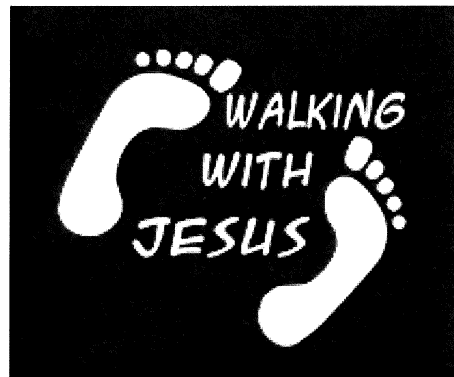
### **Sunday, August 20**

**9:45 – 10:45 a.m.**

#### **Sunday School Teacher Training and Orientation**

*(Mandatory for new teachers; preferred for all teachers)*

Come meet fellow teachers; pick up curriculum; get your class roster; check out your classroom; review FPC's Child and Youth Protection Policy.



### **Sunday, August 27**

#### **Sunday School Promotion Sunday**

#### **with a Fellowship Breakfast**

**9:45 – 10:45 a.m.**

Our Sunday School theme this year is "*Walking with Jesus.*" We will be collecting gently used footwear to be donated to our neighbors in downtown Durham.

You are invited to Watts-Hill Hall for a hearty breakfast (eggs, bacon, pancakes, etc.) lovingly prepared by **Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield** to kick-off our new Sunday School year! Come meet your teachers, your classmates, your friends, and enjoy the fellowship of the Beloved Community.

**Teacher Dedication** will take place in worship at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome for breakfast and worship.

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Sigfried Fullenkamp* (narthex/rear); *Dewey Lawson* (side/font)

Ushers: *Mary-Jo Keenan* (head), *Michael Honeycutt*, *Lea Bingham*

**The Week at a Glance!**

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship:</b> Membership Committee</p> <p><b>2:00 – 4:00 PM</b> Shape Note Choir</p> <p><b>3:00 PM</b> Visitations and Communion at Croasdaile Village</p>	<p><b>Monday, August 14</b></p> <p><b>1:45 PM</b> Investment Sub-Committee</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Property Committee</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, August 15</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, August 16</b></p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> <b>Plan Worship</b></p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> <b>Program Staff</b></p> <p><b>6:00 – 7:30 PM</b> Budget Working Group</p>
<p><b>Thursday, August 17</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, August 18</b></p> <p><b>7:00 – 8:30 AM /</b> <b>9:30 – 11:30 AM</b> FPC serving breakfast / preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries of Durham</p>	<p><b>Saturday, August 19</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 20</b> <i>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Summer Sunday School / Sunday School Teacher Training</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship</p> <p>No 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  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music

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