

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 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

Deep River

Trad. Spiritual, arr. by Moses Hogan

Caleb Conner, baritone

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river,
Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go, to that gospel feast?
That promised land where all is peace.*

INTROIT

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
To preach your true salvation in every age and land:
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

People: **We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!**

Leader: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

People: **Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.**

All: **The love of God lasts forever! Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 394** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Westminster Abbey

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

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessing you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the gifts of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bob Yoder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith. Give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognizing in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 6:1-13

(Pew Bible, NT Page 52)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SOLO

Go Down, Moses

Trad. Spiritual,
arr. by H. T. Burleigh

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

(Pew Bible, NT Page 18)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

(Pew Bible, NT Page 161)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Content of Our Character”

Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from Philippians 2:5-11)

Sam Miglarese

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

***HYMN NO. 301**

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

***THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

(Children through 1st 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

LITANY OF BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING

Marilyn Hedgpeth and Mindy Douglas

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and creator of all . . .

Congregation: **We give thanks for faith nurtured and nourished in this church.**

Leader: The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers... .

Congregation: **We give thanks for all these gifts. Today we give special thanks for our teachers, youth advisors, superintendents and volunteers, all who love us, all who challenge and nurture us, and all who guide us in growing and learning; all who themselves are challenged to grow and learn; and all who support the teaching ministry of this covenant community.**

Teachers and Advisors: We commit ourselves to this calling. We invite God's Spirit to equip and energize us for service. Embed in our hearts and minds the capacity for discernment and wisdom. We dedicate ourselves to developing relationships of shalom in our classrooms. We open ourselves to learn from those we teach. We will meditate on God's word, love generously, dream passionately, persevere boldly, and share the stories of the faith.

Congregation: **Help us to affirm and support our teachers, advisors and others who commit to our educational ministry.**

All: **God, we remember our role as lifelong learners and seekers of the faith. We give thanks for all those who support the teaching and learning that takes place through our congregation. Be with all – children, youth, and adults – who will be participating this year in our church school. Bless our times of study so that we may grow in faith. Bless our times of fellowship so that we may truly live as friends in Christ in this beloved community. Bless our times of prayer and worship so that we may be enriched in our spirits and go forth and serve all people and creation. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

People: **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

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 Anthem

O Rest in the Lord (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

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.

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

(*The Hunger for Change Offering* will be received following the anthem.)

*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 DEDICATION**

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

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

All: **To your name, Lord Jesus, help us to
bow the knee and all its worshipping,
bow the head and all its thinking,
bow the will and all its choosing,
bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 149**

All Hail to God's Anointed

Sung to *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

Wilbur Held

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 13 visitors to worship on Sunday, August 20, 2017.

Special thanks to ***Caleb Conner*** for singing the Introit for today's worship. Caleb is the son of ***Kathy Conner*** and a lifelong member of FPC. He is a rising sophomore at Haverford College, majoring in political science. A special thanks for all of the young people who enrich our worship services with their musical gifts.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by ***Chuck and Linda Barenchi***.

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.

Portions of ***today's worship texts*** were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word* and *Book of Common Worship*.

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.

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 or 919-682-5511.

The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham needs you!

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? FPC 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 **Saturday, September 9 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at FPC**. Please email *Libby Gulley* if you would like to attend or want more information: gulley@nc.rr.com.

Our Sympathies

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Brian and Jeannette Castle (and little Zeke)* on the death of Jeannette's niece *Katie* who died in Charlotte from an apparent drug overdose.

Our Concerns

Added this week:

Bill Lorimer, recovering at home

Julie Maxwell, recovering at home

Barbara Cooper, friend of FPC

Please remember our *friends in Sierra Leone* where mudslides there have killed more than 450 people. This comes on the heels of the terrible Ebola epidemic there.

Torrell Armstrong

Paul Cornsweet

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

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

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

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

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

Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:

Tom Bowen, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Katrina Downey, friend of Joanne Harrar

Louise Dykes, aunt of Will Chambliss

Kendra Harrington, friend of Jeremy Tucker

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

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

First Presbyterian Church Educational Ministry 2017-2018

Sunday School Superintendents

Jean Wilson, Linda Dobson, Lisa Gabriel, Mary Ann Compton

Children's Worship Bags

Katy Barron, Alissa Miles

Youth Advisors

Sarah Finbow (Youth Minister)
Lenore Champion, Jancy Johnstone, Brent Curtis,
Sharron Johnson, Heather Wallace

Age	Teachers
1 & 2	Momo Matsunami (Childcare Supervisor)
2.5/3/4	Amy Sanchez, Elizabeth Klinck, Bob Pleasants, Kristin Meade, Luke Everett (sub)
K/1/2 grades	Nancy Kost, Kathy Colville, Katharine Whitmore
3-5th grades	Celia Dickerson, Walt Barron, Li-Chen Chin, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Alec Bethune, Delia Kwon
6-8th grades	Sarah Finbow, Abi Warmack, Amy Wilson (sub)
9-12th Grades	Emily Hansel, Sharron Johnson, Leah Graves/Leslie McDow (subs)
Adult: Lectionary	David Smith, Robert Brawley, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Sue Fricks, Jerry Postema
Adult: Faith & Community	Mindy Douglas, Sam Miglarese, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Robert Brawley
Adult: Journeys/ Young Adults (Scratch)	Andy & Cherrie Henry, Carlo & Emily Diy, Michael Shultz, Heather Wallace
Women's Groups	Susan Dunlap
Book/Bible Study	Marilyn Hedgpeth

SAVE THE DATE NOW!!!

**First Presbyterian All Church
GATHERING**



*Like a shepherd he will gather the lambs
in his arms. - Isaiah 40:11*

Sunday, September 24, 2017

3:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.

New Hope Camp and Conference Center

3:00-5:00 p.m. - Time to hang out, play games, hike,
walk labyrinth, Gaga ball, volleyball, hand crafts

5:00 p.m. - Vespers Worship

5:45 p.m. - Potluck Supper
(Main dish provided. Bring sides.)

7:00 p.m. - Campfire with s'mores, skits,
poems, jokes, music and more!

Sign up Sundays after worship in September!

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Liturgist: *Bob Yoder*

Narthex Greeter: *Harriett Mitchell*

After Worship Greeters: *Cris Rivera* (narthex/rear); *Jerry Postema* (side/font)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Celia Dickerson* (flowers), *Jane Williams*,
Catherine Dumas, *Kathy Krahenbuhl*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p>	<p>Monday, August 28 <i>First day of Durham Public Schools</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>6:30 PM Officers' Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p> <p><i>Robert Daye's Birthday</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, August 29</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM All Staff</p> <p>6:00 PM Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 30</p> <p>9:30 - 10:30 AM Meditation with Lucie House</p> <p>6:30 PM FPC Choirs Potluck at the home of Kathy Parkins</p>
<p>Thursday, August 31</p>	<p>Friday, September 1</p> <p><i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i></p>	<p>Saturday, September 2</p>	<p>Sunday, September 3 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM Communion Service at The Forest at Duke</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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