

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 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 Peace Sue Fricks
- PRELUDE** *His Voice as the Sound of a Dulcimer Sweet* Southern Harmony,  
arr. Paul Keigh
- INTROIT** *I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry* Spiritual, arr. Smallwood  
*I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.*  
*Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.*  
*I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.*  
*O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.*
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 105:1-2) Marilyn Hedgpeth  
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on the Lord's name, make known the Lord's deeds  
among the peoples.  
People: **Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord; tell of God's wonderful works.**  
All: **Let us worship God.**
- \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 804** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* Marion
- \*CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing) Sam Miglarese  
Call to Prayer  
Prayer of Confession  
**God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us, that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray.**  
Silent Confession  
Declaration of Pardon
- COLLECT FOR THE DAY** Frances Zehmer  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
All: **Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds are worth nothing without love. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON** Exodus 3:1-15 (Pew Bible, OT Page 50)  
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN NO. 405** *Praise God for This Holy Ground* Heymonystraat

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 16:21-28 (Pew Bible, NT Page 18)  
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE LESSON** Romans 12:9-21 (Pew Bible, NT Page 162)  
 Leader: The Word of the Lord. Steve Rimmer, reader  
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** “*The Community of Love*” Mindy Douglas

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Declaration of Faith* Sam Miglarese  
**Christ calls us to live for our neighbors. Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves**

**\*HYMN NO. 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* *The Servant Song*

**\*THE PEACE** Sam Miglarese  
 (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

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** Marilyn Hedgpeth

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
 Leader: Seek the Lord and the Lord’s strength;  
 People: **Seek the Lord’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 Anthem

*O Lord, Please Hear My Prayer*

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

*O Lord, please hear my prayer; In the morning when I rise.  
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.  
O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms.  
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.  
When my work on earth is done, And you come to take me home.  
Just to know I'm bound for glory; And to hear You say, "Well done!"  
Done with sin and sorrow. Have mercy. Mercy.*

\*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: **Great and good God,  
give us pure hearts that we may see you,  
humble hearts that we may hear you,  
hearts of love that we may serve you,  
hearts of faith that we may live in you,  
reverent hearts that we may worship you,  
here and in the world out there,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*HYMN

*Those Who Love and Those Who Labor*

Sung to *Hyfrydol*

*Those who love and those who labor, follow in the way of Christ;  
Thus the first disciples found him, thus the gift of love sufficed.  
Jesus says to those who seek him, I will never pass you by;  
Build the house and you shall find me; cleave the wood and there am I.  
Where the many work together, they with Christ himself abide.  
But the lonely workers also find him ever at their side.  
Lo, the Prince of common welfare dwells within the market strife;  
Lo, the bread of heav'n is broken in the sacrament of life.  
Let the seeker never falter, till the truth is found afar  
With the wisdom of the ages underneath the guiding star,  
With the richest and the poorest, in the work of all our days,  
Till we bring our lives and learnings to the Lord in grateful praise.*

## \*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

## \*POSTLUDE

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

Southern Harmony,  
arr. Don Hustad

*Following worship today, please remember to sign up in the foyer to attend the  
All-Church Gathering on September 24 at the New Hope Camp and Conference Center.*

**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 22 visitors to worship on Sunday, August 27, 2017.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God with funds from the ***Jerry Tyren Memorial Flowers Fund***.

***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](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) or 919-682-5511.

## **For Those Whose Work Is Invisible**

A prayer by Mary Gordon

For those who paint the undersides of boats,  
makers of ornamental drains on roofs too high to be seen;  
for cobblers who labor over inner soles;  
for seamstresses who stitch the wrong sides of linings;  
for scholars whose research leads to no obvious discovery;  
for dentists who polish each gold surface of the fillings of upper molars;  
for sewer engineers and those who repair water mains;  
for electricians;  
for artists who suppress what does injustice to their visions;  
for surgeons whose sutures are things of beauty.

For all those whose work is for your eye only,  
who labor for your entertainment or their own,  
who sleep in peace or do not sleep in peace, knowing that their effects are unknown.  
Protect them from downheartedness and from diseases of the eye.  
Grant them perseverance, for the sake of your love which is humble, invisible and heedless of reward.



*Individuals and families in Texas and Louisiana* who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey

**Added this week:**

*Bob Breitweiser*, recovering from heart surgery

*Celia and Matthew Dickerson*

*Deborah Lawrence*

*Kim Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings, recovering from surgery

*Helen Lemmons*, aunt of Judy Arrowood, in hospice care in Gastonia

*Christina Z*, mother of Franzi Rokoske

*Paul Cornsweet*

*Bill Lorimer*

*Julie Maxwell*

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

*Delany Clifton*, friend of FPC Walk-in Ministry

*Barbara Cooper*, friend of FPC

*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

### **Scripture Readers Class**

The Scripture Readers class will meet **next Sunday, September 10** during the Sunday School hour (9:45 – 10:45 a.m.) in the Wilson Parlor. To prepare for this class, please read Exodus 14:19-31 and Romans 14:1-12.

### **Responding to Hurricane Harvey**

Harvey made landfall last weekend as a category 4 hurricane and has flooded massive areas in the states of Texas and Louisiana as a tropical storm. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) continues to be in touch with presbytery leadership in the affected areas and national response teams are being deployed into these regions. You can support these efforts with gifts for disaster assistance via the PDA website (<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>) or give through this congregation by making checks payable to FPC, memo: "Harvey."

### **Membership Inquiry Lunch and Classes**

Do you have questions about membership at FPC? Do you want to meet others who are new to the FPC community? Have you already joined, but want to catch up on the ins and outs of FPC life? **We will begin a new series of Membership Inquiry Classes on Sunday, September 10, beginning with a lunch in Watts-Hill Hall following worship.** At that time, we'll make introductions, give an overview of the upcoming classes, and get to know each other a little better. Please RSVP to *Marilyn Hedgpeth* ([m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org)) if you would like to attend the luncheon. Adults, youth and children are welcome.

### **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. 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](mailto:gulley@nc.rr.com).

### **Families Moving Forward Dinner - Thursday, September 14**

First Presbyterian Church takes turns with over 30 other faith communities in Durham to provide dinner and childcare for families participating in evening programming at Families Moving Forward. Our next turn to serve dinner at Families Moving Forward is **Thursday, September 14.** If you are interested in helping, please e-mail *Lea Bingham* at [leabingham@gmail.com](mailto:leabingham@gmail.com) or call 919-358-1774. We'd love to have you join us.

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### **~ CONCERT ~**

**Saturday September 9, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary**

**EL FUEGO Early Music Ensemble** presents "Spanish Devotions," a selection of Secular and Sacred Spanish Baroque cantatas by Jose de Nebra and Juan Manuel de la Puente. Performers: *Salomé Sandoval*, soprano, baroque guitar, archlute and artistic direction; *Matvey Lapin*, baroque violin; *Chris Nunnally*, baroque cello; *Jennifer Streeter*, harpsichord.

**Admission: FPC members: \$10.** General Audience: \$15; Seniors and Students with ID: \$10.  
Email: [elfuegofire@gmail.com](mailto:elfuegofire@gmail.com) for more information.

**Sign up in the foyer!**

**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. Please bring sides.)

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

**~ SERVING TODAY ~**

Liturgists: *Frances Zehmer, Steve Rimmer*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Caroline Rourk* (narthex/rear); *Karen Romines* (side/font)

Ushers: *Mary-Jo Keenan* (flowers), *Karen Swope, Carolyn Merritt, Sam Henry, Kathy Krahenbuhl*

**The Week at a Glance!**

<p align="center"><b>Later Today</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Monday, September 4</b></p>  <p align="center"><b>The Church and Day School are closed.</b></p> <p align="center">NOTE: Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, September 11.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday, September 5</b></p> <p align="center"><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p align="center"><b>2:30 PM</b> All Staff</p>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday, September 6</b></p> <p align="center"><b>6:00 – 7:00 PM</b> McPherson Lectureship Sub-Committee</p> <p align="center"><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir (rehearsal)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Thursday, September 7</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Friday, September 8</b></p> <p align="center"><b>10:30 AM – Noon</b> "Cultivating Christian Character" at the home of Marilyn Hedgpeth)</p> <p align="center"><b>September 8-10 First Friends &amp; Families Annual Beach Weekend</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, September 9</b></p> <p align="center"><b>12:30 – 5:30 PM</b> Prisoner Re-entry Faith Team Training</p> <p align="center"><b>6:00 PM</b> Scratch / Young Adults Potluck at the home of Kristin Meade</p> <p align="center"><b>7:00 PM</b> EL FUEGO Early Music Ensemble presents "Spanish Devotions" (admission required)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday, September 10</b> <i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p align="center"><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School / Scripture Readers' Class</p> <p align="center"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship and Communion (Bring Blessing Bag supplies)</p> <p align="center"><b>After Worship:</b> Membership Inquiry Lunch</p> <p align="center"><b>2:00 – 4:00 PM</b> Triangle Shape Note Choir (rehearsal)</p> <p align="center"><b>5:00 – 7:00 PM</b> Youth Group Kickoff Party</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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