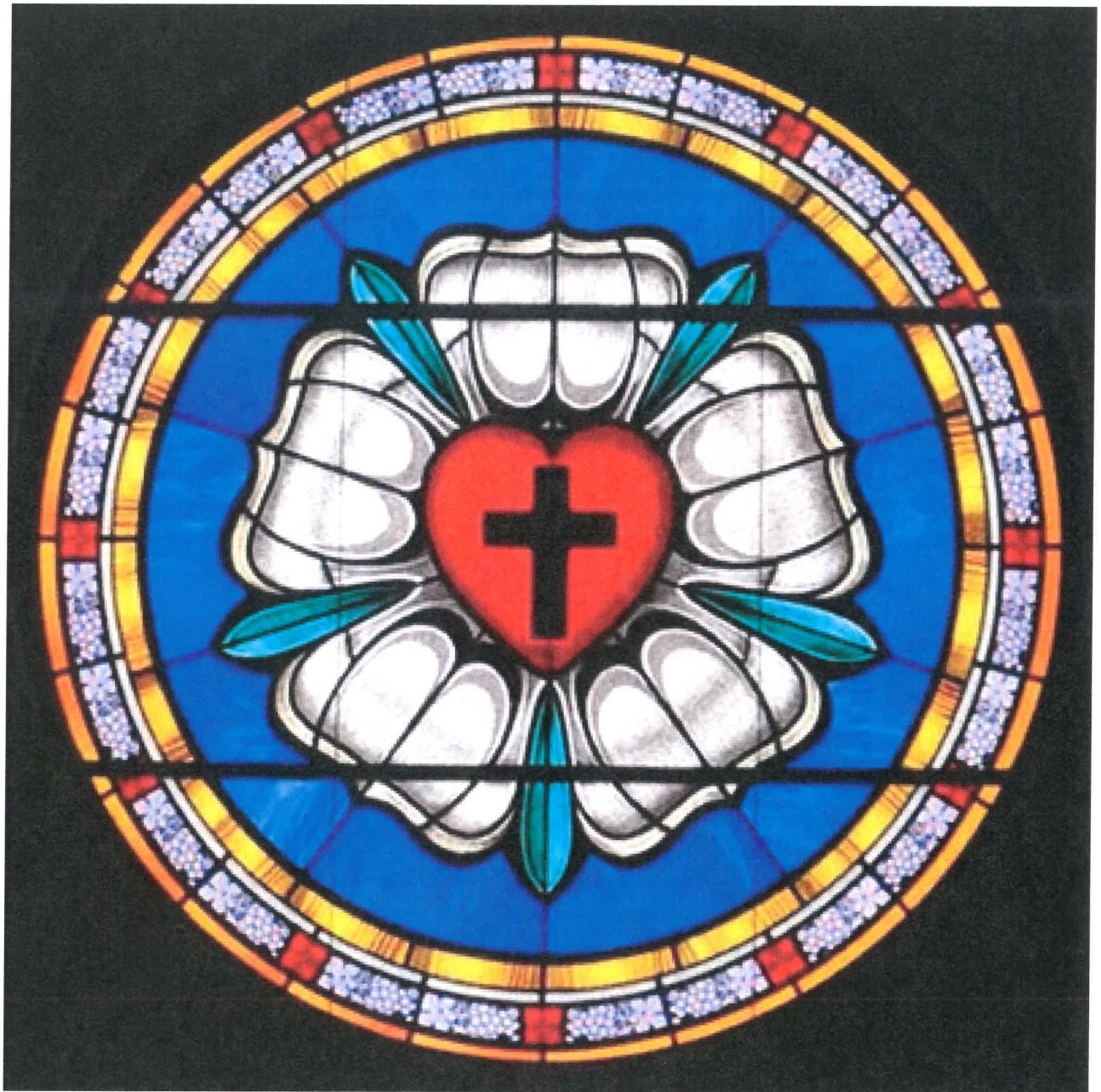


# REFORMATION SUNDAY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

*Reformation Sunday*

*Stewardship/Dedication Sunday*

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

October 29, 2017

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

Minute for Stewardship

Andy Henry

### PRELUDE

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Jason Bohde, trumpet

Philip Young

### INTROIT

*Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

J.S. Bach

*Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor;*

*Good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.*

*Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone; He is our Mediator.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 90:1-2, 14)

Sarah Finbow

Leader: Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

People: **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

People: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 624

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Toulon

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

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by your love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob; God of prophets and martyrs: give us courage to obey your word, and power to renew your church, so that we may live in the Spirit, sharing faith with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18                      (Pew Bible, OT Page 106)

Leader:     The Word of the Lord.

People:     **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM (Hymn No. 687)**                      *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)*                      *St. Anne*

**EPISTLE LESSON**                              1 Thessalonians 2:1-8                      (Pew Bible, OT Page 203)

Leader:     The Word of the Lord.

People:     **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**                              Matthew 22:34-46                      (Pew Bible, NT Page 25)

Leader:     The Word of the Lord.

People:     **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**    *"Reformed and Always Reforming"*                      Mindy Douglas

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      *Heidelberg Catechism*                      Marilyn Hedgpeth

Q 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*HYMN NO. 280**                              *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*                      *Ebenezer*

**\*THE PEACE** (*Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during the peace.*)                      Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader:     In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People:     **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:     For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People:     **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:     For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People:     **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:     For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People:     **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:     Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All:         **Amen.**

Leader:     The peace of Christ be with you.

People:     **And also with you.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**                      Mindy Douglas

*(Children who participate in Children's Choir should go to the choir room for rehearsal following "A Time with Children." Parents will pick their children up from the choir room following worship.)*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**                      Cherrie Henry

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

Leader:     Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

People:     **So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

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.**

**ANTHEM**

*With Heart and Hands*

John Rutter

*For all the blessings you have granted us, Lord, give us thankful hearts, we pray;  
For life and health and happiness, and for the gift of each new day;  
For all the blessings you have granted us, Lord, give us thankful hearts, we pray;  
For life and health and happiness, and for the gift of each new day;  
For all our families and loved ones, the friends we meet along our way,  
We thank you, Lord, they are your gifts; Lord, we praise you,  
Lord, we bless you; In your service let us all your love repay.  
Look all around you: you'll see a miracle or two;  
Every valley, hill and mountain is calling to you.  
For all the wonders of creation, a world whose marvels we behold:  
Where winter turns to spring again; the changing scenes of life unfold,  
But there is One who never changes; through all eternity the same:  
Be with us, Lord, for evermore, Alleluia, Lord, we praise your Holy Name.  
Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way,  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. Amen.*

**DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PLEDGES**

*Following the anthem, you are invited to come forward to lay your hand on top of the offering plate at one of the three tables as a symbol of your dedication to Christ and his work through the church. As you come, you may leave your completed 2018 pledge card, Time and Talent form, and/or your offerings for the day in one of the offering plates. Come with hands empty or full. Come with hearts gladdened by God's grace and your own gratitude. You are also invited to take a prayer from one of the baskets on either side of the offering plate. As you are able, stay at the table to pray your prayer or to return to your seat and pray there. Please also feel free to join in singing the hymn below.*

Dedication Hymn

*As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

Forest Green

***As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,  
so we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.***

***A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering that all may truly live.***

***The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.***

***In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.***

\*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: **Holy God, you have chosen us to serve you, and appointed us the agents of your love. We thank you for prophets who recall us to your will. We are grateful for every impulse to confess and correct wrongs, to keep faith pure and purposes faithful. We praise you for your Holy Spirit always reforming the church, so we may better serve as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 275**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Ein' Feste Burg*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Allegro Moderato*

Henry Purcell

**Please join us at a celebration reception in Watts-Hill Hall following worship today to honor Dorothy Graham for her longstanding commitment to the First Presbyterian Day School and high-quality preschool education in the Durham community.**



*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 15 visitors to worship on Sunday, October 22.

*Special thanks* to *Jason Bohde* for providing trumpet music for today's worship.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Sunday School Class by *Kathy Colville and Gretchen and Karl Sims*.

*Nursery care* for infants and children through 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is an *infant changing table* in the narthex, to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

*Worship bags and activity bulletins* are available in the foyer and narthex for children. Books are in the narthex which young children can enjoy if they need 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* are taken from *Book of Common Worship, Reformation 500 Sourcebook*, and *The WorshipBook*.

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Acolytes: *Ariel Mbah, Lily Brigman*

Crucifer: *Maddie Brigman*

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Narthex Greeter: *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*

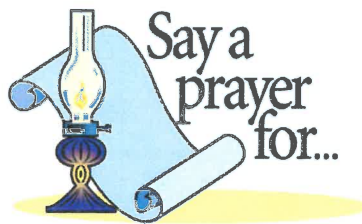
After Worship Greeters: *Miriam Morey* (narthex/rear); *Sigfried Fullenkamp* (side/font)

Ushers: *Stephen Berry* (head), *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey* (flowers), *Miriam Morey*,  
*Kathy Krahenbuhl, Jo Bernhardt, Andy Henry*

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**OUR SYMPATHIES**

We offer our sympathies to *Barbara Buckley and Scott Randell* on the death of Scott's uncle, *Barry Randell*, who died last week in New York City.



**Added this week:** *Natalie Hansel*, daughter of Emily and Drew Hansel, recovering from eye surgery  
*Laura Brannon*, cousin of Libby Gulley  
*Danny Parker*, Al and Judy Arrowood's son-in-law's father  
*Rev. J.C. Williams*, friend of Steve and Martha Rimmer, from Augusta, GA

Let us also pray for *those affected by the political crisis in Kenya.*

*Carl Anglin    Bob Breitweiser    Jean Cary    Paul Cornsweet    Dale Gaddis*  
*Charles Hammond    Bill Lorimer    Julie Maxwell*

*George Bernhardt III*, son of George and Jo Bernhardt and U.S. soldier stationed in South Korea

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

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Kever, 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:**

*Claiborne Clark*, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

*Kim Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings

*Lillie E.*, student of Delia Kwon

*Lindsay Efland*, friend of Cherrie Henry

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

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

*Asher Wilson*, grandson of Chuck and Jean Wilson (son of Mike and Emily Wilson)

*Christina Z.*, mother of Franz Rokuske

# Vespers for All Souls and in Remembrance of the Homeless

Sunday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill

*Mindy Douglas, preaching*

The Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, in partnership with The Inter-Faith Council, offers a service of VESPERS for ALL SOULS and in Remembrance of the Homeless. Music provided by The Binkley Chancel Choir and The NC Boys Choir. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church is located at 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill.

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## Care Team Opportunity

A new Care Team is forming to wrap a circle of care around one of our members, *Phillip Herndon*. Phillip joined the church last winter and many of you have had the chance to meet him in Sunday school, worship, or fellowship meals. He is a special guy and already has lots of folks who have become good friends with him. He has recently moved into his own apartment and is doing well. However, we need a few more folks on his team to help make sure he can be as independent as he wants and needs to be. As a reminder, being on a Care Team means doing as much or as little as you are willing, able, or have time to do. Serving on such a team is an incredibly rewarding experience and a way to show God's love to our neighbors in tangible and meaningful ways. If you are interested in being on this new Care Team, contact *Susan Dunlap*, [sjd4@duke.edu](mailto:sjd4@duke.edu).

## Habitat Honduras Trip

The needs for decent, safe housing are great, both here and beyond our borders. There are still a few spots left on the January 26 – February 4 Habitat for Humanity trip to Honduras, the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Join *Margaret and Miguel Rubiera*, trip leaders since 2001, to experience this powerful way to “Love Thy (International) Neighbor.” Contact Margaret at [margaretmr29@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com) for more information.

## Thanksgiving at Urban Ministries of Durham

Are you looking for a truly gratifying way to spend part of Thanksgiving Day? Consider gathering your family or friends to serve lunch that day, **November 23, from 11 - 1:30**. Please contact *Margaret Rubiera* at [margaretmr29@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com) to sign up to serve.

## Volunteer Opportunity: Music library database

The church music library contains hundreds of pieces of sheet music, and all of them are catalogued in a database. Unfortunately, that database has a few quirks and bugs. If you have experience with Microsoft Access and would be willing to help, please contact *Kate Busa* ([katebusa@gmail.com](mailto:katebusa@gmail.com)) or *David Smith* ([davidjudysmith@frontier.com](mailto:davidjudysmith@frontier.com)) for more info.

## Pastoral Care reminders . . .

**Parents of college students and those in active military service**, please make sure that we have your student's new address. Your FPC family wants to keep in touch with students, those in active military service and those in mission or studying abroad. Please email your address to *Valerie McMillan* at [v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org) or call her at 919 682-5511 ext. 215.

**Need a ride to worship?** If you would like to have a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings, please send a request to *Valerie McMillan* at [v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillan@firstpres-durham.org) or call her at 919 682-5511 ext. 215.

About the *bulletin cover*: “The Seal of Martin Luther was designed by Martin Luther himself. He explained his design in the following words: The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross, black, within the heart, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saves us. . . . But this heart is fixed upon the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, consolation and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal color of all angels and blessed spirits. This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-colored ground, to denote that such joy of faith in the spirit is but an earnest and beginning of heavenly joy to come, as anticipated and held by hope, though not yet revealed. And around this ground base is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and treasures, since gold is the best and most precious metal.” Retrieved October 25, 2017 from: <http://thehandsomehansons.blogspot.com/2010/11/lutheran-seal.html>

## *The Week at a Glance!*

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship:</b> Reception honoring Dorothy Graham</p> <p><b>5:00 – 8:00 PM</b> Youth Groups</p>	<p><b>Monday, October 30</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 31</b></p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> FPC (All) Staff</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 1</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Bell Choir</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Thursday, November 2</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, November 3</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM – Noon</b> “Parables” Bible Study</p> <p><i>World Community Day</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday, November 4</b></p> <p><b>4:00 PM</b> First Friends and Families Hike the Eno/Potluck at the home of Kathy Conner</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday, November 5</b> <i>Daylight saving time ends</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship &amp; Communion</p> <p><b>5:00 – 8:00 PM</b> Evening Youth Groups</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Vespers for All Souls and in Remembrance of the Homeless (Mindy Douglas, preaching - Binkley Memorial BC, Chapel Hill)</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  
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