

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Stewardship: FPC Legacy Society

Mindy Douglas

Chris Brown

PRELUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican tune, arr. Wayne Kerr

*INTROIT

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Robert Lowry

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing,
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111)

Noah Rokoske

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

People: **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

People: **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

People: **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

People: **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

All: **Come! Let us give thanks to God.**

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

Laudes Domini

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

** Those who are able, please stand.*



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bob Yoder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Lord Jesus, you heal with the authority of love, love that defeats evil with goodness, love that comforts the distressed and love that brings peace to those who pray 'Lord, in your mercy, say but the word, and we shall be healed.' Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(Pew Bible, OT Page 174)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Bob Yoder, reader

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 111

(Pew Bible, OT Page 562)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Noah Rokoske, reader

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-3

(Pew Bible, NT Page 171)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Noah Rokoske, reader

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-28

(Pew Bible, NT Page 35)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Authority”

Mindy Douglas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

Sam Miglares

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

*HYMN NO. 181

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

Ebenezer

*THE PEACE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Children through 1st grade enter during The Peace)

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 the Children.” Parents will pick children up from the choir room following worship.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: God, the Great Physician, your will for all people is health and salvation:

People: **We praise and thank you, O Lord.**

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

Lead Gently, Lord

Clif Cason

*Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for oh, my steps are weak,
And ever as I go, some soothing sentence speak.*

*That I may turn my face through doubt’s obscurity
Towards thine abiding place, e’en tho’ I cannot see.*

*For lo, the way is dark; through mist and cloud I grope,
Save for that fitful spark, the little flame of hope.*

*Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for fear that I may fall,
I know not where to go, unless I hear thy call.*

*My fainting soul doth yearn, for thy green hills afar
So let thy mercy burn, my greater guiding star!*

*(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!

***CLOSING PRAYER**

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

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

All: **Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that transforms what is broken into the force for good and is the food of peace. Teach us now as you taught those in the synagogue. Heal us now so that in all that we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in g minor

Franz Tunder

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. On Sunday, January 21, we welcomed 30 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God in memory of *Linda T. Postema*, by *Gerald J. Postema*, on the anniversary of her birth.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship, return to the nursery, or go to the choir room for Children's Choir. Childcare for infants – 2 years is available in the nursery. There is a 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 on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word*, and *The Worship Sourcebook*.

Acolytes and Crucifers needed: Interested in serving as an acolyte or crucifer for Sunday worship? We are looking to welcome more people, regardless of age, into this important aspect of our weekly worship! Please email Sarah Finbow at: s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org if you are interested!

FPC's Youth in action on Souper Bowl Sunday!



The FPC Youth groups will be having their annual chili and soup cook-off on **NEXT Sunday, February 4, 2018**. All are welcome to cook chili or soup to be sold after worship (take out only), with all proceeds going to combat hunger right here in Durham! If you would like to make soup or chili to help our fundraising efforts, please contact *Sarah Finbow* (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) or sign up online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094EA5AE29A57-souper1>.

~ **Our Concerns** ~

Beth Eisenson Paul Cornsweet Julie Maxwell Florence Shackelford

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

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Ruth and Russell Roberson*

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

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

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Marc Crawford, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Heath, Rebecca, and Julia Huberg, family from South Dakota (Heath is receiving care at Duke)

Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

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

Wagner/Wintermute/Littles families, friends of Kerry Holbrook

Jerry Walter, friend of Brian and Jeanette Castle

Christina Z., mother of Franz Rokoske

Legacy Society Appreciation Luncheon Planned

The FPC Legacy Society will celebrate its second annual Member Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Through FPC Legacy Society members' grace and generosity our membership continues to grow. If you have not yet joined the FPC Legacy Society, please consider joining now and making FPC a part of your Legacy. Your membership in the FPC Legacy Society will help insure the future of our historic congregation and its place in the Durham community, just as we enjoy the legacy gifts that have come before us. You will find an insert with information about joining the FPC Legacy Society in today's bulletin. Please direct any questions about the FPC Legacy Society to Tom Bloom, Business Administrator.



First Presbyterian Church of Durham presents

The 2018 Annual McPherson Lectureship

THEME: *Martin, the Messiah, and #MeToo: Framing Faith-Inspired Activism*

Rev. Starsky Wilson, Lecturer

Wilson is a pastor, philanthropist and activist pursuing God's vision of community marked by justice, peace and love. Wilson earned the BA from Xavier University of Louisiana, the MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary, and is currently completing his doctoral thesis entitled *The Truth of Reconciliation: Leadership for American Apartheid*, at Duke Divinity School.

Sunday, February 25, 2018

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School: *The Church's Response to Racial Injustice*

11:00 a.m. Worship, preaching

6:00 p.m. Presentation and Panel Discussion: *Faith Communities in Freedom Struggles*

Duke Divinity School / Alumni Memorial Commons Room, co-sponsored with the Presbyterian Reformed House of Studies, Duke Divinity School

Monday, February 26, 2018

11:00 a.m. Clergy/Church Leaders Gathering: *"50 Years Later: Faithful Citizenship for a New Generation"*

RSVP for lunch to the EVITE or v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

Lectureship events are open to the public.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: *Noah Rokoske, Bob Yoder*

Narthex Greeter: *Harriett Mitchell*

After Worship Greeters: *Barbara Buckley* (side/font); *Sigfried Fullenkamp* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Stephen Berry, Mary Berry, Amy Sanchez*

The Week at a Glance!

<p align="center">Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Membership Committee</p> <p align="center">5:00 – 6:15 PM Parents Night Out / Welcoming Children to the Lord's Table</p> <p align="center">5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups</p>	<p align="center">Monday, January 29</p> <p align="center">7:00 and 9:00 PM FPC League Basketball at Hope Valley BC gym</p> <p align="center">6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p align="center">6:30 PM Joint Officers' Supper</p> <p align="center">7:00 PM Session</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday, January 30</p> <p align="center">9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Program Staff Planning Retreat at Trinity Ave PC</p> <p align="center">1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p align="center">2:30 PM FPC Staff</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday, January 31</p> <p align="center">5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p align="center">7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, February 1</p> <p align="center">4:00 – 6:00 PM SCRATCH at Triangle Pride Resource Fair (UNC-Chapel Hill, in Great Hall at Frank Porter Graham Student Union)</p> <p align="center"><i>No FPC Church League Basketball games tonight</i></p>	<p align="center">Friday, February 2</p> <p align="center">10:30 AM "Cultivating Christian Character" Book & Bible Study</p>	<p align="center">Saturday, February 3</p> <p align="center">6:00 – 8:00 PM SCRATCH Potluck at the home of Mindy Douglas/ Tim O'Brien</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, February 4</p> <p align="center">SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY</p> <p align="center">9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p align="center">11:00 AM Worship (Scout Sunday)</p> <p align="center">After Worship: Youth Souper Bowl fundraiser for hunger relief</p> <p align="center">2:00 PM Communion Service at The Forest at Duke</p> <p align="center">No Evening Youth Groups</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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