

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Kent Foss, trumpet

B. Marcello

arr. Wallace/Head

*INTROIT

We Sing of Your Glory

Latin American Folk Song

We sing of your glory, we praise you again, for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

We sing of your power and honor again, for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 84)

Sam Miglarese

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: **Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Leader: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

People: **For the Lord God is our sun and our shield.**

Leader: O Lord Almighty, blessed are those who trust in you.

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Power turns and postures and exhibits; it controls and manages and plots. We participate in it, we benefit from it, we are dazzled by it . . . and it makes us more than a little afraid. And just underneath dazzling power sits violence and brutality, greed and fear and envy, cunning and shamelessness. In that we participate, too. We live double lives: in public roles, of pageant and office; in private sidebars of hidden meanness and shallowness. O Lord, give us new freedom about our public lives and new candor about our hidden lives. Make us people of shalom and integrity in the light of your healing love.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Lord, your presence is better than life itself. You are strength to all in need, and hope to those who travel through sorrow. As the sparrow and the swallow entrust their young to you, so we place our lives before you. Receive them in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALM HYMN NO. 402

How Lovely, Lord

Merle's Tune

* Those who are able, please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:56-69

(Pew Bible, NT Page 98)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****EPISTLE LESSON**

Ephesians 6:10-20

(Pew Bible, NT Page 195)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****SERMON***“Strange Armor”*

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*(Silent reflection)****HYMN NO. 307***God of Grace and God of Glory**Cwm Rhondda****THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

John Weicher

*(Children through 1st grade enter during The Peace.)***A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Blessing of Backpacks

Marilyn Hedgpeth, John Weicher

*(Following “A Time with Children,” children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)***JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

People: **I place my confidence and trust in God always.**

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.

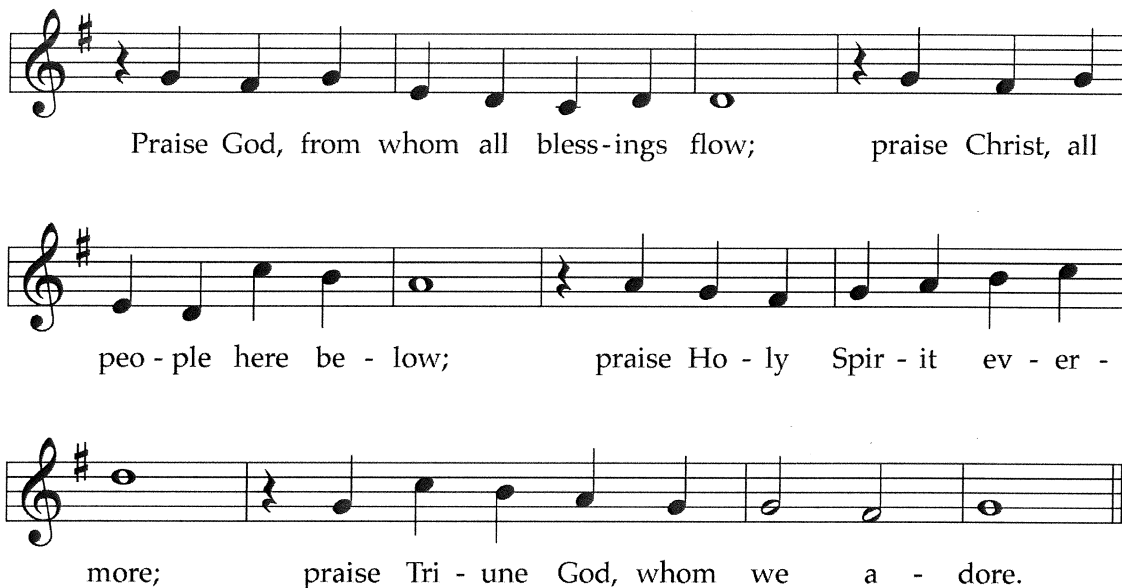
DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

Offertory Anthem

*How Shall I Sing That Majesty**Con Fen, arr. John Ronald Daniels**How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?**Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.**Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;**Ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?**Thy brightness unto them appears; whilst I thy footsteps trace,**A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.**They sing because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me;**For where heav'n is but once begun, there alleluias be.**How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!**Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.**Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;**Thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.*The *Hunger for Change Offering* will be received following the anthem.



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
 more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

LITANY FOR TEACHERS/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The body of Christ is one, and has many members.

People: **And within the body, not everyone has the same function.**

Leader: We are blessed with many members who care for the spiritual nurture of the body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church.

People: **We thank God that they give of their time, efforts, and talents.**

Leader: "They give themselves first to the Lord, and by the will of God, to us" (2 Corinthians 8:5).

People: **By the will of God our volunteers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us, and the world beyond. We thank God for them.**

Leader: Sunday School teachers, confirmation and youth leaders, mentors and nursery helpers, musicians, Sunday School superintendents, Bible study leaders;

People: **Public School teachers, counselors and administrators, professors, university workers, teaching assistants, chaplains, literacy volunteers and tutors,**

Leader: Ministers of spiritual formation and nurture of every kind, in the church and in the community. We thank God for your service to the Lord.

People: **And we give thanks that the God who yearns and waits for us, whose connection to us is always from heaven's side,**

Leader: And that it is because of God's goodness that neither the present nor the future, neither life nor death, neither angels nor principalities,

People: **Nor heights nor depths, nor anything in creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy**Darwall's 148th*

*BENEDICTION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*POSTLUDE

*Te Deum**Charpentier*

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.

~ Sermon Hymns ~

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Hymn No. 354, verse 1)

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightening of his terrible swift sword;
God's truth is marching on.
Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Hymn No. 119, verse 3)

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymn No. 687, verses 1 and 2)

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymn No. 275, verses 1 and 4)

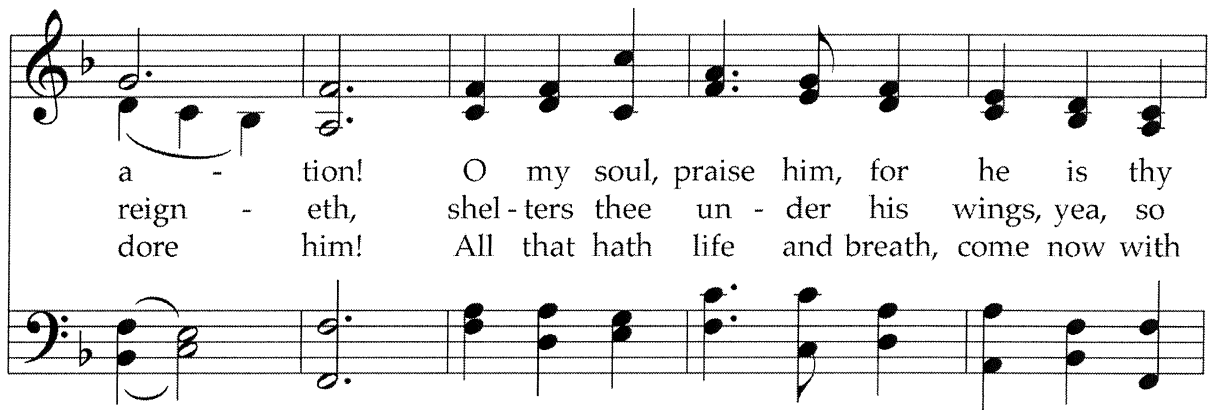
*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.*

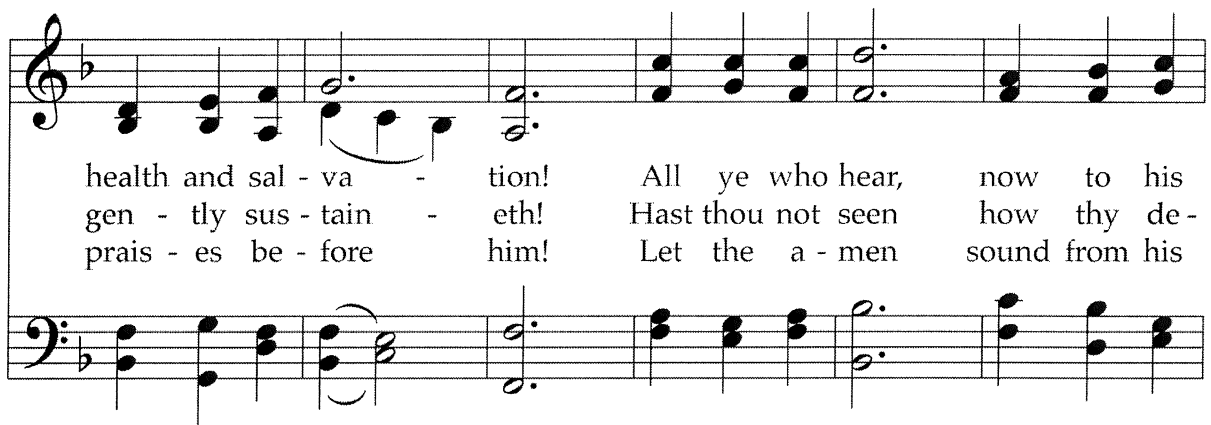
35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



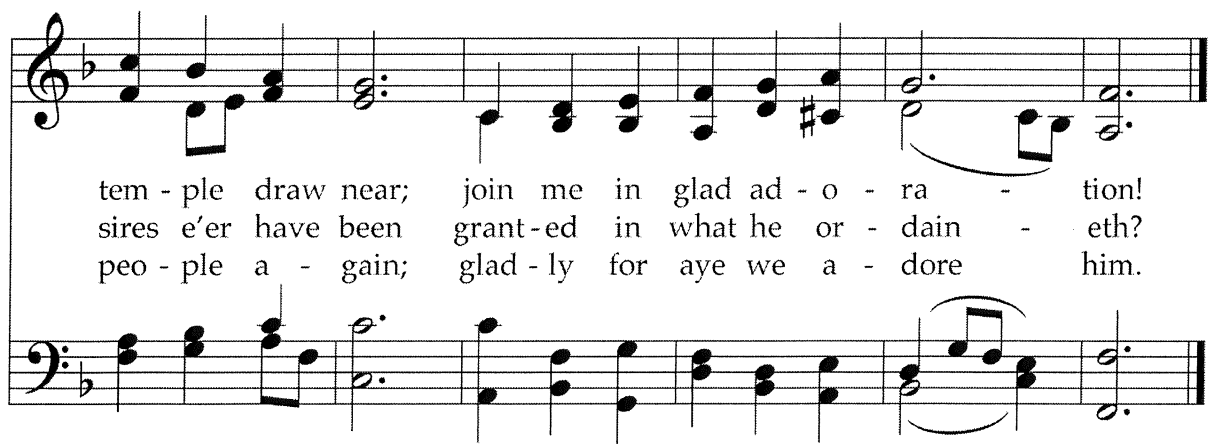
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



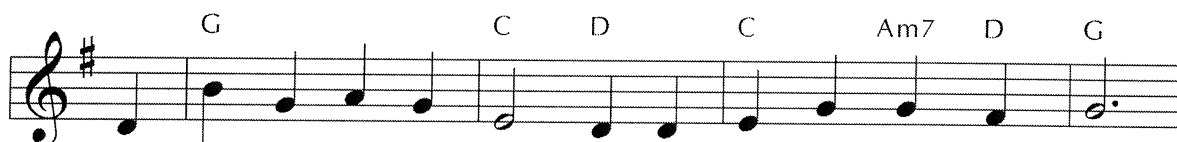
tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

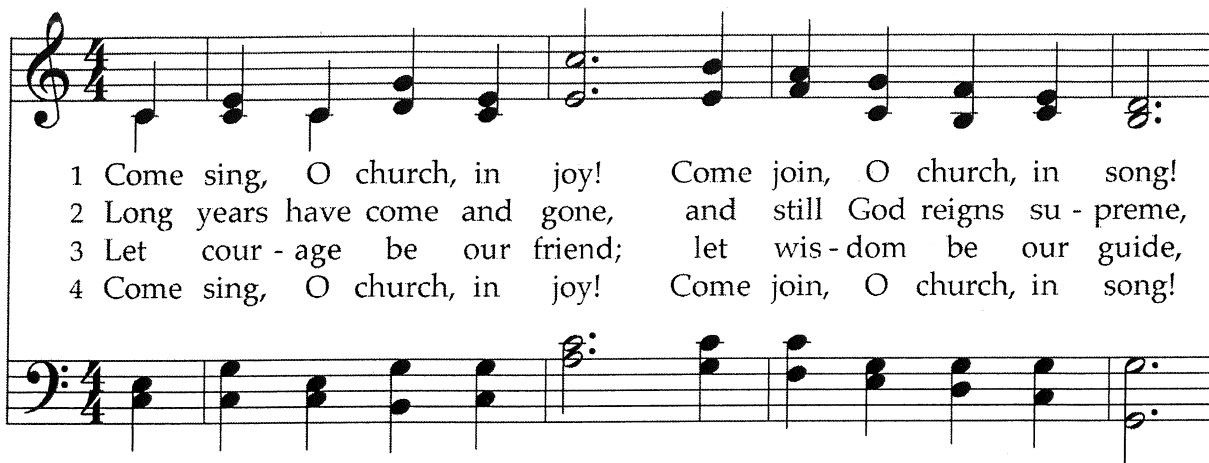
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

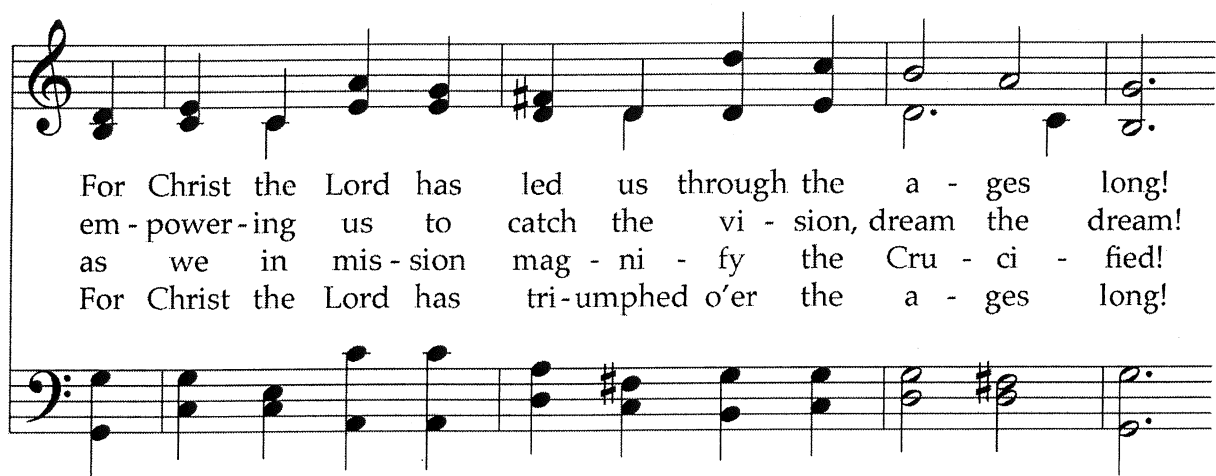
bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

~ Worship Notes and Parish Announcements ~

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, August 19, we welcomed 17 visitors in worship.

Special thanks to **Kent Foss** for sharing his musical talent with us today on the trumpet.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by **Christy and Jim Gudaitis** in honor of **Peter Gudaitis** and to celebrate the engagement of **Margie Gudaitis** and **Taylor Hess**.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. 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 *Book of Common Worship* (1993), *Feasting on the Word*, and *Ministry Matters*. The *Prayer of Confession* comes from Walter Brueggemann's *Awed to Heaven, Rooted to Earth*, page 30.

~ Prayer Concerns ~

Added this week:

All of our young adults and children returning to colleges and school in the days ahead

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood

James Zehmer, son of Jennie Alwood

Porter Armon, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

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

Home/Community

Franzi Rokoske (home)

Carolyn Wolfe (home)

Julian Boswell (Brookdale Senior Living, Durham)

Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson (The Forest at Duke, Durham)

Mary Clark (Dubose Center, Chapel Hill)

Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin (Croasdaile Pavilion, Durham)

Helen Garrison (Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham)

John Kerr, Ann Prospero (Durham Regent)

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff

Kwesi Aggrey, husband of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey

Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Marc and Holly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett

Randy Heffelfinger, friend of Eric Wiebe

John Hendrickson, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

Carolyn Kreuger, former member of FPC

Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Rosemary Orphys, aunt of Kerry Holbrook

Mary Putman, friend of FPC

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

Ryan Washington, infant friend of Adrienne Allison and Bob Pleasants

Mandy Wooten, sister of Randy Lang Howard

2018-2019 Sunday School and Nurture Opportunities for Children and Youth

Childcare will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings on the second floor of the Christian education building and continues to the end of worship.

Age / Grade	Teachers	Curriculum
1	Momo Matsunami, childcare supervisor (Room 203, Christian education building)	
2/3/4-year-olds	Amy Sanchez, Elizabeth Klinck, Bob Pleasants, Amy & Gray Wilson Kristin Meade (sub) (Room 206, Christian education building)	<i>Growing in Grace and Gratitude</i>
Age 5 / K / 1 st / 2 nd	Nancy Kost, Kathy Colville, Julie Maxwell Katherine Whitmore (Room 202, Christian education building)	<i>Growing in Grace and Gratitude</i>
Grade	Teachers	Curriculum
3 rd -6 th grades	Celia Dickerson, Walt Barron Alec Bethune, Delia Kwon, Oscar Carrasco (Room 201, Christian education building)	<i>Godly Play / Rotation Model</i>
7 th -9 th grades	Lenore Champion, Kim Abels Marilyn Hedgpeth (Associate Pastor) (Youth classroom, below the sanctuary)	<i>Theoacademy (Confirmation)</i>
9 th -12 th grades	John Weicher (Associate Pastor) Emily Hansel, Sharron Johnson Leah Graves (sub), Leslie McDow (sub) (Youth classroom, below the sanctuary)	<i>Faith Questions</i>

Evening Youth Groups

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Middle Schoolers

Advisors: Brent Curtis, John Weicher (Associate Pastor)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. High Schoolers

Advisors: Lenore Champion, Graeme Peterson,
Courtney Trutna, John Weicher (Associate Pastor)

For more information about activities for youth, contact John Weicher, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families at 919-682-5511 x 213 (office); 610-717-7435 (mobile/text); j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org (email).

Adult Sunday School and Study Opportunities for 2018-2019

Adult Lectionary

What Scripture readings we will be using in worship on Sunday? This class reviews the four texts from The Revised Common Lectionary, offering background information and insight that will enhance the worship experience for the day. This class is team-taught and welcomes lively discussion. **Teachers:** David Smith, Robert Brawley, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Sue Fricks, and Jerry Postema. Join us in the **East Parlor**.

Faith and Community

What topics are pertinent to expressing our faith within the contemporary context of our community? We are excited to kick off this year with a series on *Love Letters of Faith*, featuring the letters of the Apostle Paul, Dorothy Day, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Guest presenters from the church and the community lead the class. October will feature discussions on the paper, *Reclaiming Jesus*, and on *The Barmen Declaration of Faith*, found in the PC(USA) Book of Order. **Teachers:** Sam Miglarese, Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Robert Brawley, Joe Harvard, and guest presenters from the community. Join us in **Watts-Hill Hall**.

Journeys & Scratch Young Adults

A hybrid class of seasoned and younger members, this inter-generational class will explore *Prophetic Voices* this year, beginning with Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, *The Belhar Confession* from South Africa, readings from Flannery O'Connor, and later, Walter Brueggemann's *Prophetic Imagination*. Teachers: Andy Henry, Carlo & Emily Diy, Michael Schultz & Heather Wallace, and Cherrie Henry (Associate Pastor). Join us in **room 205, Christian education building**.

Women's Spiritual Formation

A group of women who meet for sharing, mutual support and prayer on Sunday mornings; led by Susan Dunlap (Parish Associate). All women are welcome to join. Join us in **basement classroom B-16, below the sanctuary**.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness

Sponsored and taught by FPC's Racial Equity group, this will be an eight-part mini-course on themes of racism, diversity, white privilege, and barriers to inclusivity. The core of the study will be based upon the book *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church* by Joseph Barndt. Anyone can participate. Join us in the **basement conference room, below the sanctuary**.

The Pleasures of Parenting

A time of discussion and support for parents who find raising children in today's world to be an exciting and daunting task, led by Mindy Douglas (Pastor/Head of Staff). This class will meet at a time and location to be announced.

Membership Inquiry Class

What membership means at FPC held three class sessions on consecutive Sundays, led by clergy and lay persons at 9:45 a.m. on the following schedule: September 9, 16, 23; January 13, 20, 27; May 5, 12, 19. These classes will meet in the **Wilson Parlor**.

**For more information, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor, at
919-682-5511 ext. 220; m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org.**

The Week at a Glance!

Today 12:15 PM Parents' Meeting about Confirmation (East Parlor)	Monday, August 27 6:00 PM Diaconate 6:30 PM Officers' Supper 7:00 PM Session <i>Durham Public Schools begin</i>	Tuesday, August 28 11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon at Ruby Tuesday's 1:30 PM Worship Planning 2:30 PM All Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus <i>Happy Birthday to Robert Daye</i>	Wednesday, August 29 12:30 PM Volunteers' Appreciation Luncheon 6:30 PM FPC Choirs Potluck Gathering at Kathy Parkins' home
Thursday, August 30	Friday, August 31 7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries 8:00 AM FPC Men of Faith at Nosh's Café for Breakfast/Conversation	Saturday, September 1	Sunday, September 2 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Worship: Racial Equity Task Force

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jane Wettach*

Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: *Carol Carson* (side/font); *Jane Wettach* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Will Chambliss* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Matthew Cline* (counting),

El Hess, Bob Pleasants, Emily Wilkins

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