

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE A. Vivaldi
Domine Deus (from Gloria)
Lesley Curtis, soprano; Joe Robinson, oboe

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

*INTROIT Heinrich Schutz
Sing Alleluia, Praise the Lord

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord, sing praise on earth, alleluia.

Sing praise in heav'n, declare God's power. Sing praise for all God's mighty acts.

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing praise with charming reed and flute.

Sing praise with dancing and with drums. Sing praise with strings most delicate.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146:5-7, 10) Sam Miglarese

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: **Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

People: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Sung to *Hyfrydol*
Psalm 146

Bless the Lord, give praise and honor unto God who lends me breath;

May my tongue God's greatness never cease to tell before my death.

And in songs of sovereign goodness, let me sing beyond the grave;

God, whose grace my life to ransom, God, whose will my soul to save.

Blest are they whose hope is vested in the God of Israel;

In the hour of deepest anguish, God's provisions will not fail;

Freedom for the shackled spirit, strength and stay to those who fall;

Blessings offered without measure, righteousness enough for all.

*CONFESSION OF SIN Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jeanne Hervey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Blessed indeed are they who put their trust in you, O God, our sure rock and refuge. Guard us from giving to any other the allegiance that belongs only to you. Shine upon us with the brightness of your light, that we may love you with a pure heart and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

(Pew Bible, OT Page 604)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

INTERLUDE

Antiphonal Praise

Paul Alvah

Joe Robinson and Keisuke Wakao, oboe

EPISTLE LESSON

James 2:1-10

(Pew Bible, NT Page 229)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Faith Actually”

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Declaration of Faith)

Sam Miglarese

God sends us to exercise compassion. In his concern for justice in the social order, God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers.

We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate.

We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors.

We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.

***HYMN NO. 351**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Charlestown

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Brent Curtis

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

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

Offertory Anthem

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

Holy Manna, arr. White

(Columbian Harmony, 1825)

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;

Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One come down;

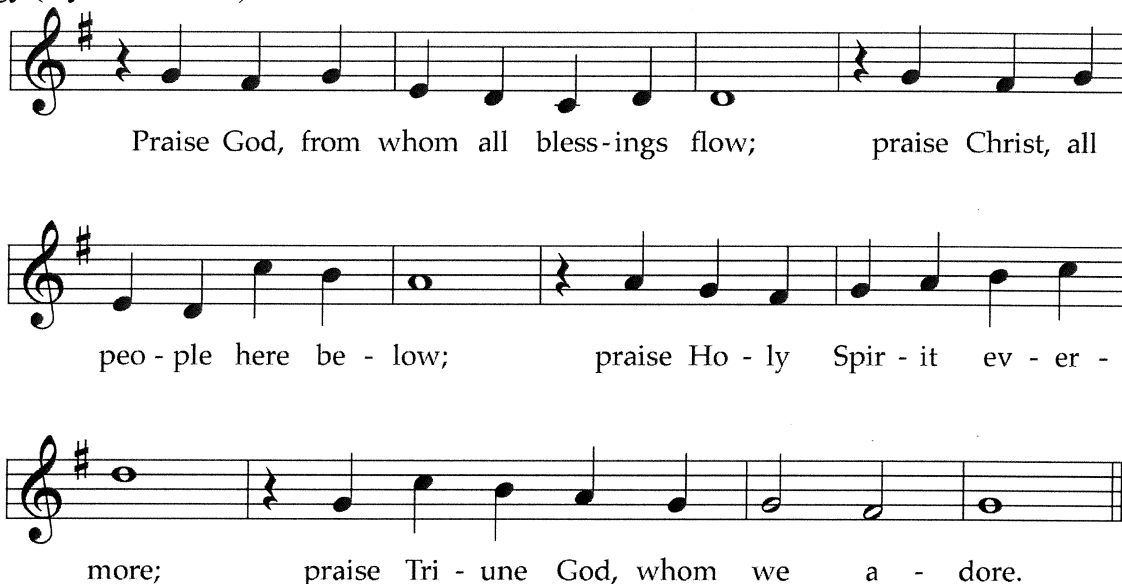
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

(Anthem text continues on the next page.)

*Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
 Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
 Then we'll be called home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;
 Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.*

Doxology (Hymn No. 608)

Praise God (Hopson)



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.

***THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**
 Leader: Lift up your hearts.
 People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 Leader: Maker and redeemer of all, we lift our hearts to thank you, because you open our ears to hear your voice and release our tongues to sing your praise. You created the earth as a place of encounter between you and your creatures. You made the body of your crucified and risen Son the altar of your mercy and of our redemption. And so we zealously proclaim the triumphs of your grace, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in the hymn of your eternal glory.

All (sung): *Sanctus (Haugen)* Hymn No. 565
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
 Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

Leader: Life-giving God, you share the bread with the poor, and you make this banquet the place where in the power of your Spirit we are united as one body in your Son. Make this meal a moment of reconciliation between you and your people, and let those who share in it be ambassadors of reconciliation within your wounded world. Send your Holy Spirit upon this

bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: God of the afflicted, you have chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that you have promised to those who love you. Make your church rich as you are rich, in compassion and mercy, in wisdom and grace; and make your people poor as you are poor, in sharing the calamity of those who endure injustice and knowing the pain of all who live with the world's anger. Hasten the day when your gentle mercy triumphs over the world's harsh judgment and all find a place at the feast of your kingdom, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Communion Hymn No. 399 (all sing) *God Welcomes All* *Themba Amen*

Communion Hymn No. 508 (all sing) *Come to the Table* *Come to the Table*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world – because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

***HYMN** (see next page) *What Makes a City Great and Strong?* *Melita*

***BENEDICTION** *Mindy Douglas*

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata in G* *Johann Pachelbel*

Children's Choir: Children in grades 1-6 are invited to come upstairs to the choir room **Immediately after worship** today for a snack and Children's Choir rehearsal.

Scratch AfterChurch: a young adults lunch (\$3) and *lectio divina* in the basement classroom **following worship today**. Plan to stay about 45 minutes for this time of table fellowship, catching up, and reading of sacred texts.

What Makes a City Great and Strong?

Sts. 1-3: author unknown, alt.; St 4: Donald Kettring

John Bacchus Dykes

MELITA

1. What makes a cit - y great and strong? Not ar - chi - tec - ture's
2. What makes a cit - y all can love? Not things that charm the
3. This is a cit - y that shall stand, A light up - on a
4. A cit - y warm with our in - tent to serve the Christ who

grace - ful strength, Not fac - to - ries' ex - ten - ded length, But
out - ward sense, Not gross dis - play of op - u - lence, But
na - tion's hill, A voice that e - vil can - not still, A
came in love, As bea - cons light - ed from a - bove, With

those who see the civ - ic wrong, And give their lives to
right that wrong can - not re - move, And truth that fac - es
source of bless - ing to the land. This cit - y stands, for
ra - diance of the One God sent; And quick - ened by the

make it right, And turn its dark - ness in - to light.
civ - ic shame To ban - ish it in hon - or's name.
all to see, With jus - tice, love, and equ - i - ty.
Spir - it's power We serve God in this place and hour.

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F Eb F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
 Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 Eb F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F Eb

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble clef staff contains a series of chords: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, and F#5. The bass clef staff contains a series of chords: F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, and F#3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second system of music continues in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble clef staff contains a series of chords: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, and F#5. The bass clef staff contains a series of chords: F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, and F#3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Come to the Table

식탁에 와서



*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.



Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

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, September 2, we welcomed 13 visitors in worship.

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

Thanks to *Lesley Curtis*, *Joe Robinson*, and *Keisuke Wakao* for providing special music this Sunday.

Lesley is the Chair of the Department of Population Health Sciences at the Duke University School of Medicine and the Interim Executive Director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute. She studied voice with Mary Henderson-Stucky, Dale Moore, and Helen Boatwright. She has been a member of FPC since 2000 and sings in the chancel choir.

Joe is most known for serving as the Principal Oboist with the New York Philharmonic from 1978-2005. He currently teaches at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida as well as singing tenor with the FPC choir.

Keisuke is a native of Japan and former student of Joe's who is visiting this weekend and is the principal oboist of the Boston Pops and the assistant principal oboist of the Boston Symphony.

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 *Call to Worship, Book of Common Worship* (2018), and *Eucharistic Prayers*.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week: *John Morey*, father of Robin Morey
Demario Brooks, friend of the Walk-in Ministry
Valerie McMillian and family

Home/ Care Communities:

Franzi Rokoske
Carolyn Wolfe

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: *Julian Boswell*

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: *Mary Clark*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

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

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood and Jamie Zehmer, son of Jennie Alwood

Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Marc and Holly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

Kathy Johnston, niece of Jeanne Hervey

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

Ryan Washington, infant friend of Adrienne Allison and Bob Pleasants



In 1984, FPC adopted the 1983 "Commitment to Peacemaking in the PC(USA)." There is a banner in our Fellowship Hall that commemorates that action. Were you one of those who signed a square in that banner?

Read [Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take for Peace](#) by Christian Iosso (available through Westminster John Knox Press) to learn about renewing the Commitment to Peacemaking in the PC(USA). Is FPC willing to DARE to renew our commitment to Peacemaking?

Day of Service Saturday, October 6

FPC supports a number of ministries through its budget and through the work of individual members. The Service and Mission Committee is offering volunteer opportunities at several ministries on Saturday, October 6.



Possible sites include the Foodbank of NC, Habitat for Humanity, Gleaning, Families Moving Forward and others. Volunteers of all ages will have opportunities to serve. Signup information, waiver forms, and other information will be available later in September. To suggest additional organizations or to help lead a worksite, please contact Tyler Momsen-Hudson at tylermmh@embarqmail.com.

Habitat Building Trip to Honduras



Here we go again! Miguel and Margaret Rubiera will be leading another 10-day building trip to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity from Feb 1 - 10, 2019. If you have been searching for a meaningful, challenging way to love and serve your (international) neighbor, learn about the culture and realities of life in Central America, then consider joining us. While there, we will provide tangible, hands-on help for our Honduran brothers and sisters, and develop wonderful relationships that transcend language and cultural barriers. All-inclusive cost of trip: \$2,000. Contact Margaret at

margaretmr29@gmail.com for more information.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jeanne Hervey*

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Carl Rist* (side/font); *Brent Curtis* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Katy Barron* (head), *El Hess* (flowers), *Laurie Williamson* (counting),

Amy Dillon, John Mozart, Mary-Jo Keenan

Communion Elders:

Head/ replenish elements: *Jane Wettach*

Bread: *Carl Rist* (B1/process), *Libby Gulley* (B2), *Barbara Buckley* (B3), *Brent Curtis* (B4)

Cup: *George Bernhardt* (C1), *Lenore Champion* (C2/process), *Jane Williams* (C3), *Sigfried Fullenkamp* (C4)

Shepherds: *Leah Graves* (font aisle), *Tom Bacon* (center aisle), *Dewey Lawson* (pulpit aisle)

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:15-12:45 PM Children's Choir</p> <p>12:15- 1:15 PM Scratch AfterChurch</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Shape Note Choir</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>	<p>Monday, September 10</p> <p>10:30 AM Presbyterian Women</p> <p>5:30 PM Christian Education</p> <p>6:00 PM Property</p> <p>6:30 PM Service and Mission</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship and the Arts</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 11</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM All Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Book Group at the home of Jane Williams</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 12</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, September 13</p>	<p>Friday, September 14</p>	<p>Saturday, September 15</p> <p>8:00 – 11 AM Grounds and gardening workday at FPC</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 AM Scratch (Young Adults) Brunch at the Bonner/McCann home</p> <p>3:00 – 9:00 PM Souls Ajar - An Emily Dickinson Festival (Lecture, poetry reading, potluck and concert at Chapel in the Pine PC, Chapel Hill)</p>	<p>Sunday, September 16 <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School/ Membership Inquiry Class/ Confirmation Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (PW Life member Award)</p> <p>After Worship All Congregational Lunch</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth Group</p>

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Robert Daye, Sexton
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