

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

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Mission: Durham CAN

Dan Hudgins

**PRELUDE**

*We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing*

Wilbur Held

**INTROIT**

*Kremser*

Dutch melody

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.*

*We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 16:7-9)

John Weicher

Leader: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

People: **In the night also my heart instructs me.**

Leader: I keep the Lord always before me;

People: **Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: **Therefore my heart is glad,**

People: **And my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 643**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

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

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Leader: In penitence and faith we come before you, Holy God, and say: "This is who we are." We are the people who long for the new heaven and the new earth but can't always take the first step towards it.

People: **Forgive us, gracious God.**

Leader: We are those who love the city but who participate in its destructive patterns of life and fail to lift up its beauty and creativity.

People: **Forgive us, gracious God.**

Leader: We are the people who commit ourselves to build the community of the Gospel but we so often betray that hope and fail each other.

People: **Forgive us, gracious God.**

Leader: We are those who sometimes see the vision for our own lives but we are weak and fall far short of the dream.

People: **Forgive us, gracious God.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

\* Those who are able, please stand.

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bob Yoder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, your goodness surpasses everything else. Uphold us day after day, and teach us night after night, that we may follow in the path of life and be filled with resurrection joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

(Pew Bible, NT Page 50)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

(Pew Bible, NT Page 224)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*"The Community That Gathers"*

Mindy Douglas

*(Silent reflection)*

## \*HYMN NO. 767

*Together We Serve*

*San Anselmo*

## NEW MEMBER SERVICE OF WELCOME

Mindy Douglas and Marilyn Hedgpeth

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer

Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 306, verse 1; all sing)

*Dennis*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.*

*The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

\***THE PEACE** (Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship at this time.)

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children's Choir Anthem

*Feed My Lambs*

Cheryl Henry

Natalie Sleeth

*(Children may now join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Cheryl Henry

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

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: **I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

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  
Offertory Anthem

Cheryl Henry  
Stephen Paulus

#### *Pilgrims' Hymn*

*Even before we call on Your name To ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, Surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Even with the darkness sealing us in, We breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast, We trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, Beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and forever, And unto ages and ages, Amen.*

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 608)

*Praise God* (Hopson)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

People: **Amen.**

All: **God whose giving knows no ending, we thank you that you have so freely given to us without reservation. As we give back a portion of that with which you have blessed us, help us to give wings to our gifts. Enable us to free them to be transformed and multiplied by your miraculous hands into the projects and people and places where your will is to be done. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

*Ash Grove*

\*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

\*POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

J.S. Bach

Following worship today, everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall for a fellowship lunch. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

The *Children's Choir* will have a rehearsal immediately following worship today in the choir room. After rehearsal, the children will join their parents in Watts-Hill Hall for lunch. Parent, this is another important rehearsal as the children are preparing for their next singing date of December 23.

***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, November 11, we welcomed 26 visitors in worship.

We **welcome** to worship today a group of youth from the Sikh Gurudwara of NC. They will also join us for lunch in Watts-Hill Hall following worship.

## ~ WORSHIP NOTES AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Please *welcome* the following new members to FPC: *Brandon Hewitt, Cheri Reese, Rob Parker and Beth Taylor* (re-joining), and *Courtney Trutna*.

The *flowers* today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Children's Sunday School classes at FPC by *Kathy Colville*, and *Gretchen and Karl Sims*.

**Music Notes:** The Chancel Choir anthem this Sunday is the beloved "*Pilgrims' Hymn*" by Minnesota composer, **Stephen Paulus** (August 24, 1949 – October 19, 2014). Paulus was a Grammy winning American composer, best known for his operas and choral music. The text is by Minneapolis poet, Michael Dennis Browne. "*Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, you hear our prayer.*"

**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* (2018) and *Liturgies for the Journey of Life*.

## ~ Prayer Concerns ~

**Memorial Service:** A service to remember Mary Clark and celebrate her life will be held Tuesday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m. at The Cedars, a Chapel Hill retirement community.

**Added this week:** *Catherine Gitia*, friend of Mary Gitata

**Duke Hospital:** *Joseph Ngumi*

**Home:**

*Franzi Rokoske*

*Carolyn Wolfe*

**Care Communities:**

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Lee Courtland, Bob Rankin*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

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

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

**Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:**

*Heath Huberg*, friend of *Kathy Parkins*

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

*Kathy Johnston*, niece of Jeanne Hervey

*Paul Martin*, brother of Beth Neece

## ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Bob Yoder*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Kim Abels* (side/font); *Leah Graves* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Amy Dillon* (head), *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey* (flowers), *Laurie Williamson* (counting),

*Dale Gaddis, John Mozart, El Hess*

## ~ OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND MISSION ~

### Care Packages for College Students

The Pastoral Care Committee is assembling care packages for our college students and our young adults who are serving our country. The church is invited to support this project by bringing in flat items such as **gum, packets of hot chocolate and microwave popcorn, hard candy, Granola bars, puzzle or joke books**. A basket is labeled in the foyer for the donations. **Items are needed by next Sunday, November 25**. The care packages will be mailed the week after Thanksgiving. Your support is very much appreciated.

### Iglesia Emanuel needs our help with Thanksgiving Community Meal

It's time once again for our annual Thanksgiving community meal. We would greatly appreciate any donations of whole turkeys, preferably cooked, for the dinner. You are also welcome to make a monetary contribution to help support the hot meal as well as the food distribution for the evening. If you are interested in helping prepare and serve the meal and organize the food for distribution, please let us know. Thanks for your continuing support!

– Julio Ramirez-Eve (pastor) at Iglesia Emanuel ([jre0412@gmail.com](mailto:jre0412@gmail.com) or 919-672-4333)

### Help Hurricane Victims with Building Materials and Supplies!

Craven County was hit hard by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and again by Florence in 2018. With these back-to-back disasters, many families have exhausted their FEMA and insurance resources, yet their homes are still unlivable. Winter is coming! The Presbytery of New Hope is asking for gift cards from Lowes, Home Depot, Ace, or 84 Lumber. Giving a gift card in someone's name is a great way to honor them this Advent season.

Send gift cards to:

Presbytery of New Hope

2022 McDonald Lane

Raleigh NC 27608

Attn: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team.

(Please note the value of the card on its face with a sharpie and let them know if you would like a receipt.)

### Attention FPC Parade and Pageant Participants . . .

The **Durham Holiday Parade** takes place on **Saturday, December 8**, and FPCers will line up at 9:00 a.m. to march down Main Street to Duke's East Campus (stay tuned for meet-up details). Our theme this year is "Light to the World", and we have neon glow necklaces for everyone to wear as we march. In addition, you may wear as many lights around your hat or your waist or your coat as you want. We want to sparkle, blink, and bring Jesus' light to the world as we march.

The **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be the next day, **Sunday, December 9**, during 11:00 a.m. worship. It involves a simple story called *Journey to Bethlehem* that requires a narrator, an angel, two shepherds, and a star. Other children and youth can join in as shepherds, angels, and animals. Come one, come all! We will be using handbells as sound effects. We will have one more rehearsal with the readers and the Handbell Choir, before we run through it on that Sunday morning during Sunday School. It would be great if parents could help with face painting on that Sunday morning, and with costuming. Thank you for encouraging and helping your children participate in the story of Jesus' birth.

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## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS at FPC ~

**December 2** 9:45 AM Advent Festival (for children and youth)

12:15 – 1:15 PM Alternative Giving Fair

**December 5, 12, 19** 5:45 – 7 PM Caroling, Worship, and Supper

**December 16** 11AM A Service of Lessons and Carols / 6 PM Christmas Potluck and Carols Sing-along

**December 24** 10 AM Live radio broadcast of King's College Lessons and Carols

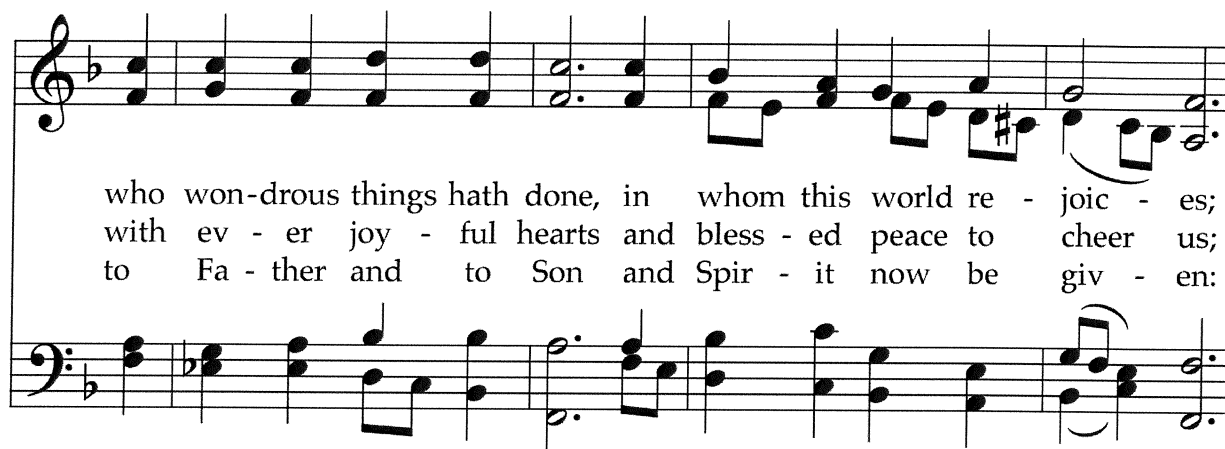
3 PM A simple worship with communion and candles, featuring carols from around the world

5 PM Evening Communion and Candlelight Service

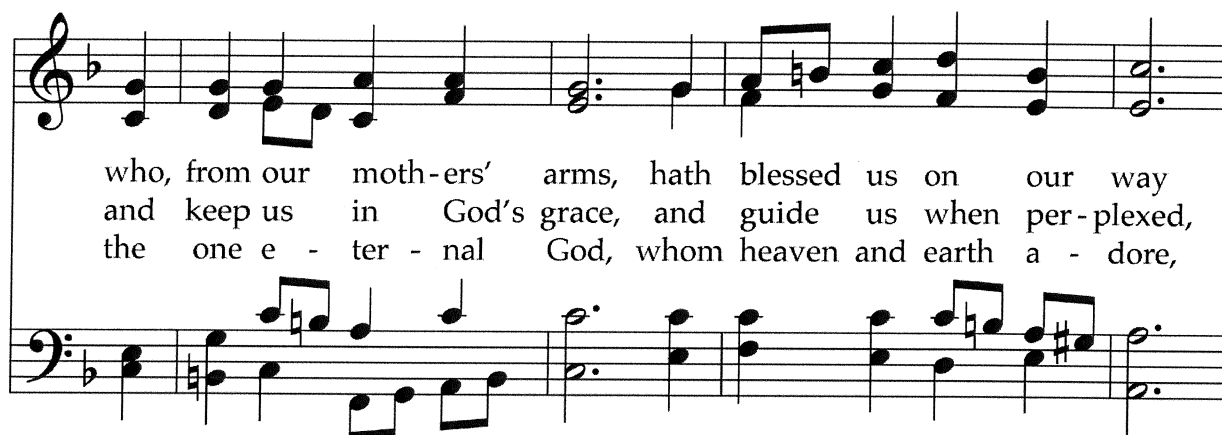
# 643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

# 767

# Together We Serve

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)  
 B $\flat$  F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,  
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,  
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,  
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)  
 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.  
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.  
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)  
 B $\flat$  F E $\flat$  Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,  
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,  
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,



(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm F7 B $\flat$



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.  
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.



# 37 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing  
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

*Harmony* G E Am D

God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



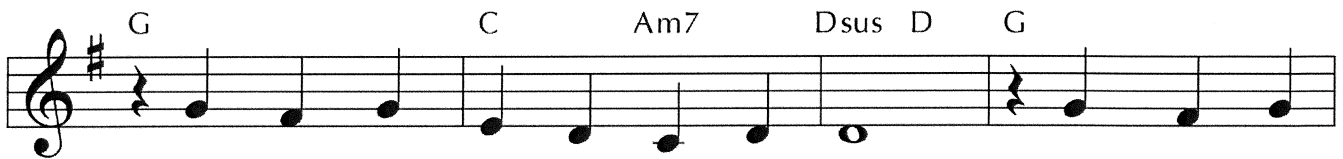
till shad-ows have van-ish-ed, all fear-ful-ness ban-ish-ed,  
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:



as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.  
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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 Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship:</b> Children's Choir / Congregational Lunch</p> <p><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b> Middle School Youth</p> <p><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b> High School Youth</p>	<p><b>Monday, November 19</b></p> <p><b>9:30 – 11:00 AM</b> FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 20</b></p> <p><b>3:00 PM</b> Memorial Service for Mary Clark at The Cedars of Chapel Hill Retirement Community</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Vox Men's Chorus</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 21</b></p> <p><b>No Handbell Choir</b> <b>No Chancel Choir</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, November 22</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>THANKSGIVING</b></p> <p><b>11:00 AM – 1:30 PM</b> FPC serving meal at Urban Ministries</p> <p><b>The Church Office and Day School are closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, November 23</b></p> <p><b>The Church Office and Day School are closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, November 24</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, November 25</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School / Scripture Readers' Class</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship &amp; Communion (The Hunger for Change Offering will be received.)</p> <p><b>After Worship:</b> Children's Choir</p> <p><b>No Youth Groups</b></p>

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