



A Service of Lessons and Carols

*First Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Sonata in F for recorders and harpsichord - Affettuoso, Allegro

G. P. Telemann

INTROIT

Judah's Land

Appalachian Carol

To thee with joy I sing, sweet child that heav'n did bring; Now Judah's land shall ring with thy praises.

Gentle Stranger, in that manger, in Judah's land we find thee, infant Savior.

I greet thee, Prince of Peace; from sin give thy release! Nor shall my tongue e'er cease from thy praises.

Gentle Stranger, in that manger, in Judah's land we find thee, infant Savior.

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF
THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

William, Jane, Isabel, Annabelle, and Clarabelle Brown

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

(Lighting of the pink candle)

Reader 2: For the Lord elevates the lowly and releases the captive.

Reader 3: The Lord brings sight to the blind and lets the oppressed go free.

Reader 4: We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

***HYMN NO. 123**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Beloved in Christ, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience to the glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child. But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves, and especially for peace on earth and goodwill among all people. Let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the lonely and the unloved; all who have none to care for them; all those whose lives have been torn asunder by injustice, terror and war; the aged and little children; and all who know not the great loving-kindness of the Lord Jesus.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this day, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, guard the strong. We make our prayer in the words Christ himself has taught us: 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.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-12; 22-24

Noah Rokoske

Adam and Eve are driven from the garden.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

John Weicher

Leader: Lord of grace and truth, your Son, our Savior, was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

People: **Forgive and heal us.**

Leader: The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

People: **Forgive and heal us.**

Leader: The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

People: **Forgive and heal us. Have mercy on us according to your love.**

Leader: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Daniel Gawthrop

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king:
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring:*

*By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

SECOND LESSON

Zechariah 7:8-10; 9:9-10, 16-17

Cris Rivera

The prophet tells of the coming ruler of God's people.

SOLO

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion (from Messiah)

G.F. Handel

Lesley Curtis, Soprano

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,
O daughter of Jerusalem, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.
He is the righteous Savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.*

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Ellie Everett

The coming of peace is foretold.

HYMN NO. 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es Ist Ein' Ros'

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5

John Weicher

God's people are comforted.

ANTHEM*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

David Ashley White

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak of peace, thus saith our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over. Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry, obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him. Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now e'er earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Cheryl Henry

*The angel Gabriel appears to Mary.****HYMN NO. 132***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**In Dulci Jubilo***SIXTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1-20

Sam Miglarese

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.****HYMN NO. 145***What Child Is This**Greensleeves***SEVENTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

Mindy Douglas

*John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.***HYMN NO. 144***In the Bleak Midwinter**Cranham***DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

Offertory Anthem

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

John Gardner

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance:*

(Refrain) *Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

*Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: (Refrain)*

*In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: (Refrain)*

*Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: (Refrain)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story that all may believe and rejoice in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 113Angels We Have Heard on High**Gloria*

***SOLEMN BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Son of God once came to us; may his coming bring us the light of his holiness.
People: **Amen.**
Leader: God sent heavenly angels to shepherds to herald the great joy of our Savior's birth.
May God fill us with joy and make us heralds of the gospel.
People: **Amen.**
Leader: When the Word became Flesh, earth was joined to heaven.
May God give us peace and good will, and brighten our hearts with holiness.
People: **Amen.**
Leader: May Almighty God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless us.
All: **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

J. S. Bach

Parents of young children: The Children's Choir will rehearse in the choir room immediately following worship today. They will sing in worship on next Sunday, December 23.

Today at 6:00 p.m. - Potluck Supper and Carols Sing-Along

Bring a dish to share. A main meat and beverages provided by the church. If you play an instrument, bring it along (with a music stand) and join the improvised orchestra that accompanies singing of carols around our Christian symbols tree.

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.

Today's worship is patterned after the Lessons and Carols service at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. The traditional service of Lessons and Carols dates from 1880, but the most famous tradition is that of the service at King's College, Cambridge which began in 1918. It is always held on Christmas Eve.

The striking *Advent paraments*, purchased with funds from the bequest of Anne St. Clair Williams, were designed and created in 2012 by Laurie Wohl, a fiber-artist internationally known for her "Unweavings." The pulpit hanging contains a text in Hebrew and English drawn from Isaiah 12: 3: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" while the text for the lectern hanging is from Luke 1:78-79: "The dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The *sanctuary table* upon which the Advent Wreath sits was made by *George Danser* and is given to us by his wife, *Jean Cary*, and him. George has drawn design features from our communion table and used oak removed from the sanctuary during our renovation and from a tree in their backyard that Jean saw get hit by lightning some years ago.

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.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. See an usher if you need childcare. 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 and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Copies of the *These Days* devotional booklet for January – March 2019 have arrived. Pick up a copy, regular or large print, from the foyer or narthex while supplies last.

FINAL CALL for Christmas Concerns: During Advent, share Christmas wishes with friends in the congregation by making a donation to Christmas Concerns. This year's proceeds will be given to support two people who are in sanctuary: Rosa at the Church of Reconciliation and José at the School for Conversion in Durham. Both Rosa and José are parents trying to support their children who are also in the area. To participate in Christmas Concerns, write a check to First Presbyterian Church, memo: "Christmas Concerns" and put it in the offering plate. Then, visit the Giving Tree in the foyer, sign your name on an ornament and hang the ornament on the Giving Tree for all to see. The names of those who share greetings will be listed in the "Christmas" edition of the church's newsletter. **The deadline to participate is TODAY.**

Year-End Giving: The church must receive your charitable contributions by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24, 2018; or be placed in the offering plate at a service through Sunday, December 30, 2018; or the gift must be postmarked by December 31, 2018, if mailed, to be deductible on your 2018 taxes. If you wish to make a contribution by credit card, this may be done through the church's website (www.firstpres-durham.org) at any time. To be deductible on your 2018 taxes, please initiate the gift by Friday, December 28. If you wish to make a donation through a gift of stock, please notify Tom Bloom, Business Administrator (t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org) as soon as possible. Members aged 70 ½ + who own an IRA may be able to make a tax-excludable gift directly to First Presbyterian and have that gift satisfy any required minimum distribution for this year. Please contact your IRA administrator ASAP if you wish to consider this giving option for tax year 2018.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee has two important tasks to complete this 2018-2019 church year. They will manage the process to nominate members to the Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families Nominating Committee; and in the spring they will present a slate of candidates for the Diaconate, Session, and at-large members of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. Forms for submitting nominations can be picked up from the tables in the foyer and narthex. **The deadline is January 6, 2019.**

~ Our Concerns ~

Our Sympathies: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Wendy and Mac McCorkle, Chip and Lewis* on the death of Wendy's father on December 7th in Pennsylvania; and to *Mickey Velkey* and *Beth and Larry Brockman* on the death of Mickey's niece, *Vicky Tobey*, who died December 4th in Virginia.

Added this week:

Ann Prospero, a patient at Duke Regional
Jerry and TJ England, Mary-Jo Keenan's brother-in law and his wife
Jake Frost, husband of Erica Shirts (friends of FPC)
Doug Hervey, son of Jeanne Hervey
Shirla Hudson, mother of Tyler Momsen-Hudson, recovering from surgery
Jim Mau, father of Shirley Frederick's daughter-in-law, Sharon
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Joseph Ngumi, recovering at Duke Hospital
Nellie Van Ewyk, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp


Home:

Barbara Gerwe *Franzi Rokoske* *Carolyn Wolfe*

Care Communities:

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: *Julian Boswell*
Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Lee Courtland, Bob Rankin, Jim Wolfe*
Durham Regent: *John Kerr*
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*
The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)</p> <p>6:00 PM All-Church Potluck and Carols Sing-Along (Watts-Hill Hall and foyer)</p>	<p>Monday, December 17</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries Café</p> <p>6:00 PM Officers and Clergy Potluck at the home of Mindy Douglas</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 18</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM All Staff</p> <p>6:30 PM A "Blue Christmas" Service for those who mourn (at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Durham)</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 19</p> <p>5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>5:45 PM Candlelight Caroling</p> <p>6:00 PM Advent Worship & Communion followed by Supper at 6:30</p> <p>6:30 PM McPherson Lectureship Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, December 20</p> <p><i>Christmas Newsletter issued today</i></p>	<p>Friday, December 21</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries Community Café</p>	<p>Saturday, December 22</p> <p><i>Poinsettias arrive</i></p>	<p>Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent</p>  <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Children's Choir singing The Hunger for Change and Christmas Joy offerings received.</p> <p>12:15 – 1:30 PM Middle and High School Youth Groups</p>

Join us on Christmas Eve . . .

Monday, December 24

The King's College Lessons and Carols livestream broadcast in the sanctuary has been cancelled.

3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Candles and Communion

A simple 45-minute service featuring carols from around the world.

5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Candle Lighting Service

The birth of the Christ Child is celebrated in word and song with communion and a candle lighting service. Childcare provided for younger children. An offering will be received to support **Welcome Baby of Durham** and the **Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina**.

Sunday, January 6

The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place during the 11:00 a.m. worship.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed Tuesday-Friday, December 25-28 for Christmas, and Monday, December 31 – Tuesday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday. Church staff will be available by email and cell phone.

123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,



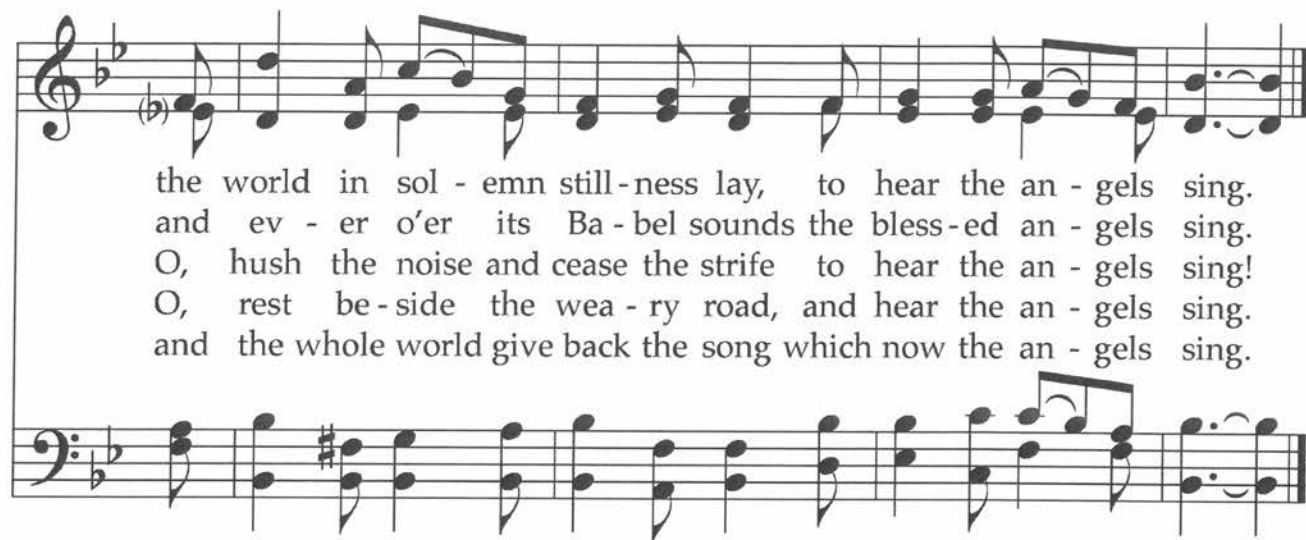
from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



the world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
O, rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where.



It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he



win - ter, when half spent was the night.
Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.



132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pen-ed heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



In the Bleak Midwinter

144



1 In the bleak mid-winter, frost-y wind made moan;
 2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain;
 3 An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there;
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign:
 cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim thronged the air;
 If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall-en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid-win-ter a sta-ble place suf-ficed
 but his moth-er on-ly, in her maid-en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;



∫ in the bleak mid-win-ter, long a-go.
 the Lord God in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.
 ∫ wor-shiped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him: give my heart.



113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - -

- - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Minister of Music, First Presbyterian Church
Kathryn Cain Parkins

Sopranos

Maddie Brigman
Isabel Brown
Kate Busa
Dawn Carsey
Kathy Conner
Lesley Curtis
Mindy Douglas
Wendy McCorkle
Charlotte Nelson
Sara Radtke
Laurie Ray
Cathy Snell
Amy Wilson

Altos

Marsha Butler
Cheryl Henry
Hope Hunter
Christyn Klinck
Katy Loeblich
Diane Prosser
Mary Kay Robinson
Hendrika Vande Kemp

Tenors

Bob Breitweiser
Stephen Cole
Brent Curtis
Sam Henry
Tom Juhnke
Jerry Postema
Joe Robinson

Basses

Eric Burton
Doug Butler
Drew Cummings
Mal King
Dewey Lawson
David Smith
David Verner

Special thanks to our instrumentalists:

Violin: *Janet Barringer*
Recorder: *Patricia Petersen, Doug Petersen*
Drum: *Jody Maxwell*
Organ: *Gordon Campbell*

~ Serving Today ~

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Dewey Lawson* (side/font); *Leah Graves* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Christy Gudaitis*, *John Mozart* (counting),

Laurie Williamson, Elinor Hess, Amy Sanchez

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor



Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:
info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: <http://firstpres-durham.org>

The **bulletin cover**, "The Concert of Angels," is by Gaudenzio Ferrari (1471-1546), a painter of the Italian High Renaissance. This work adorns the dome of the church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli. Image was retrieved December 7, 2017 from <https://todoelordelmundo.files.wordpress.com/2012/01/the-concert-of-angels-1534-36-xx-gaudenzio-ferrari1.jpg?w=500&h=333>