



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2019

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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*(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

*(Please remain seated for the Gathering Hymns)*

**INVITATION AND GATHERING HYMNS**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**Hymn No. 835** (verses 1, 2)

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*Closer Walk*

Refrain: ***Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

***I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long, as I walk, let me walk close to thee.*** (Refrain)

***Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.*** (Refrain)

**Hymn No. 834**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Precious Lord*

***Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;***

***I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.***

***Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

***When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;  
when my life is almost gone,***

***Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;***

***Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

*(This Black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.)*

**Hymn** (verses 1, 3)

*In the Garden*

*Garden*

***I come to the garden alone, while the dew is on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.***

Refrain: ***And He walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,  
And the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever know.***

***I'd stay in the garden with him, though the night around me be falling,  
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.*** (Refrain)

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 77)*

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Your ways, O God, are holy,  
People: **What God is so great as our God?**  
Leader: You are the God who performs miracles;  
People: **You display your power among the peoples.**  
Leader: With your mighty arm you redeemed your people.  
All: **Let us worship God.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 450** *(verses 1, 2, 4) Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.  
High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*(The Chorister's Prayer)*

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.  
All: **Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**EXPRESSIONS OF ADORATION**

**Hymn No. 611** *(verses 1, 3)*

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Hymn To Joy*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.  
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

**Hymn No. 196** *(verses 1, 2)*

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

Refrain: **All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**  
**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.** (Refrain)  
**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.** (Refrain)

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

**Call to Prayer**

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning.

People: **Help us to leave yesterday, and not to covet tomorrow, but to accept the uniqueness of today.**

*(Silence)*

Leader: By your love celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son, brought near by your Spirit, hear us as we confess our sin.

People: **Take from us what we need to carry no longer so that we may be free again to choose to serve you and to be served by each other.**

*(Silence)*

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us.

People: **Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy upon us.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: I believe that God forgives and sets us free.

People: **We believe that God forgives and sets us free; and at the day's beginning, we commit ourselves to follow where Christ calls and to love one another.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## EXPRESSIONS OF ASSURANCE

Hymn No. 803 (verses 1, 3)

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*Resignation*

***My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.***

***The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.***

Hymn No. 840 (verses 1, 3)

*When Peace Like a River*

*Ville Du Havre*

***When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.***

Refrain: ***It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.***

***He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*** (Refrain)

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Carl Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O God of many names, Lover of all nations, we pray for peace  
in our hearts,  
in our homes,  
in our nations,  
in our world,  
the peace of your will,  
the peace of our need. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 77:11-20 (Pew Bible OT Page 537)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-14 (Pew Bible NT Page 190)

SERMON "For Freedom . . ." Nora Tubbs Tisdale

EXPRESSIONS OF CHALLENGE (*Please stand.*)

**\*Hymn No. 338**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

*Materna*

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with servanthood from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

**\*THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during "The Peace.")*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Cheryl Henry

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

*(Silence will be followed by singing the refrain from Hymn No. 837.)*

Leader: Let us keep silence before God, and through our minds and imaginations offer prayers which words might not contain. Let us pray. There is a time for every purpose under heaven. A time for gratitude...

*(Silence)*

All (sing): ***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Leader: A time for what we have to lay down, and a time for what we have to pick up...

*(Silence)*

All (sing): ***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Leader: A time for confronting what we are avoiding...

*(Silence)*

All (sing): ***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Leader: A time for recognizing what we hope for ...

*(Silence)*

All (sing): ***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Leader: In our time and in your time, God, fulfill our prayers, and let your kingdom come, as we pray the prayer which your son, Jesus, taught his followers to pray:

All: **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.**

#### EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Cheryl Henry

Offertory Music

Tony Williamson

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 37) *Let All Things Now Living* Ash Grove

***Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.  
  
By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!***

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God our Maker, you crown the humble with honor and exalt the faithful who gather in your name. Because you have favored us with life, we dance before you in our joy, and praise you with unending song for Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 22

*God of the Sparrow*

Roeder

***God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?  
  
God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?  
  
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?  
  
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?***

*(Hymn text continues on next page.)*

*God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?*

*God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?*

\*BENEDICTION

Nora Tubbs Tisdale

\*POSTLUDE

Tony Williamson

*Join us for Myrtle Fest*

*Everyone is invited to a picnic style potluck lunch following worship today  
as we continue in fellowship under our beautiful crepe myrtles!*

*Tony Williamson will provide music for our enjoyment!  
If it's too hot for you outside, come inside to Watts-Hill Hall.*

**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 June 23 we welcomed 19 visitors to worship.

**We welcome to the pulpit Nora Tubbs Tisdale**, an ordained PC(USA) minister and retired homiletics professor at Yale Divinity School. She previously taught at Princeton Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary (where she was Mindy Douglas' preaching professor). In addition, she has served a number churches including Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. She attended Queens College, Charlotte; is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill; and Union Theological and Princeton Theological seminaries. She was born in Florence, SC and grew up in Kingsport, TN and Wilmington, NC. Nora lives in Durham with her husband **Alfred Tisdale**, a retired Episcopal priest.

**Welcome to today's guest musician: Tony Williamson.** Born and raised in rural Piedmont North Carolina to a family of wood-workers and musicians, Tony began to play the mandolin as a child and with his brother Gary on guitar, they became award winning child sensations. *"Quite simply, what Tony Williamson doesn't know about mandolin is probably not worth knowing. As a player, collector, dealer, historian and mandolin community activist, Williamson has helped keep the mandolin's great American legacy alive while uplifting and encouraging generations of modern players. From bluegrass, to classical, pop and other forms, Tony Williamson is a national treasure."* – David McCarty, staff writer for *Fretboard Journal*, *Bluegrass Unlimited*, and *Mandolin Magazine*.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of **George Watts Hill, Jr. and Mary Lamberton Hill** by a family friend. (See insert.)

**Nursery care** for children 3–6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, these children join worship for the remainder of service. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues 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 which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

**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.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Daily Prayer* and *Glory to God* (hymnal).

### ~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

#### JOYS:

- **John and Sue Fricks** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 21, 2019. They are in Maine with family this month to mark that celebration.
- **Neal and Emily Wilkins** will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary July 1, 2019.

#### CONDOLENCES:

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are with the family and friends of long-time member **Bette Conroy** who died June 21st at the Hock Family Pavilion. A service of Witness to the Resurrection was held June 29<sup>th</sup> at FPC. We also extend condolences to the family of **Sue Coon**, a friend of FPC who died recently.

#### CONCERNS:

##### Added this week:

**Rebecca Aysque**, friend of Christy Gudaitis

**Boyce Brawley**, twin brother of Robert Brawley

**Diana Carrasco**, undergoing tests

**Harold Dunlap**, recovering in Raleigh from spinal neck surgery

**Dennis Hill**, recovering from knee replacement surgery

**Ngugi Mbugua**, brother of Mary Gitata, recovering in Kenya from brain surgery

**Margaret Mubanga**, hospitalized/undergoing tests in Washington, DC

**Phyllis Supple**, at Duke Hospital, recovering from a fall

##### Home:

**Judy Arrowood**

**Doug Butler**

**Joseph Ngumi**

**Franzi Rokoske** (and her mother)

**Carolyn and Jim Wolfe**

##### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **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 the Congregation:

**Fran Alwood**, mother of Jennie Alwood

**Ken Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

**Camilla Crampton**, friend of Mal King

**Heath Huberg**, friend of Kathy Parkins

**Doug Neece**, brother of Vernon Neece

**Charlie Ramos**, great-nephew of Nora Tubbs Tisdale

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Bob Warren**, father of Dawn Carsey

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Carl Rist*

Narthex Greeter: *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Kathy Conner* (counter), *Bob Pleasants, John Mozart, El Hess*

**The Week at a Glance!**

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship:</b> Myrtlefest potluck picnic with music on the grounds</p>	<p><b>Monday, July 1</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, July 2</b></p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> All Staff</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Youth at Pelican's SnoBalls</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, July 3</b></p> <p><b>No Bell Choir</b> <b>No Chancel Choir</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, July 4</b></p>  <p><b>The Church Office is closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, July 5</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, July 6</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, July 7</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Summer Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship and Communion (Joe Harvard, preaching)</p> <p><b>After Worship:</b> Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p><b>5:30 – 7:30 PM</b> Great Big Church Family Festival at Mt. Bethel PC</p>

**Great Big Church Family Festival (GBCFF) Part II**

**Mt. Bethel Presbyterian of Durham** is hosting the second of three festival nights **next Sunday, July 7**. Service projects for their night will be focused on helping our veterans. The cost of the meal is \$5 per individual; \$10 per family. If your youth need summer service hours, they can acquire those by helping prepare for the evening and participating in the event (up to three hours available). Please come for dinner and help with the service project. Community Service volunteer forms will be available for youth at registration. Mt. Bethel is located at 3541 Rose of Sharon Rd, Durham. For more information, call **Rebecca Harvard Barnes** at Mt. Bethel: 919-383-3854.

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