



Be not forgetful to
entertain strangers,
for thereby, some have
entertained
Angels unawares.
Hebrews 13:2

First Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

"Deep River"

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Dennis Janzer

***INTROIT**

"Steal Away to Jesus"

Traditional Spiritual

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.

Steal away, steal away home: I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;

The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Micah 6:8)

Wilson Gunn

Leader: What does the Holy One require of us?

People: **To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Wilson Gunn

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need.

We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us.

Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you,

that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

Wilson Gunn

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Breitweiser

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of justice and mercy, by your Holy Spirit inspire us through your word, and shape our lives according to your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 2:4-13

(Pew Bible, OT Page 699)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* Those who are able, please stand.

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

(Read responsively)

Leader: Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
 People: **“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**
 Leader: Yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.
 People: **So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices.**
 Leader: Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
 People: **I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.**
 Leader: Those who hate the Lord would cringe in fear, and their punishment would last forever.
 People: **But I would feed you with the finest wheat and satisfy you with honey from the rock.”**
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

(Pew Bible, NT Page 227)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON*“Entertaining Angels”*

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*) Wilson Gunn

We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe that the church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged.

We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged, who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others.

HYMN NO. 301Let Us Build a House**Two Oaks*

During the last verse of the hymn, children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for “A Time with the Children.”

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

(Following “A Time with Children,” children may join their parents and siblings as they go back to their seats, or return to the playroom.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Cheryl Henry

Offertory Solo

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Maddie Brigman, soprano

*In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,
 You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,
 You may have all of this world, give me Jesus.*

*Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,
 You may have all of this world, give me Jesus. Nobody but Jesus.*

Doxology with AlleluiasLasst uns erfreuen*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

LITANY OF LABOR AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Cheryl Henry

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose. Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living. Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

People: **You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.**

Leader: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow;
for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists;
for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures;
for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians;
for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who think and those who create;
for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians;
for those who write books and those who entertain:

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses;
for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers;
for those who market products and for those who move them:

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us;
for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants;
those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness;
for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids;
for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies;
for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers;
for those who chart and those who navigate:

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

People: **You provide us opportunities to use them,
for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.**

Leader: Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

People: **Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

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.**

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

May the God of mystery take you to unexpected places,
May the God of humility teach you to serve without pride,
May the God of wisdom inspire your work in the kingdom;
And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
be with you now and always.

***POSTLUDE**

Marching to Zion

Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Robert Buckley Farley

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 August 25, we welcomed 31 visitors to worship.

Thanks to *Maddie Brigman* for sharing her musical gifts with us in worship today. Maddie is a senior at the Durham School of the Arts.

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

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), *Feasting on the Word*, and *Call to Worship*.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to *Elizabeth and Dustin Bass* on the birth of a son. *Clark Stephen Bass* was born August 27th. He joins older sister Bennett. The happy grandparents are *Ed and Caroline Pritchett*.

Marriage Announcement: Congratulations to *Lewis McCorkle* and *Virginia Selden* who were married in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 31st. Lewis is the son of *Wendy and Mac McCorkle*.

Chuck Barenchi, at Hillcrest following a brief hospital stay
Paul Cornsweet, at Duke Hospital recovering from surgeries
Franzi Rokoske and her mother, *Christina Zabolitski*

Home:

Margaret Mubanga *Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett*
Joseph Ngumi *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: *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, companion of Mal King

Ralph Edwards, grandfather of Amy Wilson
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



mur-mur stilled:
all is right:
cho-sen band:
take your part:

to God all praise and glo-ry!

719 Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b

while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b

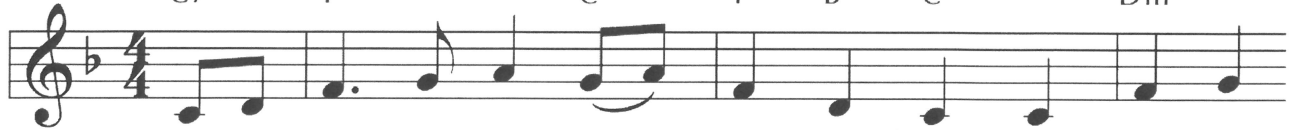
ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B \flat C Dm



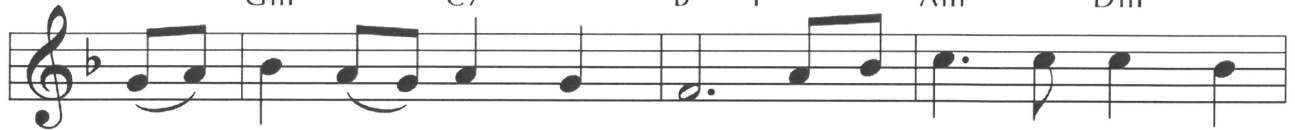
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B \flat F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B \flat



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.



Congregations Bridge Divisions Across Ethnic, Racial and Religious Lines

June 20, 2019 by Pat Cole

Racially charged violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, sent shockwaves of fear and grief across the United States on an August weekend in 2017. Like many other Americans, Presbyterian pastor Jon Brown was distraught to the point of numbness, but on the following Monday morning his hope was renewed. His spirits were lifted by dozens of elementary-aged children who had gathered for Peace Camp at the congregation he serves, Old Bergen Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. “To see children of different races, ethnicities and faith traditions singing, laughing and creating together was a powerful medicine for all of us in that moment,” he said. The four-day event, which had been planned for months, drew nearly 100 children. It was sponsored by Christian congregations, a synagogue and a mosque in Jersey City, one of the most ethnically, racially and religiously diverse communities in the U.S.

Presbyterians from across the country, through their gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, played a role in the camp’s success. The neighborliness theme was developed with help from a curriculum published by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, a ministry that relies on Peace & Global Witness Offering gifts. The curriculum draws a connection to *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood*, a PBS program that was created and hosted by the late Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian minister. The idea for Peace Camp originated in an interfaith clergy group. Members had developed friendships and stood in solidarity against threats of violence against mosques and synagogues. “So, it only made sense that we instill that same sense of being good neighbors in this generation of children,” Brown said. The children learned about ways to resolve conflicts and how to handle angry and sad feelings. They brainstormed about what is needed for a good neighborhood and built model neighborhoods out of cardboard boxes and other materials. They also learned about the elements of a virtuous neighborhood from resource people such as a police officer, librarian, teacher and public health official.

Gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering help Presbyterian congregations implement creative ideas like Peace Camp. *A Season of Peace*, which begins today, leads up to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Like most congregations, FPC will receive the offering on October 6, which is World Communion Sunday. Twenty-five percent of the offering is retained by congregations for local ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation, another 25 percent will support these ministries at the mid council level, and the remaining 50 percent supports the peacemaking and reconciliation ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

Join us on Sunday, September 8

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Membership Inquiry Class

The Membership Inquiry Class explores what membership at First Presbyterian Church entails, but is not a pre-requisite for membership. This set of three classes will be held on Sundays from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor beginning September 8. Contact Marilyn Hedgpeth for more information about this class and how to become a member of FPC (m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511 x 220).

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

followed by a Fellowship Lunch and Sabbatical Presentation

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship for a free lunch and presentation by Mindy Douglas about her sabbatical.

(Parents of middle and high school youth will meet over lunch in the East Parlor from 12:15-12:45.)

New Support Group for Caregivers

First meeting is September 8

Are you a caregiver, family member, or a friend of someone with Alzheimer's or dementia? A Caregiver Support Group is gathering in September to offer educational and emotional coping support in a confidential setting with trained facilitators. This support group will be open to the community, and will meet monthly on second Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. in the East Parlor. Laura McNab is the facilitator and can be reached at 843-222-1718 or lhmcnab@gmail.com.

Sunday Evening Youth Groups

Groups begin September 8

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Middle Schoolers in Watts-Hill Hall

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. High Schoolers in Watts-Hill Hall

For information about activities for youth, contact John Weicher, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families at 919-682-5511 x 213 (office); 610-368-2889 (mobile/text); j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org (email).

New Book Study: *Holy Envy*

First discussion is September 8

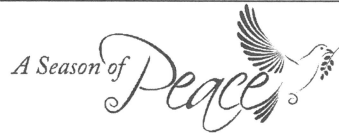
“*Who Is My Faith Neighbor?*” is an experiential learning class for adults who may or may not have children or youth in programs on Sunday evenings. Using Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Holy Envy*, we will discuss religious plurality in the Durham area, and observe how others express their faith. Visits are planned to the Sikh Gurudwara, Judea Reform, Ar Razzaq Masjid and The Durham Friends Congregation. The visits will take place at various times, but our discussions will be on Sunday evenings, September 8 – November 24 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. To register and get a book, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth.

Alleluia Children's Choir

First practice is September 8


First Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian Church are offering a new joint choir for children called the Alleluia Children's Choir. We will do some exciting anthems with instruments and drums and also sing in languages other than English. The children (grades 2-5) will meet at FPC on Sundays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The choir will be conducted by Dr. Brennetta Simpson, a Music Education professor at North Carolina Central University, who is very experienced in working with children. Contact Kathy Parkins (919-682-5511 x 219 or k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org) to register your child(ren) for the choir and for more information.

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



September 1 – October 6

This Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today After Worship Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)</p>	<p>Monday, September 2</p>  <p>Church Office and Day School Closed</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 3</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff Meeting</p> <p><i>Newsletter today</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, September 4</p> <p>6:30 PM Choirs' Potluck at the home of Kathy Parkins</p> <p><i>Center for Progressive Renewal interviewing church staff</i></p>
<p>Thursday, September 5</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p> <p><i>Center for Progressive Renewal interviewing church staff</i></p>	<p>Friday, September 6</p>	<p>Saturday, September 7</p> <p>6:00 PM SCRATCH Potluck at the home of Jenna Kneepkens-Susen and Matt Susen</p>	<p>Sunday, September 8 <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School Membership Inquiry Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship & Communion</p> <p>After Worship: Lunch & Presentation / Youth Parents' Meeting</p> <p>2:00 PM Caregivers' Support Group (East Parlor)</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p>5:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir / Book Study: <i>Holy Envy</i></p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: **Bob Breitweiser**

Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **Leah Graves** (rear/narthex), **Griffin Momsen-Hudson** (side/font)

Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head), **John Mozart** (counter), **El Hess**

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