



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Peacemaking

Sue Fricks

### PRELUDE

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Charles Callahan

### \*INTROIT

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

*Aberystwyth*

*Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.  
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 79)

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Quickly, O Lord, may your mercies overtake us, for we have sunk very low.

People: **Help us, rescuing God of our salvation;**

**Deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 385

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*Old Hundredth*

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. You lead us by cords of compassion, yet we fail to act compassionately towards those in distress and pain. You forgive our debts, yet we fail to forgive those indebted to us. Is there no balm to make us whole? Purge our thoughts of resentment and conceit, and free us to respond to your holy word with deeds and words of love. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, so that we may faithfully obey your will. In righteousness remake us, and through Christ, restore us.**

Silent Confession

Response (Hymn No. 792, verse 2)

*Balm in Gilead*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;*

*There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,*

*And if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;*

*There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Assurance of Pardon

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

\* Those who are able, please stand.

All: **Rescuing God, you hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON** 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Pew Bible, NT Page 206)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1 (Pew Bible, OT Page 709)

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People: **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM LESSON** (read responsively) Psalm 79 (Translation by Robert Alter)

Leader: <sup>1</sup>God, nations have come into your estate, they have defiled your holy temple.

They have turned Jerusalem to ruins.

People: <sup>2</sup>**They have given your servants' corpses as food to the fowl of the heavens, the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup>They have spilled their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there is none to bury them.

People: <sup>4</sup>**We have become a disgrace to our neighbors, scorn and contempt to all round us.**

Leader: <sup>5</sup>How long, O Lord, will you rage forever, your fury burn like fire?

People: <sup>6</sup>**Pour out your wrath on the nations that did not know you and on the kingdoms that did not call on your name.**

Leader: <sup>7</sup>For they have devoured Jacob and his habitation laid waste.

People: <sup>8</sup>**Do not call to mind against us our forebears' crimes.**

**Quickly, may your mercies overtake us, for we have sunk very low.**

Leader: <sup>9</sup>Help us, our rescuing God, for your name's glory, and save us and atone for our sins for the sake of your name.

People: <sup>10</sup>**Why should the nations say, "Where is their god?"**

**Let it be known among the nations before our eyes – the vengeance for your servants' spilled blood.**

Leader: <sup>11</sup>Let the captive's groan come before you, by your arm's greatness unbind those marked for death.

People: <sup>12</sup>**And give back to our neighbors sevenfold to their bosom their insults that they heaped on you, Master.**

All: <sup>13</sup>**But we are your people and the flock that you tend.**

**We acclaim you forever.**

**From generation to generation we recount your praise.**

**SERMON** "Lament, Vent, and Repent" Marilyn Hedgpeth

*(Pause for silent reflection.)*

**\*HYMN NO. 430** *Remember Not, O God* Southwell

**\*LITANY OF WISDOM** (from *A Book of a Thousand Prayers*) John Weicher

Leader: Lord Jesus, teacher, this is what you want us to learn, not the world's wisdom, but God's, and so we pray, awaken us to our need of you in our lives,

People: **And you will give us your life.**

*(The Litany continues on the next page.)*

Leader: Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world,  
People: **And you will make us strong through our tears.**  
Leader: Give us humility to admit our failures,  
People: **And you will bring treasure out of them.**  
Leader: Make us hungry for justice,  
People: **And you will give us food that lasts.**  
Leader: Help us to see others through your eyes,  
People: **And you will show us ourselves with love.**  
Leader: Show us how to practice what we preach,  
People: **And we will see God in everyone.**  
Leader: Support us in standing firm for the truth, even when it costs,  
People: **And the truth will always make us free.**

#### \*THE PEACE

John Weicher

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

*During the passing of the peace, 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

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*(Following "A Time with Children," children may return to the playroom or remain with their parents and siblings in the sanctuary.)*

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

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

Leader: Help us, our rescuing God,  
People: **For your name's glory.**

(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

Mindy Douglas

Offertory Anthem

*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

Marilyn Biery

*Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress*

*Come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.*

*Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden's light;*

*Do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.*

*Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.*

*Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.*

*Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear.*

*Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.*

*(Following the anthem, please come forward with your **Hunger for Change Offering** and place it in the basket at the chancel.)*

\*Doxology with Alleluias

*Lasst 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!*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

All: **For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. We will give you thanks forever and show forth your praise from age to age. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 436

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us  
(Visitors, feel free to excuse yourselves from worship during this hymn  
if you do not wish to remain for the meeting.)*

*O Quanta Qualia*

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mindy Douglas

Report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Vote on the candidate for the installed position of Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

#### \*BENEDICTION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

*Aberystwyth*, arr. Ashley Grote

*The Alleluia Children's Choir will practice in the choir room this afternoon  
from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in preparation to sing here during worship on next Sunday.*

**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 September 15, we welcomed 27 visitors to worship.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God by **Jim and Carolyn Harrar Wolfe** in memory of Carolyn's parents, **E. S. (Scotty) and Marion Harrar**, and Carolyn's sister, **Joanne Harrar**.

**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 *A Book of a Thousand Prayers*.

About the **bulletin cover**: "Balm of Gilead," from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN, was retrieved September 19, 2019 from the following source location: <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57059>

#### **The Sunday Afternoon Book Study continues . . .**

We will meet this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the Education building, room 205, to continue our discussion of the book, *Holy Envy*. A second faith community visit is planned to Judea Reform Congregation on Friday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Contact Marilyn Hedgpeth ([m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org)) for more information about this experiential class.

## ~ Our Concerns ~

### Added this week:

*Frances H. Kennedy*, mother of Emily Wilkins, recovering from a fall

*Jeannine Romines*, mother of Karen Romines, recovering from knee surgery

*Renee Zimmerman*, friend of Emily Wilkins, recovering from a fall

*Chuck Barenchi*, recovering at Pettigrew Rehabilitation Center, Durham

*Paul Cornsweet*, recovering at Treyburn Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Durham

### Home:

*Margaret Mubanga*

*Joseph Ngumi*

*Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett*

*Carolyn and Jim Wolfe*

### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

Coasdaile 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

*Heath Huberg*, friend of Kathy Parkins

*Ken Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss

*Doug Neece*, brother of Vern Neece

*Camilla Crampton*, companion of Mal King

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*Ralph Edwards*, grandfather of Amy Wilson

*Bob Warren*, father of Dawn Carsey



If you would like to help victims of Hurricane Dorian in their recovery efforts, you may give through **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**. Go to their website for more info: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/>. This PDA account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to enable a significant response for relief and recovery from hurricanes and typhoons that cause widespread destruction in the United States and internationally. **Church World Service** is also providing relief and recovery to hurricane victims. Their information is available from the tables in the foyer and narthex.

### **The Hunger for Change Offering**



The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

40% - Local Hunger Programs

10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering.

## ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: *Jane Wettach* (rear/narthex), *Lenore Champion* (side/font)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Stephen Berry* (counter),

*Michael Honeycutt, Dale Gaddis, John Mozart*

OUR  
OFFICE HOURS  
ARE  
CHANGING!

PRIDE  
  
DURHAM ★ NC

**Effective Monday, September 23**, the church office/administrative staff will begin operating on a new schedule.

**Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Volunteers will be at the desk to answer the phone and assist people at the door from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Walk-in Ministry will continue to see clients on Mondays and Thursdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

A volunteer will be at the desk to answer the phone and assist people at the door from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The church office is not staffed on Saturdays or Sundays.

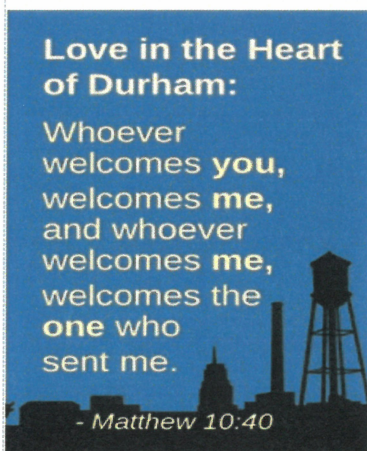
**Durham's Pride Festival and Parade**

Come celebrate and walk with our LGBTQIA+ friends, neighbors, and allies in the Durham Pride Parade on **Saturday, September 28!** We will gather at 10:00 a.m., with the parade starting at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to walk in the parade, please email Laurie Williamson ([laurie@laurieandmatt.com](mailto:laurie@laurieandmatt.com)). She will follow up with those interested to coordinate walkers, signs, color, and flair!

**Building Connections . . . Across Generations**

**Sunday, September 29, 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.**

Adults, be prepared for some special visitors to come bearing gifts to your Sunday School classes on September 29th. The Christian Education Committee has paired the children's and youth classes with adult classes so that you might get to know each other a little better and build connections between young and old. Research has shown that connections with others leads to better health, and helps children and adults deal with stress better. Not to mention that it improves brain function (something that we all could use)! **So, adult classes, wrap up your lesson early on next Sunday morning, and expect some visitors at around 10:30 with a tasty treat for you to enjoy together, and an activity to do to meet some new friends.** Show hospitality! Tell them about your class! Enjoy each other! Make new friends!



**Stewardship Season Kickoff Luncheon**

Next Sunday, September 29, immediately following the worship service, the Stewardship Committee will give a presentation around the theme: "*Love in the Heart of Durham*," while we enjoy a free lunch prepared by Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield. Childcare will be available during the luncheon.

**RSVP** via the Evite or use the reservation card in today's bulletin if you plan to join us. One response per household is needed by September 25. Stewardship packets, personalized by pledging units, will be available for pick up next Sunday in the foyer. Dedication Sunday is October 27<sup>th</sup>.

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
aid he did us make; we are his folk; he  
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

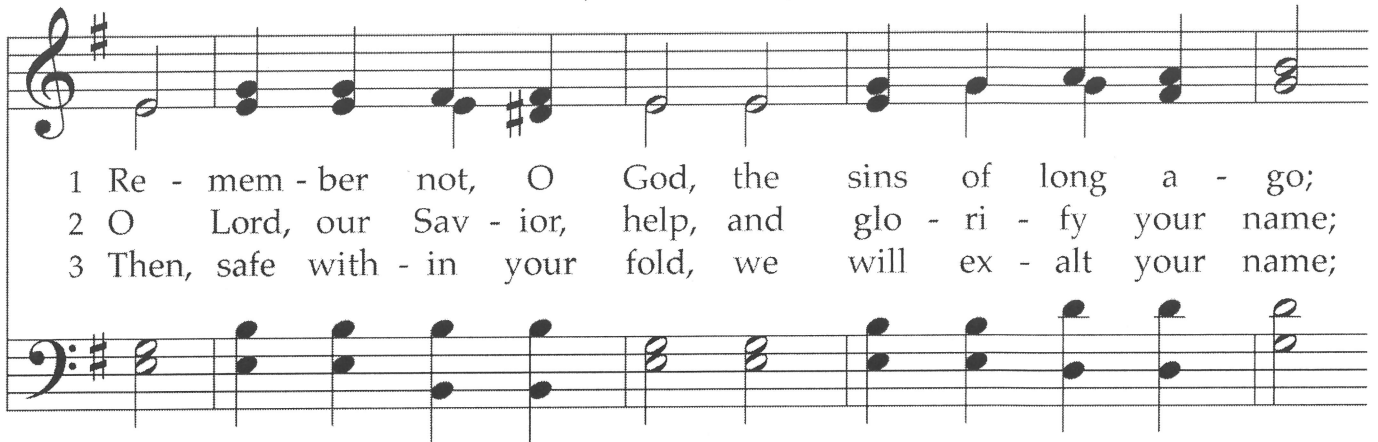
praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.  
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.



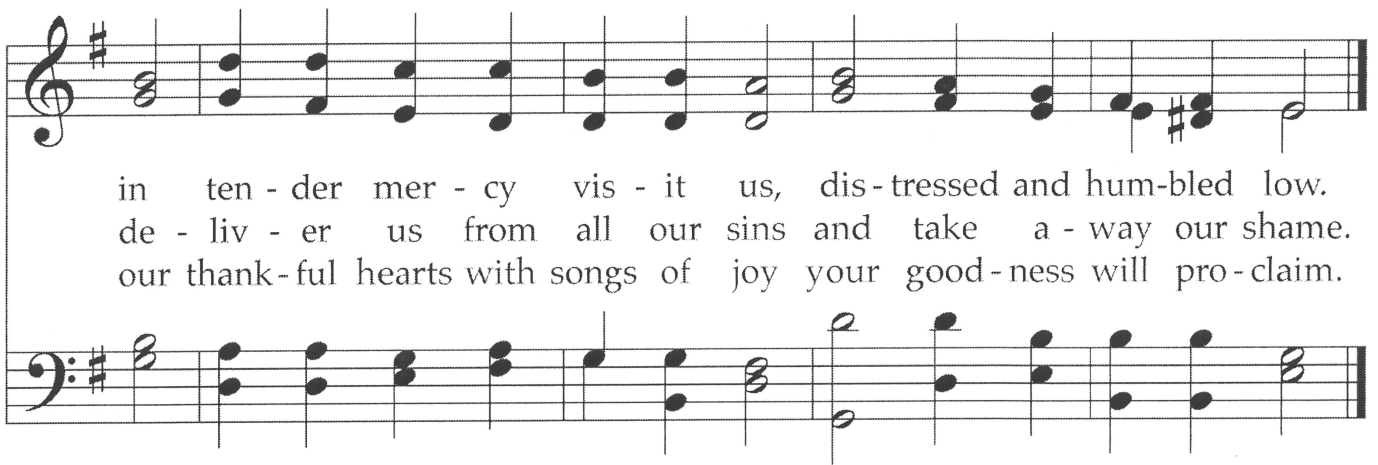
# Remember Not, O God

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(Psalm 79)



1 Re - mem - ber not, O God, the sins of long a - go;  
2 O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, and glo - ri - fy your name;  
3 Then, safe with - in your fold, we will ex - alt your name;



in ten - der mer - cy vis - it us, dis - tressed and hum - bled low.  
de - liv - er us from all our sins and take a - way our shame.  
our thank - ful hearts with songs of joy your good - ness will pro - claim.

# God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

## Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,  
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.  
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.  
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,  
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,  
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.  
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.  
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

## This Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Today</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>End of Worship</b> Congregational Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b> Middle School Youth</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 – 6:00 PM</b> Alleluia Children's Choir Book Study: <i>Holy Envy</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 – 6:30 PM</b> Youth Groups Supper</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b> High School Youth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, September 23</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 PM</b> Time Out Radio Show (Bill Hendrickson interviews Miguel and Margaret Rubiera – listen live on FM103.5 or online at wcomfm.org )</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM</b> Diaconate</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:30 PM</b> Joint Officers' Supper</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, September 24</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:30 AM</b> Daytimers' Luncheon at Bennett Pointe Grill</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2:30 PM</b> All Staff</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 – 7:00 PM</b> Reading and math tutoring at Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, September 25</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 AM</b> High Schoolers Midweek Morning Meal at Joe Van Gogh</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 PM</b> Bell Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, September 26</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:00 AM – 12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30 – 11:00 AM</b> FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, September 27</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 AM</b> FPC Men at Nosh's Cafe</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 PM</b> Book Study Class visits Judea Reform Congregation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, September 28</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 AM</b> FPC marches in Durham Pride Parade (The Pride Festival begins at 10:00 a.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, September 29</b> <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School with Intergenerational Surprise</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship (Alleluia Children's Choir sings during worship.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>After Worship:</b> Stewardship Season Kickoff Luncheon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b> Middle School Youth</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 PM</b> No Children's Choir Book Study: <i>Holy Envy</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 – 6:30 PM</b> Youth Groups Supper</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b> High School Youth</p>

### 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

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