

God knows my name.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S SABBATH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Children's Sabbath

October 20, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Stewardship

Karen Romines

PRELUDE (Handbell Choir)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

English Hymn,
arr. Susan Geschke

INTROIT

All Ye People, Young and Old

Harmonized by J.S. Bach

*All ye people, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold;
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts.*

From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:

"Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Izzy Allison-Pleasants

Leader: Oh, how I love all that you've shown us; I meditate on it all day long.

People: **Your commands, always with me, make me wiser than my enemies;**

Leader: I've gained more understanding than my teachers,
since I've pondered and absorbed your counsel.

People: **I understand more than the aged; how sweet are your words to my taste.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 487

These Treasured Children

Puer Nobis Nascitur

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thilo Fullenkamp

Call to Prayer (Leader)

Because God listens for our voice, hears us when we call, and responds to our prayers,
let us share with God the things that trouble our hearts. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Dear God, you are a great and awesome God. Today we come to you in a prayer of confession.
We are sorry for the many things we have done that are wrong in your eyes. We are also sorry
for all the things we should have done but we didn't do. We are asking now for forgiveness for
these things, and for other things that we have done wrong and don't even know about. Please
forgive us. In your name alone we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon (Leader)

Friends of Christ, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed since childhood,
that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Response (all sing - Hymn No. 188, verse 1)

Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

* Those who are able, please stand.

BLESSING OF THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN (Infants – 2nd graders) Marilyn Hedgpeth

(The children are dismissed to their parents or the playroom.)

COLLECT FOR THE DAY Webb Cummings

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray

All: **God our Mother and Father, we come to you as children. Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes, hear one another with new hearts, and treat one another in a new way. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 4:11-12 (Pew Bible, NT Page 209)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE BOOKS TO 3RD AND 4TH GRADERS Katherine Whitmore

Webb Cummings

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN (3rd - 5th graders) Mindy Douglas

HYMN NO. 474 *As a Child Rests (Psalm 131)* *As a Child Rests*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Pew Bible, OT Page 735)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Laura McDow, reader

GOSPEL READING Luke 18:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT Page 81)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"Don't Lose Heart, People!"* Marilyn Hedgpeth

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison) (From The United Church of Canada) Sam Miglarese

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN NO. 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Griffin Momsen-Hudson

(In your pews, you will find crayons, pencils, chalk, Band-Aids®, and pens. Please take one, and when referenced in the prayer, hold it up. Afterwards, you are encouraged to take your item home and pray for those whom it symbolizes.)

(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.

BLESSING OF YOUTH

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Sam Miglarese

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Loves the Little Children

George F. Root,

arr. Brian A. Schmidt

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.*

Jesus loves the children of this world.

*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!

*LITANY OF COMMITMENT ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN

Leader: When some are encouraged and others disheartened,

People: **We have not spoken your word of hope.**

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, for the ways we have not lived up to:

People: **The scope of your vision, the depth of your love, the wideness of your embrace.**

Leader: God of all and not just some,

People: **Help us to embody your love and speak your justice until all children
live into the fullness of the promise for which you created them.**

All: **We pray these things in the name of Jesus who came for all and not just some. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 547

Go My Children, with My Blessing

Ar Hyd Y Nos

*(Visitors, feel free to excuse yourselves from worship during this hymn
if you do not wish to remain for the meeting.)*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mindy Douglas

(Vote to dissolve pastoral relationships)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Keith Kolander

Following worship, all are invited to Watts-Hill Hall for our monthly fellowship lunch. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal. Payment can be made by credit card through Square or by Text Giving (instructions on table in foyer). **During lunch**, we will receive the 2018-2019 Annual Report and hear a presentation from the Long Range Planning Team. You will then be invited to divide into small groups, led by planning team members, to further discuss the priorities and goals of FPC as we look to our future together in the city of Durham.

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 October 13, we welcomed 25 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* today are given by *Carol and Wes Carson* to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents; *Matty Lynn Stine, Bryan Stine, Wilma Carson, and Robert Carson*.

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 liturgy* are taken from The National Observance of Children's Sabbath Celebration 2019, published by the Children's Defense Fund.

Today's *bulletin cover* is a coloring page of the burning bush, artwork from our 2s, 3s and 4s classroom.

~ Our Concerns ~

CONDOLENCES to *Laura Casteel and family* on the death of her father, *James Lawrence Casteel*, who died recently from colon cancer; and to the *family and friends of Heath Huberg* who died October 13 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Updates this week:

Barbara Gerwe, recovering from surgery at home

Philip Herndon

Joseph Ngumi, a patient at Duke Hospital (celebrates a birthday on October 23)

Cynthia Shimer, recovering from surgery

Harlee Yoder, granddaughter of Bob and Lina Yoder, hospitalized at Duke Hospital

Home:

Chuck Barenchi

Margaret Mubanga

Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

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*

Treyburn Rehab & Nursing Center: *Paul Cornsweet*

Family/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

Frances H. Kennedy, mother of Emily Wilkins

Jodi Koviach, friend of Amy Cummings

Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece

Jeannine Romines, mother of Karen Romines

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

Renee Zimmerman, friend of Emily Wilkins

Seniors Fall Luncheon

Wednesday, October 23

11:30 a.m. – Reception (East Parlor)

12 Noon – Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)

Orrin Pilkey will give a presentation titled, “*The future of American Shorelines in a Rising Sea Level: A Disaster in the Making.*” Pilkey is a James B. Duke Professor Emeritus at Duke University. He has written or edited more than 40 books about beaches, barrier islands, and the politics of beach engineering and predictive mathematical modeling. All seniors are welcome to attend. **RSVP to the church office (919-682-5511) by Monday, October 21.** Be sure to indicate if you will need transportation or will require a special diet. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal. NOTE: This luncheon replaces the Daytimers' luncheon for October.

Reformation Sunday / Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, October 27

Pledges will be dedicated and new members will be introduced during worship.

Please remember to bring your completed pledge form with you to worship. Questions related to the pledging process should be directed to Tom Bloom, Business Administrator, at 919-682-5511 x 216.

Dinner and Documentary Discussion

“Resilience, the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope”

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Childcare will be available upon request. There is no cost for the meal.

*****Please make a meal reservation by responding to the EVITE or completing the MEAL RESERVATION form in today's bulletin. *****

Our friends from Covenant Presbyterian have been invited to join us.

Through shared testimonials and research, James Redford's documentary “Resilience” opens eyes to the toxicity of stress in the lives of children and youth, and the antidote of building strong relationships to counter that stress. It presents big questions that are creeping into multiple fields of work and society around issues of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, lower life expectancy and increasing incidence of heart disease and cancer that are afflicting our children and youth. While this sounds dire, the film emits positive energy as to how we might unite to combat these Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's, as they are called). First Presbyterian Church has been invited by Prevent Child Abuse NC to take part in a pilot program aimed at reaching out to faith communities to increase awareness of situations that lead to ACE's, and also to be part of the solution in building connections that foster resilience in children and youth. All are welcome to join us. An accurate head count is needed for the meal. Our own Sharon Hirsch is the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse, NC, and the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring the Dinner and Documentary.

A Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee is now calling for nominations of persons to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, whose charge will be to present a candidate to fill the installed position of Associate Pastor currently held by Marilyn Hedgpeth who is retiring. A nomination form is enclosed in today's bulletin. The nominations deadline is November 3, 2019.

These Treasured Children

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1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them

us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with

heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

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As a Child Rests

(Psalm 131)

Refrain

As a child rests in its moth-er's arms, so will I rest in you.



As a child rests in its moth-er's arms, so will I rest in you.



- 1 My God, I am not proud. I do not look for things too great.
- 2 My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.
- 3 O Is - rael, trust in God, now and al - ways trust in God.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

(G)

(D/F#)

(A7)

(D)

E^bA^bE^b/GB^b7E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)

(D)

(G)

(A)

B^bE^bA^bB^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)

(D)

(F#m7)

(G)

(A)

A^bE^b

Gm7

A^bB^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)

(D/F#)

(G)

(D)

Cm

E^b/GA^bE^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort


ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

~ Children and Youth of First Presbyterian Church ~

Millie (Sibu) Admay	Eleanor Cole	Carrie Johnson	Francis Njoroge
Izzy Allison-Pleasants	Nathaniel Cole	Samuel Johnson	Ana Profeta
Nora Allison-Pleasants	Anna Compton	James Jones	Duncan Profeta
David Armstrong	Giselle Cowden	Max Austin Jones	Cesar Ramirez
Vanessa Armstrong	Seth Cowden	Art Kelley	Cordelia Ramont
Dot Barron	Robbie Creadick	Charlie Kelley	Mattie Ramont
Ruby Barron	Doran Cummings	Henry Kelley	Noah Rokoske
Bennett Virginia Bass	Isa Cummings	Camille Kerner	Alex Sanchez
Clark Stephen Bass	Webb Cummings	Rowe Kinnett	Carlos Sanchez
Luke Braxton Bennett	Graham Curtis	Jack Kost	Annalise Short
Colin Bethune	Noah Dillon	Dylan Law	Daniel Short
Juliet Bethune	Rory Dillon	Isaac Law	Gretchen Sims
Barbara Ann Boggs	Anna Ruth Durham Diy	Maryn Leonard	Karl Sims
Catherine Boggs	Brynn Leigh Ellison	Nelly Njoroge Machuku	Lily Snell
Thomas Boggs	Colin Jeffrey Ellison	Charlotte Maxwell	Sophie Snell
Camille Bonner	Catherine Everett	Ariel Mbah	Evelyn Walters
Lily Brigman	Ellie Everett	Lomituzi Mbilika	Penny Walters
Maddie Brigman	Henry Everett	Kim Mbugua	Willow Walters
Annabelle Brown	Minna Fullenkamp	Njoki Mbugua	Sean Wehrman
Clarabelle Brown	Thilo Fullenkamp	Archie McClure	Sheya Wehrman
Evelyn Brown	John Hansel	Maeve McClain-Huslage	Lucy Weicher
Isabel Brown	Natalie Hansel	Rhys McClain-Huslage	Tate Weicher
Logan Brown	Eloise House	Laura McDow	Sophie Wilkins
Megan Buchanan	Lee Weldon House	Dayton Meade	Cora Williamson
David Carrasco	Brandon Hyland	Mary Ellis Merritt	Jack Williamson
Diana Carrasco	William Hyland	William Merritt	Julia Wilson
Jake Chambliss	Aiden James	Ben Miles	James Lancaster Wilson
Maggie Chambliss	Jett Jocius	Jackson Miles	
Kayla Champion	Lyra Jocius	Griffin Momsen-Hudson	



This Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship Congregational Lunch w/ Long Range Planning Team presentation</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth at Farm Church</p> <p>5:00 PM Book Study: <i>Holy Envy</i> No Children's Choir No High School Youth</p>	<p>Monday, October 21</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 AM FPC at preparing lunch bags at Durham Urban Ministry Café</p> <p>6:30 PM Personnel Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 22</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>3:30 PM FPC Staff</p> <p>6:00 PM Finance & Investment Committee</p> <p>No Daytimers' Luncheon</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 23</p> <p>12 Noon Seniors Fall Luncheon (gather at 11:30 in East Parlor)</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, October 24</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Durham Urban Ministry Café</p>	<p>Friday, October 25</p> <p>8:00 AM FPC Men of Faith Breakfast / Conversation at Nosh's Cafe</p> <p>6:30 PM First Friends & Families Potluck at the home of Susan Dunlap and Prasad Kasibhatla</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Grounds Workday</p> <p>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM New Hope Presbytery at FPC, Smithfield</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir at Covenant PC</p> <p>4:00 PM Scratch Potluck and Pumpkin Carving at the home of Kate McCann and Tim Bonner</p>	<p>Sunday, October 27</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Stewardship Sunday / Dedication of Pledges</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship <i>The Hunger for Change Offering will be received</i></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> Dinner and Discussion of "Resilience" documentary No High School Youth Group</p>

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