

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

John Hughes

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 95)

Susan Dunlap

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

People: **For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. We will know of your power as we listen for your voice!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing)

Susan Dunlap

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (from John 4:5-24)

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done.**

**We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.**

**We commit ourselves to things that will never last.**

**We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, our Way in the wilderness,  
guide us, by your Word, through these forty days,  
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Exodus 17:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 4:5-42

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Mindy Douglas

*(silent reflection)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

Mindy Douglas

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

John Weicher

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

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

**When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

(from Psalm 42:1-2)

Leader: Let us pray.

(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.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

John Weicher

**CLOSING PRAYER** *(from Sarum Primer)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**POSTLUDE**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

John Dykes

*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. On March 8, we welcomed 17 visitors to worship.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *When We Gather* and *Feasting on the Word*.

## Lenten Book Study

At the present time, Mindy Douglas plans to continue the study of *Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World* by Serene Jones. The study is held on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the East Parlor. The book is available for purchase through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

### ~ Our Concerns ~

*Jaxon Buck*, son of Susan Buck and Lenore Champion, serving 27 months in the Peace Corps in Madagascar  
*Conrad Carter*, recovering from surgery  
*Susan Ewald*  
*Margaret Mubanga*  
*Susan Seahorn*

#### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*  
Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*  
Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): *Arthur Clark*  
Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*  
Emerald Pond: *Paul Cornsweet*  
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*  
Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: *Jean Lazarides*  
Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: *Phillip Herndon*  
The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

#### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

*Jennie Bodkin*, sister of Mindy Douglas  
*Ken Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss  
*Camilla Crampton*, companion of Mal King  
*Chris Kovach*, friend of Jeanne Hervey  
*Doug Neece*, brother of Vern Neece  
*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss  
*Judy Wood*, mother of Sharon Hirsch

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## EVENT CANCELLATIONS

### **Iglesia Emanuel's Annual Ministry Celebration**

Unfortunately, the **Iglesia Emanuel Dinner Celebration**, scheduled to take place on March 28, has been **cancelled** out of respect for the current widespread health concerns over the coronavirus. The event will be rescheduled, possibly for early fall. Please keep in mind the needs of many of the most vulnerable members of our community during this challenging time. If you have further questions, or would like to find tangible ways to provide additional support to our immigrant families, contact Margaret Rubiera at [margaretmr29@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com).

**The 46<sup>th</sup> CROP Hunger Walk** scheduled for **Sunday, April 5** has been cancelled. FPC's recruiter, Jody Maxwell will let us know how we can still support hunger relief in the absence of the annual CROP Walk.

## The Week at a Glance!

<b>Later Today</b> <b>All events cancelled</b>	<b>Monday, March 16</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 17</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> FPC Staff <b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship <b>5:00-600 PM</b> Lenten Study No Vox Men's Chorus The Finance & Investment Committee will not meet.  <b>♣ St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>  No Handbell Choir No Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday, March 19</b>	<b>Friday, March 20</b>	<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	<b>Sunday, March 22</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>  No Sunday School  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship canceled  <b>No Youth Groups</b> <b>No Alleluia Children's</b> <b>Choir rehearsal</b>

### CHURCH STAFF

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



*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

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