

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*, verse 1)

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today,
People: **Alleluia!**
Leader: Earth and heaven in chorus say,
People: **Alleluia!**
Leader: Raise your joys and triumphs high,
People: **Alleluia!**
Leader: Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
People: **Alleluia!**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Everything is so broken,
O Creator of all things,
so cancelled,
so paused.**

We think we can fix it, of course.

We are smart.

We are competent.

We are American.

Forgive us for such pride and denial.

**Forgive us for playing the Lone Ranger,
when now, more than ever,
living in the world is a team sport.**

Teach us to rest, to be gentle, and to yield.

Turn our drive to fix into a faithful patience.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness (from *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*, verse 3)

Leader: Lives again our glorious King,
People: **Alleluia!**
Leader: Where, O death, is now thy sting?
People: **Alleluia!**
Leader: Once he died our souls to save,
People: **Alleluia!**
Leader: Where's thy victory, boasting grave?
People: **Alleluia!**

Response Hymn (refrain only)

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le -
lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Please bring the good news, O resurrecting God, to all of the hardest-to-get-to places: locked rooms, pandemic-addled brains, weary hearts. Your disciples, then and now, need it dearly. Amen.**

PSALTER READING

Psalm 16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Death in the Streets”

John Weicher

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

(Affirmation text continues next page.)

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Christ risen from the dead will never die again, alleluia.

People: **Death no longer has power over him, alleluia.**

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

CLOSING PRAYER

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. Open unto me,

People: **Light for my darkness.**

Leader: Courage for my fear.

People: **Hope for my despair.**

Leader: Peace for my turmoil.

People: **Joy for my sorrow.**

Leader: Strength for my weakness.

People: **Wisdom for my confusion.**

Leader: Forgiveness for my sins.

People: **Love for my hates.**

Leader: Thy Self for my self.

People: **Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.**

-Howard Thurman, 1900-1981

BENEDICTION

John Weicher

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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 April 12, 174 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

Portions of **today's worship texts and music** were taken from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal. Music reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

Church staff are working from their homes under the Stay-at-home Order for the state of North Carolina. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls and emails. Please read church emails and check our social media to stay up-to-date.

Children and Youth – Are you Connected?

If you are not receiving a separate weekly email connecting you to FPC online activities and events for children and youth, contact John Weicher to be added to the list.

Ways to Give to First Presbyterian Church

- Check made payable to First Presbyterian Church and mailed to the church
- Bill Pay initiated by you through your bank
- Direct Debit (monthly) from a checking account (contact church for required form)
- Text Giving (Contact Tom Bloom in the church office for instructions)
- Appreciated Stock (Contact Tom Bloom before initiating a stock transfer)
- Credit or Debit Card (Click DONATE on the church's website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>)
- Charitable Distribution from an IRA (For persons aged 70½; contact your IRA administrator)

~ Our Concerns ~

Margaret Mubanga

All who have been impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic

Care Communities:

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

Croasdaile Pavilion: ***Bob Rankin, Henderson Rourk***

Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): ***Arthur Clark***

Durham Regent: ***John Kerr, Ann Prospero***

Emerald Pond: ***Paul Cornsweet***

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:

Tiffany Barber, niece of Christyn Klinck

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Paula Cope, sister of Sam Miglarese

Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Dolores Ewald, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Called (virtual) Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a virtual Congregational Meeting for **next Sunday, April 26 following worship** for the purpose of receiving a report from the Nominating Committee, followed by the election of new officers and at-large members to the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee. Instructions on the election process will be provided this week by email, and for those without email, by US mail to the home addresses we have on file. Thank you for participating in this important decision making process at FPC.

Lenten Book Studies

The study of ***Call It Grace*** by Serene Jones and led by Mindy Douglas is meeting online on Tuesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. using Zoom. If you wish to join this discussion group, contact Mindy Douglas.

All are welcome to join the Women's Spirituality Group in a study of ***Helpmates, Harlots and Heroes*** by Alice Bellis, via Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 p.m. If you wish to join this discussion group, contact Deborah Momsen-Hudson.

Winesdays on Wednesdays goes Virtual

You are invited to FPC's Virtual **Wednesday Happy Hour** each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Join in with your beverage of choice! Contact Laurie Williamson for the link to join this group.

Iglesia Emanuel needs your help!

Iglesia Emanuel is receiving people with more needs than we are able to meet with our current level of resources. If you would like to help assist our vulnerable community, we would be grateful for any and all donations. The safest and most helpful way to contribute is by making a financial contribution at our website: <https://emanueldurham.org/>. If you prefer, you can notify us if you would like to drop off non-perishable food on the front steps of the church for us to collect. The most needed items are: cereal, rice, beans, pasta (including macaroni & cheese), canned food (soup, beans, fruit) and granola snacks for kids. Thank you very much for your generosity and concern in this time of need. Also, please continue to keep us in your prayers.

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For additional ways to help our community during the pandemic, go to FPC's website and click on **WAYS TO HELP** on the right-hand side of the homepage (<https://firstpres-durham.org>).

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Robert Daye, Sexton
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Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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