

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

“Exulta, filla Sion”

Claudio Moteverdi (1567-1643)

*Rejoice, daughter of Zion, cry praise, daughter of Jerusalem;
Behold thy king cometh, thy holy one, the Savior of the world (Zach. 9:9).*

*INTROIT

Freu Dich Sehr

Geneva Psalter, 1551

*Praise and thanks and adoration, Son of God, to you we give,
for you chose to serve creation, died that sinners all might live.
Dear Lord Jesus, guide my way; faithful let me day by day
follow where your steps are leading, find adventure, joys exceeding!
Hold me ever in your keeping, comfort me in pain and strife;
through my laughter and my weeping, lift me to a nobler life.
Draw my fervent love to you; constant hope and faith renew
in your birth, your life and passion, in your death and resurrection.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sam Miglarese

Leader: With our words and in our actions,
People: **Let us praise the living God.**
Leader: With our lips and in our lives,
People: **Let us glorify the Lord.**
All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*CONFESSION OF SIN

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bob Breitweiser

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Unchanging God, you have blessed us forever through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Born again by your word of truth, let us live out your love, doing your word, caring for the weak and vulnerable in their distress, and ever pursuing your reign of justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

(Pew Bible, OT Page 623)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM HYMN NO. 333

How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

Gott Sei Dank Durch Alle Welt

EPISTLE LESSON

James 1:17-27

(Pew Bible, NT Page 229)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"The Faith We Live"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PCUSA A Declaration of Faith Ch8, sec.3

Sam Miglarese

God has reached out to those who suffer injustice and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry. The Lord is moving toward the time when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We are persuaded God is at work here and now when people deal fairly with each other and labor to change customs and structures that enslave and oppress human beings.

We believe God sends us to work with others to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations, to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced, to make the operation of courts and penal institutions more just and humane.

We are charged to root out prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions.

We are commissioned to stand with women and men of all ages, races, and classes as they struggle for dignity and respect and the chance to exercise power for the common good.

We must not countenance in the church and its institutions the inequities we seek to correct in the world.

We must be willing to make such amends as we can for centuries of injustice which the church condoned.

***HYMN NO. 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

***THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Children through 1st grade enter during The Peace.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

(Following "A Time with Children," children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Cherrie Henry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God has blessed us forever with every perfect gift from above,

People: **Freeing us to rise and live in the embrace of God's love.**

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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Cherrie Henry

Offertory Anthem

O Virtus Sapientiae

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1149)

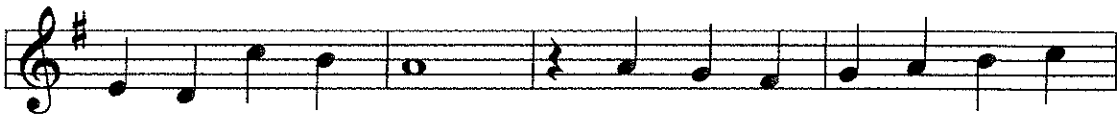
*O strength of Wisdom who, circling, circled,
enclosing all in one life-giving path, three wings you have;
One soars to the heights, one distils its essence upon the earth,
and the third is everywhere. Praise to you, as is fitting, O Wisdom.*

Doxology (Hymn No. 608)

Praise God (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all



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more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**
All: **O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church. With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth of your word, and follow your commandments with sincere hearts; through Christ our Lord.**

***HYMN NO.700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* *I'm Gonna Live*

***BENEDICTION** *Mindy Douglas*

***POSTLUDE** *Basse de Trompette* *Louis-Nicolas Clément*
(1676-1749)

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.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by *Mary Ann Ruegg* in memory of her husband, Don Ruegg.

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*.

We thank Salome Sandoval for providing the Prelude and the Offertory today. She is a native of Venezuela and holds a Graduate Performance Diploma in Early Music from the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA as well as a degree from Instituto Universitario de Estudios Musicales in Caracas, Venezuela in classical guitar. In 2010, Salome founded "El Feugo Early Music Ensemble" which features Hispanic Baroque vocal music. She lives in Chapel Hill.

A note on today's music:

The music today is representative of music from composers before Bach. One of the composers, Hildegard of Bingen is rarely heard. She was born over 900 years ago. Although she one of the first composers who is recognized by name instead of Anonymous, her works were not really well known until about 1979 (the 800th anniversary of her death).

She is also known for her writings on many subjects, including medicine and theology. She began having visions at 3 years old, she taught that humans were "living sparks" of God's love.

For the Fruit of All Creation

36

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

333 How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

(Psalm 45)



1 How our hearts with joy a - bound, with your beau - ty all a - round;
2 Fair - er still than hu - man frame, ev - er to our eyes the same,
3 Yours the scep - ter, yours the throne; you to us are God a - lone.



words are fee - ble to ex - press your great love and righ - teous - ness.
stead - fast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.
Vast the mer - cies to us given: wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.



God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

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1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

(Bm)

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Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

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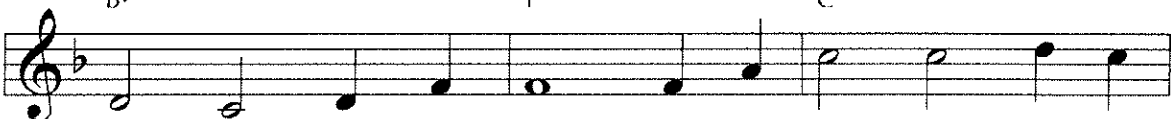
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cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

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to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

(G)

(D)

Dm

B^b

F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!

(an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!

(my Lord,)

(an - y - time!)

The Season of Peace begins TODAY!
How will YOU honor this season?
Start by reading today's special
insert: Peace at all Times and in all
Ways.



We extend our love and concern to **Valerie McMillian** (FPC Parish Administrator) on the death of her brother-in-law, **Irving Randell (Dell) McMillian**, on August 28. A service celebrating his life was held on August 31 in Sanford, NC.

Added this week:

Kathy Johnson, niece of Jeanne Hervey

Franzi Rokoske

Carolyn Wolfe

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: **Mary Clark**

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

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: **Helen Garrison**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson**

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood

Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Marc and Holly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett

Randy Heffelfinger, friend of Eric Wiebe

John Hendrickson, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

Carolyn Kreuger, former member of FPC

Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece

Rosemary Orphys, aunt of Kerry Holbrook

Mary Putman, friend of FPC

Vickey Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

Ryan Washington, infant friend of Adrienne Allison and Bob Pleasants

Mandy Wooten, sister of Randy Lang Howard

James Zehmer, son of Jennie Alwood



The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today After Worship Racial Equity Task Force</p>	<p>Monday, September 3</p>  <p>Church Office and Day School Closed</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 4</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Newsletter today</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, September 5</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, September 6</p>	<p>Friday, September 7</p> <p>Saturday, September 8</p> <p>First Friends and Families Annual Beach Weekend</p>		<p>Sunday, September 9 <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>12:15 – 1:15 Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Youth Groups Start 4:30 – 6:30 Middle School 6:00 – 8:00 High School</p>

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: **Bob Breitweiser**

Greeter: **Jane Williams**

Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head), **Mary-Jo Keenan** (flowers), **John Mozart**, **Stephan Berry**,
Deborah Hamlin-Aggrey

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
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Raising the Minimum Wage: an issue of Faith



Learn more at www.RaisingWagesNC.org

“There is nothing but a lack of social vision to prevent us from paying an adequate wage to every American whether he [or she] is a hospital worker, laundry worker, maid, or day laborer.”

– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

What We Know

- The minimum wage in NC is \$7.25 an hour (or \$15,080 a year), the same as the federal minimum wage and hasn't been raised since 2009. That's \$1,000 less than the federal poverty level for a family of one adult and one child (below the line of providing for the basic necessities of life)
- Due to inflation, the real value of the current minimum wage is actually lower than in 1968. The \$1.60/hour minimum wage of 1968 would've amounted to at least \$11.60 an hour in 2016, adjusted for inflation.
- We know an estimated 1.3 million people would benefit from raising the minimum wage to \$12 an hour—that's 1/3 of our state's total workforce.

The Effort to Raise Wages in North Carolina

In an effort to join 29 other states who have raised their state's minimum wage, a coalition of organizations that includes faith, labor, and community groups has come together to raise the state's minimum wage.

Over the last year, the coalition gathered around 200 people from across the state to meet with legislators in Raleigh to support a bill to raise the minimum wage incrementally to \$15/hr. NC became the first state to raise state employees to \$15/hr. this year. The coalition is preparing for the next legislative session in January of 2019 which is the next time this bill can be heard and come up for a vote. ***Join us in taking action!***

What You Can Do

1. Pray for all working people and especially people earning wages inadequate to sustain their families.
2. Sign the petition to the NC legislature at www.raisingwagesnc.org/take-action
3. Make a consumer pledge to support employers paying living wages. For a list of living wage certified businesses visit justeconomicswnc.org or thelivingwagenetwork.org.
4. Like us on Facebook & share content on social media.
5. Educate yourself on the issue at www.RaisingWagesNC.org and spread the word!
6. Join a Regional Raising Wages Coalition

Prayer for a Living Wage

Living God, we confess that we have not fully accepted the challenge of seeking Your justice in the world. We define justice in ways that preserve our own self-interest, forgetting that Your justice may call us to great sacrifice. We pray for working people whose wages are so low that they face terrible choices between paying the rent and feeding their families. God of compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray that the courageous cries of working people for justice will be heard by their employers, by the community, and by our government. God of compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for employers in our city, that they will accept their responsibility to pay their workers enough to live. God of compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for companies that abuse the dignity of their workers and refuse to see their employees as brothers and sisters. God of compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for all the people of our community, that we will hold our government and businesses accountable for the ways they treat their working people. God of compassion, hear our prayer.

Hear now O God the prayers that we lift aloud or in silence to you.

By Rev. Rebekah Jordan, Mid-South Interfaith Network for Economic Justice