

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

(As you enter to worship, you are invited to light a votive candle in honor of someone or something you wish to remember in prayer, and place it on the communion table before you take your seat.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: Season of Peace

Mindy Douglas

Laura Armstrong

PRELUDE

Canticle of the Turning Irish folk tune, arr. Carleton White

INTROIT

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arm.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.

Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say "Well Done."

Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 100)*

Izzy Allison-Pleasants

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness;**

Come into God's presence with a song.

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 399

God Welcomes All

Themba Amen

(After the drum introduction, the Intergenerational Choir sings the hymn first; the Chancel Choir joins the second time; the congregation joins thereafter until the procession has ended. The beautiful banner was made by members of the Confirmation Class, their teachers and mentors, and members of the Diaconate and Session.)

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Tensing Prayer

Declaration of Pardon and Release

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

From *The Message Bible*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Noah Rokoske, reader

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:19-21

From *The Message Bible*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

* Those who are able, please stand.

SERMON

“Treasure”

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

GUIDED MEDITATION *(from Matthew 6:25-33)*

Marilyn Hedgpeth, Sam Henry, Maryn Leonard

(As these sentences of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount are read, please use the blank paper in your bulletin and the colored crayons on your pew to prayerfully express, in picture, word, or doodle, how you hear these words of Jesus speaking to you.)

***HYMN NO. 658**

God Is So Good

God Is So Good

JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

CANDLE PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

All: **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.**

***THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR LOMITUZI MBILKA AND JAMES LANCASTER WILSON

Words of Scripture

Presentation of Candidates

Profession of Faith

Questions to the gathered Children:

Pastor: *(to the gathered children who will respond, “Yes.”)*
Do you promise to be a friend to Lomituzi and James?
If they get lost will you help them find the way?
If they fall down, will you help pick them up?
Will you share with them the stories of Jesus?

Question to the Congregation:

Elder: *(to the congregation)*
Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Lomituzi and James by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ’s church?

Congregation: **We do.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

(You may be seated.)

Thanksgiving over the Water

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.

We thank you, O God, for the waters of baptism: in it we are buried with Christ in his death; from it we are raised to share in his resurrection; through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of rebirth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Lomituzi and James that they may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Baptism

Anointing

Welcome

(Following the baptisms, children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

John Weicher
Southern Harmony,
arr. Robert Lehman

*I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power. I will arise*

*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify.
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. I will arise....*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. I will arise...*

*Let not conscience make you linger, not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. I will arise...*

Worship this morning will look and feel a little different than usual. The order of worship is the essentially the same, true to our Reformed tradition that centers around the Word of God, read and proclaimed. But the “flesh” on these Reformed “bones” will look a little uncommon. In addition to our words, silences, and music, we will use movement and visual/artistic images for those who learn best in these ways. We all learn differently, and so emphasizing some ways of connecting with God that we do not regularly employ will help many folks worship more fully. Our hope is that there will be something in this service for everyone.

Special thanks to the **Intergenerational Choir**: *Clarabelle Brown, Laura Mish McDow, Thilo Fullenkamp, Izzy Allison-Pleasants, Sam Henry, Charlotte Maxwell, Brent Curtis, Graham Curtis, Lenore Champion, Bet Lawson, Jane Brawley*, and others.

The *Sacrament of Baptism* is celebrated today for *James Lancaster Wilson*, three-month old son of *Amy and Gray Wilson* and brother to little *Julia Wilson*, and for *Lomituzi Mbilka*, granddaughter of *Margaret Mubanga*, whose homeland is Zambia.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents *Margaret S. Davis, J. Van Davis, Marie F. Rourk and Malcolm H. Rourk, MD* by *Henderson and Jane Davis Rourk* and *Caroline Davis Rourk*.

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 *A Confession of Faith (PCUSA)*.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: *Izzy Allison-Pleasants, Noah Rokoske, Sam Henry, Maryn Leonard*

Baptism Elder: *Emily Diy*

Greeter: *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*

After Worship Greeters: *Brent Curtis* (side/font); *Lenore Champion* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *John Mozart* (counting), *Christy Gudaitis, Amy Dillon, Elinor Hess*



The 2018 Season of Peace is reaching its climax...

YOU can make this finale extra special by responding to what you have read, learned, and felt about God’s Peace during these several weeks. On **World Communion Sunday, October 7:**

- Wear something from another nation for which you have a special affinity.
- Bring your 2018 Peace and Global Offering to be presented and dedicated.
- You can also give online through the church’s website: <https://tinyurl.com/Peacemaking-Offering>.

Responding to Hurricane Florence

The Presbytery of New Hope is organizing a Flood Bucket Collection to take to flood impacted areas to assist families in cleaning their homes after the water recedes. Instructions on how to assemble a bucket are available from the table in the foyer. Please bring your bucket or supplies to FPC by October 7th. You can also give financially to FPC, memo "buckets" and supplies will be purchased and buckets assembled on your behalf next Saturday during the "Day of Service." **The deadline for the buckets collection is October 8th.**

Assistance through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

Go online to: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>

This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant, ongoing response to hurricanes that affect the United States. To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line (DR000169 or Hurricane Florence Response) and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Assistance to St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC (campus flooding):

Online: <https://www.sa.edu/donation-forms/give-to-st-andrews> **or** mail a check (payable to St. Andrews University) to: St. Andrews University, Office of the President, 1700 Dogwood Mile St., Laurinburg, NC 28352.

A Day of Service - Saturday, October 6

There are four volunteer opportunities available. Please register at the sign-in table in the foyer after worship or by emailing Tyler Momsen-Hudson at: tylermmh@embarqmail.com.

Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC

2700 Angier Ave, Durham
Sorting food donations from 9 a.m. -Noon
Ages 12 -17 need parental consent and adult supervision
Andy Henry, Team Leader

Society of St. Andrews (Gleaning)

Harvesting sweet potatoes for food ministries
Meet at FPC to drive to Louisburg farm, time TBA
All ages welcome
Lenore Champion, Team Leader

Rebuilding Together of the Triangle

609 Buxton Drive, Durham
Exterior siding, windows, and painting
8 a.m. -Noon, with lunch provided
Age 14 +
Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Team Leader

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Assembling hurricane cleanup buckets at FPC
9:30 a.m. - Noon
All ages welcome
Deborah Momsen-Hudson, Team Leader.

Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope

Do you love your city? Are you looking for ways to connect your faith with the place you live? The Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope is an opportunity to connect Durham's story, your own story, and God's story. Through a weekend of visiting important places and hearing the stories of leaders who have shaped the city, participants reckon with the challenges Durham has faced and witness the hope in our community. There are also discussion gatherings that meet beforehand and afterwards to help us see all of life as a pilgrim journey. **The next weekend immersion is October 19 at 3:00 p.m. through October 21 at 4:00 p.m. The registration deadline is October 1.** This opportunity is sponsored by DurhamCares and the Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School. To register, and for more information, visit this website: www.durhamcares.org/pilgrimage. If you have questions, email Tammy Rodman at trodman@durhamcares.org.

SPECIAL INVITATIONS



Monday, October 8

Dr. Erskine Clarke will present

"The Presbyterian Struggle with Race: An Historical Perspective"

11:00 a.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church

2620 Weaver Street, Durham

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Rene Baker at rbaker@nhpresbytery.org if you will join us.



Thursday, October 11

NCCU Presbyterian Campus Ministry

Fall Fundraiser

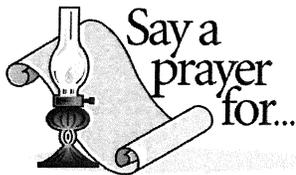
with Dr. William Turner Jr., M. Div

at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham

Dinner: 5:30—6:00 p.m. / Program: 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$20 - RSVP to: farmstr6@nccu.edu

We extend our condolences to *Elna Jelstrup and family* following the recent death of her mother, *Betty Jelstrup*. A memorial service was held September 29th in Pelham, NY.



Added this week:

Jerry Arrowood, brother of Al Arrowood

Peg Bracken (regular visitor)

Dr. Gary Greenburg, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson

Rev. Dr. June Hewitt, friend of Sue and John Fricks

Judd Irish, friend of Griffin Momsen-Hudson

Lance Tulloch, friend of Beth and Howard Eisenson

Home/Care Communities: *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

Brent Barber, brother-in-law of Christyn Klinck

Demario Brooks, friend of the Walk-in Ministry

Marc and Holly Crawford, friends of Brianna Bennett

John Hendrickson, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

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

Kathy Johnston, niece of Jeanne Hervey

Beth Livingston, friend of Carol Wills

John Morey, father of Robin Morey

Ryan Washington, infant friend of Adrienne Allison and Bob Pleasants

Hayden Williams, family member of Carol Wills

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God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, and F#5. The bass staff contains a series of chords: F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, and F#3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second system of musical notation continues in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, and F#5. The bass staff contains a series of chords: F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, and F#3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

God Is So Good

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1 God is so good; God is so good;
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
4 God is so good; God is so good;

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains four measures of music, each with a whole note chord. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, also containing four measures of music, each with a whole note chord.

God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God's so good to me.
God is so good; God's so good to me.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps and a 4/4 time signature. It contains four measures of music, each with a whole note chord. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, also containing four measures of music, each with a whole note chord.

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em)

(Bm)

(Em)

Fm

Cm

Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am)

(Em)

B^bm

Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am)

(Em)

B^bm

Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

(C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

