

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Siefert

INTROIT

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be. He is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he.

Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,

Evermore and evermore!

O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,

And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,

Evermore and evermore!

*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Jones/Fields Family

Leaders: Let us pray that waiting for Christmas may show us how to be patient when things take time, how to live for Christ day by day, and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled. The prophet Isaiah declares that in days to come God will judge between the nations, and arbitrate for many peoples. We light this candle because we refuse to let go of Isaiah's hope that swords can be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

People:

Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation.

Silent Confession Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jeanne Hervey

The Lord be with you. Leader: People: And also with you.

Leader:

Let us pray.

A11:

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, you order all things with strength and gentleness: Come now and teach us the way to salvation. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

*Those who are able, please stand.

HYMN No. 88 (verse 2)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: To us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

(Pew Bible, NT Page 162)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

(Pew Bible, OT Page 631)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Swords into Plowshares"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Advent Affirmation of Faith

Sam Miglarese

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

*HYMN No. 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

Waiting

*THE PEACE Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired. During the passing of the peace, children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for "A Time with the Children."

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

(Following "A Time with Children," children may return to the playroom or join their caregivers and siblings as they go back to their seats.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering Offertory Anthem

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Marilyn Hedgpeth Daniel Gawthrop

Come, thou long- expected Jesus, born to set thy people free, From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

(Anthem text continues next page.)

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring: By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Doxology (Hymn No. 108, verse 6)

Divinum Mysterium

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: How can we thank you, O God, for sun and moon and stars; for breath and life and all

things good; for your steadfast promise and your faithful love; for the day that is surely coming when all things will be made new? With saints, with angels, and with the whole

creation, we join the ancient and eternal hymn:





Leader:

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus, who came to be your living Word, to baptize us with Spirit and fire, to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty, and to announce the good news of your coming realm. With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal, remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying; Come, Lord Jesus!

All (sung): Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us – this bread, this cup, these people – Christ's body and blood, given in love for the world. Make us one in the Spirit, one in the church, and one with Christ our Lord. Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory. Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord! Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amer



(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

All:

... Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

We celebrate communion by intinction, coming forward to dip the bread into the cup. Ushers will direct you to stations at the front of the sanctuary. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and remember God's greatest gift as you return by the side aisles to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and an elder will bring the elements to you in the pew. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Communion Hymn No 90 (all sing)

Wait for the Lord (Psalm 27)

Wait for the Lord

Communion Hymn No 103 (all sing)

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-So-So

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

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

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

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All: God our hope, we give you thanks that y

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*HYMN No. 373

O Day of Peace

Jerusalem

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Martha Sobaje

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 <u>return it to the starting point</u>, noting the names of those sitting near you. On November 24 we welcomed 18 visitors to worship.

The *bulletin cover* is a picture of "*Guns Into Plowshares*," a four-ton, 16-foot-high sculpture of a blade of a massive plow encrusted with thousands of actual guns taken off the streets of D.C. during a gun-buyback program funded by heavyweight boxing champion Riddick Bowe. Created by Esther Augsburger and her son, Michael, the sculpture is installed on the campus of Eastern Mennonite University. The sculpture's title references Isaiah 2:4: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." Read more at: *https://tinyurl.com/rg6d9on*.

The *sanctuary table* upon which the Advent Wreath sits was made by *George Danser* and is given to the church by him and his wife, *Jean Cary*. George has drawn design features from our communion table and used oak removed from the sanctuary during our renovation and from a tree in their backyard that Jean saw get hit by lightning some years ago.

Advent paraments: FPC commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create two paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber-artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. The text on the Advent parament hanging from the pulpit, in Hebrew and English, is from Isaiah 12:3: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." The text on the lectern parament is from Luke 1:78-79: "The dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to guide our feet into the way of peace." We are grateful that the bequest of Anne 'St. Clair' Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated: From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that, by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way. Of course, you may always choose to pray in the words closest to your heart, be those words debts or trespasses.

Childcare for infant through 6-years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the narthex and foyer for younger children. Books are on the pew in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from Book of Common Worship (2018 edition) and Feasting on the Word, Advent Companion.

~ Our Concerns ~

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held here for *Rev. Robert (Bob) Yoder* on Saturday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The family will greet friends at a reception in the parlors following the service.

<u>CONDOLENCES</u>: We extend condolences to *Mercy Ndambiri Curlett* and family on the death of her aunt, *Monicah Njoki Njiru*, who died recently in Kenya; and to *Mac and Wendy McCorkle (Chip and Lewis)* on the death of Mac's mother, *Elinor Weathersby McCorkle*, who died November 23 in Raleigh. A service will be held Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Springmoor Retirement Community in Raleigh.

Concerns: Isabel Brown, a patient at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill

Home: Chuck Barenchi Margaret Mubanga Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

Joseph Ngumi Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale: Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bob Rankin

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: Helen Garrison
Strategic Behavioral Health Garner: Phillip Herndon

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Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero* The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant* Emerald Pond, Durham: *Paul Cornsweet*

Family and 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

Erica Moody, sister-in-law of Mal King

Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 4 with meditation by Katie Becker Wednesday, December 11 with meditation by Lenore Champion Wednesday, December 18 with meditation by David Smith

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for worship and communion in the sanctuary. The evening worship will be followed by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 8

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School / Advent Festival for children and youth
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Baptism (Congregational meeting at end of worship)

The Alleluia Children's Choir will sing during worship.

After Worship: Advent Festival continues with Alternative Gifts Fair

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 15

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - A Service of Lessons and Carols 5:30 p.m. - Potluck Supper and Carols Sing-Along

Bring a dish to share. If you play an instrument, bring it along (with a music stand) and join the improvised orchestra that accompanies singing of carols around the Christian symbols tree.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 22

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion followed by a farewell reception for Sam Miglarese

The *Hunger for Change Offering* will be received during worship. The PC(USA) *Joy Gift Offering* will be received, supporting financial assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and PC(USA) racial ethnic schools and colleges. Online and text-giving are new ways to give to the Joy Gift Offering.

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 p.m. - Communion and Candlelight Service (in the sanctuary) A family-friendly 45-minute service featuring a Children's Pageant.

5:00 p.m. - Communion and Candlelight Service (in the sanctuary)

The birth of the Christ Child is celebrated in word and song with Communion by candlelight.

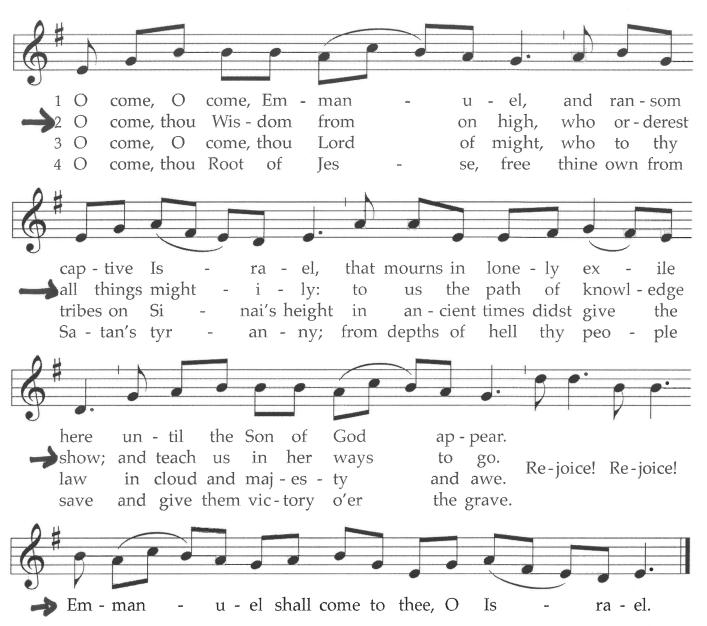
An offering will be received at each service to support local non-profits and Durham neighbors in need.

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Wait for the Lord



PSALM 27

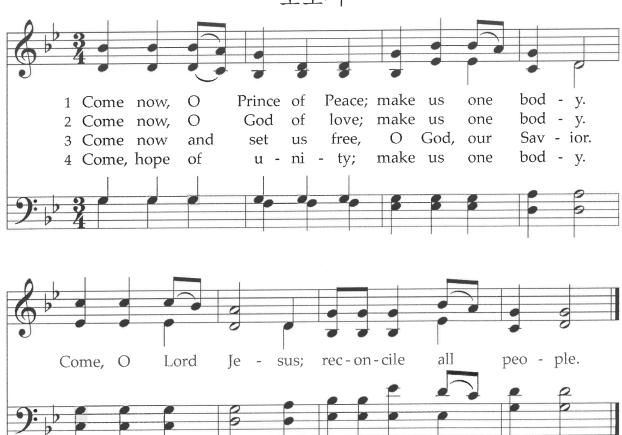
Refrain

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;
 - and though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in the LORD.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
 - to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, to seek God in the temple. Refrain
- 5 For on the day of trouble the LORD shall shelter me in safety; the LORD shall hide me in the secrecy of the holy place and set me high upon a rock.
- 6 Even now the LORD lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in the holy place an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the LORD. Refrain

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O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease, till by God's shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord; the hope of



grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace. peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

The Week at a Glance!				
Later Today	Monday, December 2	Tuesday, December 3	Wednesday, December 4	
2:00 PM Worship and Holy Communion at the Forest at Duke No Youth Group No Alleluia Children's Choir No Book Study	9:00 AM - Noon Walk-in Ministry 10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Study 5:00 PM Time Out Radio with Mindy Douglas and Tim O'Brien (Listen live at FM103.5 or online at wcomfm.com)	1:30 PM Plan Worship 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus	8:00 – 8:45 AM High School Midweek Morning Meal 5:00 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM Advent Communion 6:30 PM Advent Supper 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	
Thursday, December 5	Friday, December 6	Sunday, December 8		
9:00 AM – Noon Walk-in Ministry	8:00 AM FPC Men of Faith Breakfast/Conversations at Nosh's Cafe	9:45 AM Sunday So for childre	2nd Sunday of Advent M Sunday School / Advent Festival for children and youth	
	Saturday, December 7	11:00 AM Worship and Baptism Congregational Meeting at the end of worship		
	11:00 AM Alleluia Children's Choir	12:15 PM Advent Festival & Alternative Giving Fair		
	1:00 PM Memorial Service for	2:00 – 4:00 PM Shape Note Choir		
		4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth		
	Robert (Bob) Yoder 5:00 PM Scratch Potluck at Matt Cline & Chris Williams' home	5:00 – 6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir 6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth		

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jeanne Hervey*Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: Diane Prosser (font/side door); Griffin Momsen-Hudson (rear/narthex)

Ushers: Julie Whiddon (head), John Mozart (flowers), Laurie Williamson (counter),

Michael Honeycutt, Miriam Morey, El Hess Communion Head/Replenish Elements: Dawn Carsey

Bread: Michael Honeycutt (B1, process), Andy Henry (B2), Diane Prosser (B3), Jane Wettach (B4)

Cup: Wendy McCorkle (C1), Kim Abels (C2, process), Tom Bacon (C3), Carol Carson (C4)

Shepherds: David Sappenfield (pulpit aisle), Luke Everett (center aisle), Laura McDow (font aisle)

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