



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27701

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

Minute for Mission

Katherine Whitmore

LITANY OF DEDICATION OF PASCAL CANDLE

Delia and Talitha Kwon

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

People: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!**

Leader: May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

People: **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!**

All: Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and you have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart this Paschal Candle to your praise and glory and in memory of Edward Kwon; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Strife Is O'er

George T. Miles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Finbow

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

All: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 242

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

In Dir Ist Freude

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Chris Karnadi

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.

Response (*sung twice*)

Celtic Alleluia

Hymn No. 587

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

(Pew Bible, NT page 119)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

(Pew Bible, NT page 232)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

(Pew Bible, NT page 90)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Puzzled and Discouraged"

Sam Miglarese

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison) *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Chris Karnadi

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

***HYMN NO. 252**

Day of Arising

Raabe

***THE PEACE** (*Children through 1st grade enter worship during "The Peace."*)

Chris Karnadi

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cheryl Henry

(Children who participate in Children's Choir should go to the choir room for rehearsal following "A Time with Children." Parents will pick their children up from the choir room following worship.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: I love the Lord,
People: **because he has heard my voice and my supplications.** (Psalm 116:1)

(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

Offertory Anthem *We Will Be Merry* Michael Praetorius

*We will be merry far and wide in this most Holy Eastertide;
Our life we owe to him who died. Alleluia.*

*Now Christ is risen to die no more, death on the cross who nobly bore;
Him, therefore, bless we and adore. Alleluia.*

*Doxology *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

*Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father, and our Lord, To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**
All: **By your word, O God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given a new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news, by the words of our mouths and the deeds of our lives, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

Mindy Douglas

LITANY OF FAREWELL FOR CHRIS KARNADI

Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: We send you forth as a disciple of Jesus Christ and as an ambassador of friendship, spreading the good news of God’s love in your new surroundings.
Go in the spirit of Christ. Be steadfast in your devotion to him.

People: **Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.**

Leader: Know that your ministry with us has served the cause of Christ in this community.
Well done, good and faithful servant!

People: **Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.**

Leader: May your commitment to Christ grow as you enter another community and another congregation.

People: **Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.**

Leader: Remember that even though we will be separated in space, our shared faith in Jesus Christ will keep us connected.

People: **Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.**

Unison Prayer of the People:

All: **Gracious God, a wandering Aramean is our ancestor and you have been with us every step of the way on the long journey of faith. Go now with Chris, we pray. Keep him faithful to you, in prayer, worship, service, and in the new relationships he will make. Give him traveling mercies and a new community of faith through which he may continue to serve you. Bless his family in Ohio. May our friendship with him continue, and may we ever be one in Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 246

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

*BENEDICTION

Sam Miglarese

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary VIII

G.F. Handel

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. On Sunday, April 23, we welcomed 17 visitors to worship.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God by ***Chris, Meredith, Logan, and Evelyn Brown*** in memory of ***Seth Greyson Brown*** and in celebration of ***Reverend Mindy Douglas'*** first year of ministry at FPC.

We welcome during worship today ***Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht and Doug Fisher*** as new members.

Our ***Paschal Candle and stained Red Oak Stand***, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire and given in memory of ***Elder Ed Kwon***, is a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesach) and adopted by early Christians, the lit Candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death, his resurrection, to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross, an *alpha* and *omega*, and the current year, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us now and always. Traditionally, the Candle, reminding us that we are preeminently an Easter People, is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost, as well as at Baptisms where it signifies that we are crucified and resurrected with Christ, and at funerals and memorial services where it visually proclaims Paul's message in Romans 6: 3-4 that "*all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ . . . have been buried with him . . . into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead . . . , so we too might walk in newness of life.*"

Nursery care for infants through 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children who participate in Children's Choir have rehearsal in the choir room. Childcare for infants-2 years continues in the nursery. 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 and youth. Books are on the pews 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 *Call to Worship*, *Book of Common Worship*, and *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Machugia (Kevin and Lydia)* who were married on Friday, April 21 in Wilmington, DE. Kevin is the son of *Mary Gitata* and brother of *Ian Gitata-Njoroge*.

Sympathies: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- *Christyn, Jay, JL, Elizabeth, Aurelia, and Parker Klinck* on the death of Christyn's father. *Orville Joseph (Joe) Fleming II* died April 22 in Ocala, FL. A memorial service is planned for May 6th in Florida.
- *Emily Durham Diy and Carlo Diy* on the death of Emily's father. *Rodger W. Durham* died April 20 in Greensboro, NC. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro on Saturday, May 13.

Added this week:

Becky Crockett

Jeanne Hervey

Robert G. Cope III, great nephew (*born premature*) of Sam Miglarese

Bob Parkins, husband of Kathy Parkins

Dot Blyth, aunt of Libby Gulley

Linda Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Judy Arrowood

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

Croasdaile Village: *Sarah Cox* (Pavilion, room 147) *Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Kever, Bob Rankin*

Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson*

Hillcrest: *Peggy Mordecai*, mother of Beth Eisenson

Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:

- *Toni Bloom*, mother of Tom Bloom
- *Sam Burness*, son of FPC former member Anne Williams
- *Don and Gail Champion*, uncle and aunt of Lenore Champion
- *Charles ("Kim") Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings
- *Katrina Downey*, friend of Joanne Harrar
- *Mike Gray*, cousin of Linn Lopez
- *Rick Hager*, friend of Celia Dickerson
- *Cherie Haines*, sister of Vernon Neece
- *Paul Martin*, brother of Beth Neece
- *Dell McMillian*, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian
- *Shade Mecum*, stepfather of Katherine Higgins
- *Margaret Pfeiler*, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- *Janice Rattray*, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- *Lisa Short*, cousin of Alissa Miles
- *Ron Smith*, husband of Day School Director Katharine Smith

Saturday, May 13
A Service of Wholeness and Healing
for those who grieve
5:00 p.m. in the FPC Memorial Garden



Sunday, May 14
Annual Mother's Day Luncheon
following worship in Watts-Hill Hall
Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.
\$8 per person / \$24 max per family

Please complete and return the enclosed meal reservation card if your family will attend!



June 11-14, 2017
Great Big Church Family Festival
(a newly formatted Vacation Church School event)

Registration Deadline: May 5

This summer, FPC is co-sponsoring an event called the Great Big Church Family Festival (GBCFF), June 11-14, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is **Surprising Friends**, and sometimes we will host our surprising friends, and sometimes we will be the surprising friends who visit other churches. In either case, FPC will be hosting on **Sunday, June 11** and **Wednesday, June 14** – and we need **YOU** (families, singles, grandparents, children, parents and young adults) to gather around tables and practice our hospitality skills.

Dinner is provided each night at 5:30.

T-shirts are provided for those who register by May 5.

Registration forms are in the church's foyer and narthex and can be found on our FPC website, too. Sign up now, and join the GBCFF, which includes our friends at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian, Mt. Bethel Presbyterian, Iglesia Hispana Emanuel, and Duke Memorial United Methodist. Now, more than ever, we need to practice welcoming the stranger.

Scripture Readers' Class beginning soon!

If you expressed interest on your *Time and Talent Sheet* in serving as a liturgist/scripture reader for worship, please consider attending the next scripture readers' training class. Contact **Steve Rimmer** (csrimmer@nc.rr.com) for more information about serving as a liturgist for worship.

~ Serving this Sunday ~

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Acolytes: *Laura McDow, Kayla Champion*

Crucifer: *Ellie Dilworth*

Narthex Greeter: *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*

After Worship Greeters: *Almira Mbah* (side/font); *Will McDow* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Mary-Jo Keenan* (head), *Chris Brown, Julie Whiddon, Dale Gaddis, Jane Williams, Miriam Morey*

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today	Monday, May 1	Tuesday, May 2	Wednesday, May 3
<p>After Worship: New Officers' Training (Lunch provided)</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 PM High School Seniors Annual Banquet (All youth invited)</p>	<p>No Handbell Choir</p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 PM Investment Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Budget Working Group</p>	<p>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Program Staff Retreat (Fall planning) at Mt. Bethel PC, Durham</p> <p>2:00 PM Plan Worship</p>	<p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
Thursday, May 4	Friday, May 5	Saturday, May 6	Sunday, May 7
<p align="center"></p> <p align="center">National Day of Prayer</p>	<p>No Bible Study</p>	<p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon FPC Grounds Workday</p> <p>10:00 AM – 12 Noon SCRATCH (Young Adults) Potluck Brunch at the home of Mary and Stephen Berry</p>	<p align="center"><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p align="center"></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Communion (Children's Choir singing. Youth will be confirmed during worship.)</p> <p>After Worship: Parents host reception for Confirmands</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 PM Youth Groups End-of-Year Celebration</p>

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Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sarah Finbow, Youth Minister



Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
Chris Karnadi, Ministry Intern
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music

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