



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS
Ritual of Friendship

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Gabriel's Oboe
Joe Robinson, oboe

Ennio Morricone

INTROIT

Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice

Hayn

Children: *Jesus makes my heart rejoice, I'm his sheep and know his voice;
He's a Shepherd, kind and gracious, and his pastures are delicious;
Constant love to me he shows, yea, my very name he knows.*

Children: *Trusting his mild staff always, I go in and out in peace;
He will feed me with the treasure of his grace in richest measure;
When athirst to him I cry, living water he'll supply.*

Children and
Chancel Choir: *Should not I for gladness leap, led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blessed days are over to the arms of my dear Savior
I shall be conveyed to rest. Amen, yea, my lot is blessed.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Open the gate! The Shepherd King comes!
People: **Call us by name, Good Shepherd! Lead us into the green pastures.**
Leader: Prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies.
Anoint our heads with oil. Overflow our cups.
All: **One door, one flock, one fold, one Shepherd;
We follow the Good Shepherd who brings home his sheep.
Open the gate, the Shepherd King comes!
Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Truro

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may grow in love for each other and you. *(Source: Norman Palsma, Syracuse, NY)*

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

Dewey Lawson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:42-47

(Pew Bible, NT Page 120)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

(Pew Bible, NT Page 233)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10

(Pew Bible, NT Page 103)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Walls, Gates, and Doors"

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***HYMN NO. 361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

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

***THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn Hedgpeth and Mindy Douglas

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** (in unison)

Sam Miglarese

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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

Mindy Douglas

Loving God, we thank you for parents, grandparents, friends, and mentors who have encouraged these young adults in the faith since their birth. We thank you that they have been surrounded by this cloud of witnesses to journey with them as they grow and wrestle with difficult issues, to observe them praying, to go along with them as they have served, and to offer praise and thanksgiving alongside them. Now, we thank you that these youth are coming of age, and stepping out in faith to embrace your style of servant ministry. May your grace continue to bless their young lives, and may the world prosper from the gifts they bring to the church. To the One who calls and blesses all faith journeys we pray, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

(Confirmands, mentors, and children may return to their seats.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Nearer, Still Nearer

arr. Dan Forest

*Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art;
Fold me close to thy breast, shelter me safe in that "Haven of Rest."*

*Nearer, still near, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus my King,
Only my sinful, now contrite heart, grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.*

*Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last. 'Til safe in glory my anchor is cast.
Through endless ages, ever to be, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee!*

*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!*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

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 for us to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Shepherding God, we praise and thank you because you gathered your flock around Abraham, and through Moses and Joshua you brought your sheep to a place of safety. In Jesus you came to us as a Passover Lamb to take away the sins of the world. As our everlasting Good Shepherd you promise that those who hear your voice shall never be in want, for you know your sheep by name, and you call us your own and give to each of us a place in the sheepfold of your kingdom, where angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, sing your unending praise.

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 565 (Haugen)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Sustaining God, as you lead your sheep to green pastures and guide them beside still waters, so you have led us to this table where in bread and wine you restore our soul. Send down your Holy Spirit and restore your church through the abundance of this sacred meal. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Saving God, your rod and staff comfort all who look to you in faith. Search out your sheep that are lost and bring them home. When you find them in the valley of fear, gather them in your arms. When they face evil in the presence of enemies, follow them with your goodness and mercy all the days of their life. On that day when the shadow of death covers them, bring them to dwell in your house forever. Shepherd us with all your saints of every age into your glorious presence, where we shall behold your Lamb in seated glory, most Holy Trinity, now and always.

All: **Amen.**

THE CONSECRATION

*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Gluten- and peanut-free bread is available by the lectern. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets.

Communion Hymn (*all sing*) *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* Picardy

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peace-maker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.

You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,

Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss,

You, the everlasting instant; you who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and victory; worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.

(Please stand)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

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

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

All: **We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*POSTLUDE

Christ Lag in Todesbanden

Johann Pachelbel

*All are invited to a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following worship today
as we honor the Confirmation Class of 2017.*

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. We welcomed 17 visitors on Sunday, April 30.

The *flowers* today are given by *Ruth and Russell Roberson*, with thanks to God for the lives of Ruth's parents, *Alexander and Zenobia Haislip*, who were married May 7, 1917.

Special thanks to *Joe Robinson* for providing music for today's worship.

Nursery care for infants 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, 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 *Feasting on the Word, Eucharistic Prayers*, and *Book of Common Worship*.

Copies of recently transcribed *sermons* are available from the table in the foyer.

Class of 2017 Graduates: Students graduating from high school or college will be acknowledged in worship on Sunday, June 4. Please provide the student's name, school, and degree info to *Valerie McMillian* in the church office (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) by Sunday, May 28.

Scripture Readers' Class: If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for worship, please consider attending the scripture readers' training on Sunday, May 21. We will meet in room 209 (Bell Choir Room) at 9:45. Please contact Steve Rimmer (csrimmer@nc.rr.com) for more information. Current readers and new readers are welcome to attend this training!

A Call for Choir Members

Now that Easter is over, the singing choir is learning music so that we can provide worship leadership through part of the summer. If you have thought of joining the choir, this would be a great time to come on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 (childcare provided if you ask ahead!). We only have 5 more rehearsals until we take our summer break from mid-week rehearsals. Kathy guarantees that it is the most fun group in the church. Please give her a call at church or send her an email if you have any questions: k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org.

Mother's Day Luncheon

Sunday, May 14

Give mom a break, avoid long restaurant lines, and join FPC for lunch following worship next Sunday for our annual Mother's Day Luncheon. Complete the enclosed meal reservation card or call the church office (919-682-5511) to make a reservation for your family. The menu will include items for younger appetites. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal: \$8/adult; \$24 for a family of four or more.

A Parent's Day Service of Healing and Wholeness

Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m.

We are entering a season of Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations and weddings, when not everyone is able to celebrate. We will pause for reflection and prayer in the beautiful outdoor setting of FPC's Memorial Garden (weather permitting). Some of us will pray for children, some for parents, some for siblings; all are invited to stand together and seek God's comfort for those who mourn. Guests are welcome, as are children, as we celebrate God's presence and love at all times of our lives.

A Conversation with Lauren Winner

An invitation to people who have read Lauren Winner's book "Wearing God"

You are invited join Dr. Lauren Winner in her home (908 Vickers St) to talk about her book "Wearing God" on Tuesday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Winner is excited to share with us around the writing of her book and her experiences teaching it to prisoners. All are invited, but space is limited to 15 persons. Reserve a place by emailing Cherrie Henry at: cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com.

~ OUR CONCERNS ~

Sympathies: We extend our love and concern to the following:

- the family of **Sarah Cox**. Sarah died May 2 at the age of 100 at Croasdaile Village.
- the **Kramer/Puckett** families. **Robin Kramer Puckett** died May 1 in Atlanta, GA.
- **Julie, Jody, Ben and Charlotte Maxwell. Margaret Pfeiler**, Julie's grandmother died May 3.

Added this week: **David Smith**, recovering from surgery

Toni Bloom, mother of Tom Bloom, in hospice care in Pennsylvania

Lucy Crockett, daughter of Becky Crockett

Jane Lewis Nelson, mother of Charlotte Nelson

Judy Arrowood Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell

Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village: Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever (Pavilion, room 209), Bob Rankin

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

Hillcrest: Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Family and Friends of FPC Members:

- **Dot Blyth**, aunt of Libby Gulley
- **Robert G. Cope, III**, great nephew of Sam Miglarese
- **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
- **Linda Momsen**, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Janice Rattray**, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- **Lisa Short**, cousin of Alissa Miles

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Dewey Lawson*

Acolytes: *Lily Brigman, Maddie Brigman*

Crucifer: *Frances Zehmer*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Miriam Morey* (side/font); *Carter Momsen-Hudson* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Michael Honeycutt* (head), *Karen Swope, Sherry Everett, Celia Dickerson, Amy Sanchez*


Communion Elders: Head, replenish elements: *Lenore Champion*

Bread: *Barbara Buckley, Will McDow, Carter Momsen-Hudson, Joseph Ngumi*

Cup: *Bob Breitweiser, Libby Gulley, Miriam Morey, Almira Mbah*

Shepherds: *Jerry Postema, Alice Raney, Karen Romines*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship: Reception honoring FPC's Confirmands 5:30 – 7:30 PM Youth Groups End-of- Year Celebration 7:30 PM Beer and Hymns at Fullsteam Brewery (supporting the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham)</p>	<p align="center">Monday, May 8 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women Circle & Spring Social 6:00 PM Christian Education 6:00 PM Property 6:30 PM Service & Mission 7:00 PM Worship & the Arts</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday, May 9 1:30 PM Plan Worship 2:30 PM FPC Staff 7:00 PM Book Group at Barbara Gerwe's home</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday, May 10 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, May 11</p>	<p align="center">Friday, May 12 6:30 PM First Friends at the Wiebe/Shimer home</p>	<p align="center">Saturday, May 13 5:00 PM A Parents' Day Service of Healing and Wholeness (FPC Memorial Garden) Fair Trade Day</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day  9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Worship: Mother's Day Luncheon 2:00 PM Shape Note Choir No Youth Groups</p>

CHURCH STAFF

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
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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