

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Ritual of Friendship

Minute for Mission

Sarah Finbow

**PRELUDE**

*Carry Me Home*

Spiritual, arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

Kate Busa, soloist

*Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.*

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan.*

*Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.*

*O, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,*

*That promised land where all is peace?*

*Swing low, sweet chariot, I want to cross over into campground.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah Finbow

Leader: Come worship the One who lifts up the weak -

People: **And makes us grow strong.**

Leader: Come adore the One who shelters the outcast -

People: **And understands our pain.**

Leader: Come worship the One who brings back the shunned -

People: **And welcomes us in.**

Leader: Come love the One who embraces our broken bodies and forgotten spirits,  
who redeems our abandoned worlds and forsaken dreams.

All: **Come, let us love! Let us worship God.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 330** *Our Help Is in the Name of God*

*Old 124<sup>th</sup>*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing)

Susan Dunlap

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive me, O God, for the sin I fail to recognize in myself and the wounds I unknowingly inflict upon others. Transform my heart of stone into a heart of flesh that is sensitive to the pain and isolation of others, and grant me courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Heal me with your unrelenting welcome, so that I am capable of breaking through the splendid isolation I create, which we call freedom and power. Forgive and cleanse me for new life in Christ.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Thilo Fullenkamp

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **God of our hope, when we are distracted by care and sickness, help us to recognize your image in ourselves and others, that we may be made whole and the world become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

(Pew Bible, NT Page 160)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 15:21-28

(Pew Bible, NT Page 17)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 133 (HYMN NO. 397)**

*O Look and Wonder*

Kate Busa, cantor

*After the organist and cantor have introduced the refrain, please join in singing where indicated (R).*



*How good it is when brothers dwell in peace with one another;  
it is like precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard. (R)*

*How good it is when sisters dwell in peace with one another,  
fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill. (R)*

*How good it is when all earth's people dwell in peace together:  
that is where God will pour the blessing, life forevermore. (R)*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 45:1-15

(Pew Bible, OT Page 42)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"He Made Himself Known"*

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**\*HYMN NO. 188**

*Jesus Loves Me*

*Jesus Loves Me*

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during the singing of this hymn.)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Confession of 1967 (9.43, 9.44)*

Susan Dunlap

**In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.**

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic differences, real or imaginary.**

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The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it.

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning, I'd hammer in the evening, All over this land  
I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out a warning,  
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters, All over this land. Ooh . . .*

*If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning, I'd ring it in the evening, All over this land  
I'd ring out danger, I'd ring out a warning,  
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters, All over this land. Ooh . . .*

*If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning, I'd sing it in the evening, All over this land  
I'd sing out danger, I'd sing out a warning,  
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters, All over this land. Ooh . . .*

*Well I've got a hammer, And I've got a bell, And I've got a song to sing, all over this land.  
It's the hammer of justice, It's the bell of freedom,  
It's the song about love between my brothers and my sisters, All over this land.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Susan Dunlap

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader      How good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity . . .

People:     **For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.**

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.**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offertory

*Come unto him (from Messiah)*

G. F. Handel

*Come unto him, all ye that labour,  
Come unto him, ye that are heavy laden,  
And he will give you rest.  
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him,  
For he is meek and lowly of heart,  
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

\*Doxology

*Lauda Anima*

*Angels, teach us adoration, you behold God face to face;  
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

All: **There are those who would be glad with crumbs from your table, O God; we have received your gifts in abundance. Make us ever mindful of those in need, as we present to you these tithes and offerings. Use them to ease the pain of those who suffer. And as we serve others, use us to fulfill your dream of wholeness and wellbeing for all. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 341**

*O God, Show Mercy to Us*

*Thaxted*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**\*POSTLUDE**

*The Planets (Jupiter)*

Gustav Holst, arr. Eric Thiman

*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 to worship on Sunday, August 13, 2017.

***Special thanks*** to ***Kate Busa*** for singing during today worship. The Chancel Choir is on summer break until next Sunday, August 27.

The ***flowers*** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by ***Delia and Talitha Kwon*** in the memory of ***Edward Kwon*** and his father, ***William Kwon***. The two of them were sharing a birthday on August 19th.

***Nursery care*** for infants–children 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, the 3-6 year old children join worship for the remainder of service. There is an ***infant 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 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*.

**Attention college students, those giving a year of service, and our military men and women:** As you head off for these new adventures please make sure that the church office has your address. Please email your address to ***Valerie McMillian*** at [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) or call 919-682-5511.

**Need a ride to worship?** If you would like to have a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings, please contact ***Valerie McMillian*** at [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) or 919-682-5511.

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# **Sunday, August 27**

**9:45 – 10:45 a.m.**

Sunday School Promotion Activities & All-Congregation Breakfast

*All are welcome for breakfast and worship.*

Our Sunday School theme this year is “*Walking with Jesus.*” We will be collecting gently used footwear to be donated to our neighbors in downtown Durham.

You are invited to Watts-Hill Hall for a hearty breakfast (eggs, bacon, pancakes, etc.) lovingly prepared by *Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield* to kick-off our new Sunday School year! Come meet your teachers, your classmates, your friends, and enjoy the fellowship of the Beloved Community. During the 11:00 a.m. worship, we will dedicate those serving in our teaching ministry.

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**LET THE PARTY BEGIN!** The **Handbell Choir** and the **Adult Singing (Chancel) Choir** will kick off the choir year with a potluck on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. The party will be hosted by *Kathy Parkins* (6 MacGregor Ct.) and all who are interested in joining or checking out the choir are welcome. Please email Kathy at [k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org) if you have any questions regarding handbell and singing choirs at FPC.

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## **Organizing a Faith Team with The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham**

Do you feel a call to serve those who live on the edges, the least among us? Is the opportunity to work at the intersection of evidence-based practice and social justice intriguing to you? First Presbyterian is forming a Faith Team to support someone returning from prison to the Durham community. The team will include six volunteers and meet for approximately one year, two times per month. Training will be **Saturday, September 9 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at FPC.** Please email *Libby Gulley* if you would like to attend or want more information: [gulley@nc.rr.com](mailto:gulley@nc.rr.com).

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## **~ OUR CONCERNS ~**

*Kendra Harrington*, friend of Jeremy Tucker

*Paul Cornsweet*, recovering at home from outpatient surgery

*Torrell Armstrong*, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Atria Senior Living: *Peggy Mordecai*, mother of Beth Eisenson

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile: *Bette Conroy, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford*

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

### **Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:**

*Tom Bowen*, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

*Ken Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss

*Claiborne Clark*, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

*Dave and Jill Eckl*, friends of Martha and Steve Rimmer

*Katrina Downey*, friend of Joanne Harrar

*Louise Dykes*, aunt of Will Chambliss

*Dell McMillian*, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

*Vickie Tobey*, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Liturgist: *Thilo Fullenkamp*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

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

Ushers: *Alissa Miles* (head), *Deborah Hamlin-Aggrey*, *Dale Gaddis*, *Andy Henry*

**The Week at a Glance!**

Later Today	Monday, August 21	Tuesday, August 22	Wednesday, August 23
No Fellowship Lunch  <i>(Plan to attend the Sunday School All-Congregation Breakfast next Sunday at 9:45 AM)</i>		<p align="center"><b>11:30 AM</b> Day Timers' Luncheon at Ruby Tuesday (Northgate Mall)</p> <p align="center"><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p align="center"><b>2:30 PM</b> All Staff</p> <p align="center"><i>Newsletter today!</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>9:30 – 10:30 AM</b> Meditation with Lucie House</p>
Thursday, August 24	Friday, August 25	Saturday, August 26	Sunday, August 27 <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<p align="center"><b>9:30 – 11:30 AM</b> FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries of Durham</p>	<p align="center"><b>8:00 AM</b> FPC Men of Faith Breakfast / Conversations at Nosh's Cafe</p>	<p align="center"><b>8:00 – 11:00 AM</b> Landscaping and Gardening Workday at FPC</p>	<p align="center"><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School Promotion Activities with an All-Congregation Breakfast</p> <p align="center"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship with Teacher Dedication (The <i>Hunger for Change Offering</i> will be received)</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  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
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