



**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Congregational Meeting

Report from Nominating Committee and election of officers

PRELUDE

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

American Folk Tune,  
arr. Dick Averre

INTROIT

*Psalm 148*

J.S. Bach

*Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "God is our eternal King."  
Praise God, all ye host above, ever shining forth in love;  
Sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!  
Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold;  
Join with children's songs of praise, worship God through length of days.  
From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, holy, holy One, Glory be to God alone!"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 84:1,4)

Sarah Finbow

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Leoni

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sarah Finbow

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

(from Psalm 51)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jeanne Hervey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy, our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17

(Pew Bible, OT Page 7)

PSALTER HYMN NO. 420

*Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted*

*Genevan 25*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

(Pew Bible, NT Page 34)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

Larry Bach

*(Silent reflection)*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(from A Declaration of Faith)*

Mindy Douglas

**We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.**

**God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. God comes to us on God's own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think.**

**God is at work beyond our story. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us that God's sovereign will works among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.**

\*HYMN NO. 772

*Live into Hope*

*Truro*

\*THE PEACE

Marilyn Hedgpeth



Help us live in peace as true mem - bers of Your bod - y.



Let Your word dwell rich - ly in us as we teach and sing.



Thanks and praise be to God, giv - er of peace.



In what-e'er we do let Your name re-ceive the praise!

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Share the Peace

*(As we pass the peace, please be mindful that it is flu season. Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.)*

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter during the sharing of the peace.)*

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

*(Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship, return to the nursery, or go to the choir room for Children's Choir.)*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

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

Leader: May God send us help from the sanctuary,

People: **And give us support from Zion.**

*(from Psalm 20:2)*

Leader: Let us pray.

*(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

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Mark Wilberg

*Joe Robinson, oboe; Mary Kay Robinson, flute*

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Eternal is God's Name,  
In pastures fresh God makes me feed, beside the living stream;  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake the Way,  
And leads me for God's mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, Your presence is my stay;  
One word of Your supporting grace drives all my fears away;  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread,  
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Your house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 385, verses 1 and 3)

*Old Hundredth*

***All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.***

***O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.***

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

*(The prayer is printed on the next page.)*

All: We thank you, God of the universe, that you call all people to worship you and to serve your purpose in this world. We praise you for the gift of faith we have received, and we praise you also for diverse faith among the peoples of the earth. For you have bestowed your grace that Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and others may celebrate your goodness, act upon your truth, and demonstrate your righteousness. In wonder and awe we praise you, great God. Amen.

\*HYMN NO. 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

*Ash Grove*

\*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

\*POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*

Paul Manz

*Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall for lunch following today's worship.  
Donations are appreciated to offset the cost of the meal (\$8 per person/ \$24 max per family).*

*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, February 11, we welcomed 13 visitors to worship.

We *welcome to worship Rabbi Larry Bach and the Judea Reform Congregation and Choir!* Our congregations have a history of working together in Durham in the areas of social justice and peacemaking. Our confirmation classes and youth also have worked together over the past years. We are grateful for all that brings us together and for our interfaith partnership in Durham. This is the first time the congregations and choirs have combined, as far as we know. Thanks to choir directors *Allan Friedman* and *Kathy Parkins* for bringing this idea to life and for Rabbi Bach and the combined choirs for their leadership in worship today. Our two congregations also worshiped together for the Shabbat service at Judea Reform this past Friday evening.

**Name Tags:** Church and visitor name tags are now available on Sunday mornings in the foyer (lower level, elevator alcove). If you enter the sanctuary through the narthex (rear of the sanctuary), your name tag can be picked up and dropped off there (add a yellow dot to the back of your tag to indicate this location). Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings, and as you leave the sanctuary after worship, drop it in the containers provided. We encourage everyone to wear a name tag, including our visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of *David Rimmer* by his family, *Steve and Martha Rimmer* and *Lyn and John Williams*.

*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 the *Book of Common Worship*, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, and *The Worship Sourcebook*.

**Flu Season Awareness**

We have placed dispensers of hand sanitizer at each of the sanctuary entrances and in the foyer, and we encourage you to use them as needed and when entering and exiting the sanctuary.

## Parents Night Out and Evening for Young Children

**TODAY from 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.** young children and their parents will gather in the church foyer and then send parents down the street to Bull City Burger for a fun time of fellowship. *Marilyn Hedgpeth* and members of the Christian Education Committee will stay with the children to talk about stories of Jesus feeding people, leading to the Lord's Supper. We'll make and bake our own bread, and have our own love feast around tables in the way of Holy Communion. Then we'll gather for dinner before parents return at 6:15. **Please let *Marilyn Hedgpeth* know if you will be attending this evening: [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org).**

## Indonesia Bird Show

Indonesia is a nation made up of thousands of islands, and many of those islands are home to special endemic birds, mammals, really big lizards, and other creatures. In November of 2017, *David and Judy Smith* made their second birding trip to Indonesia, visiting five islands. (Along the way, they also stopped briefly in Singapore, a small and densely populated island that still has some remarkably good natural areas.) Join David and Judy on **Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall** for a photographic exploration of the wildlife of Indonesia and Singapore.

## Lenten Class Offering (Sundays)

### Holy Listening: Poetry Reading & Writing

led by Marilyn Hedgpeth

*An introduction to poetry as a spiritual discipline: both reading and writing.*

We'll look at some of the poetry of the Bible, as well as poetry by Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Wendell Berry, Gerard Manly Hopkins, and others, including poems participants bring to share. **Classes meet on three Sunday afternoons from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the church: March 4 (living in the moment), March 11 (love) and March 18 (devotion).** Bring your ears, your heart, maybe something to write with, and a few good poems and prayers. Childcare provided upon request; the youth will be meeting at the same time. Class is open to members and non-members. **To participate, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth: [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org).**

## Lenten Class Offering (Wednesdays) in Spiritual Autobiography

led by Cherrie Barton Henry

*"God shows up as your life."* (Richard Rohr)

We all know that God is speaking to us through the stories of our own lives and the lives of other Christian disciples. In this Lenten class, we will take time to reflect upon what God might be saying to us through our life stories. In order to have a quality experience together, participants will commit to attending at least three of the four classes. **Classes meet Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at FPC.** Participants are welcome to BYOS (Bring Your Own Supper) or enjoy the healthy snacks that will be provided. Sign up for this class by emailing Cherrie Henry: [cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com).

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## Membership Inquiry Classes coming this Spring

Some of you have been visiting FPC for quite some time; some of you have already joined; and some of you are entertaining the concept of membership. To address your questions, and to introduce you to other like-minded people, we will be offering six Membership Inquiry Classes this spring. **These classes begin with an introductory luncheon following worship on Sunday, March 4, and continue on Sundays thereafter** (excluding Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday), **9:45 to 10:45 a.m. through April 29.** We do not require anyone to take these classes before joining; you are welcome to join at any time, as your schedule allows. Just let the pastors know you are ready to join, and we'll convene the Session to make that happen. Let *Marilyn Hedgpeth* know, please, if you would like to attend the luncheon on March 4 (so we'll have enough food for you and your children), and the series of classes which follow. Know that we would love to include you and get to know you better.

# Lent

instead of

## GIVING UP

## SOMETHING

chocolate, television, meat, dessert,  
alcohol, snacking, social media, cursing, soda

try

## GIVING TO

## SOMEONE

### LENTEN MATCH

Lent is a time to step back from our usual routines and engage in acts of transformation. The church traditionally suggests a threefold form of action for Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As Jesus instructs his disciples, *Come and see what is happening. Come and follow me* (John 1:35-50), we follow Jesus with a sense of wonder as to how things will turn out. Will our actions make a difference? See the enclosed brochure which shares a real life story from our Walk-in Ministry.

In this Lenten season of 2018, a generous donor has invited our congregation to join them in enabling transformative acts of service and mission. The donor will match gifts given by the congregation with their own gift up to \$20,000. The money will go to meeting emergency needs through our Walk-In Ministry, feeding individuals who are elderly or disabled through Meals on Wheels, providing shelter through Urban Ministries of Durham, and to other organizations focused on meeting basic needs. This opportunity to follow with a sense of wonder begins with Lent on Wednesday, February 14 and lasts till Wednesday, March 14. If you feel called to participate, please make checks payable to FPC, designated to "Lenten Match" and put them in the collection plate or send them to the church office. Thank you.

### ~ OUR CONCERNS ~

We extend sympathies to *Lee Courtland* on the death of her uncle, *Dr. George C. Hopkins*, in St. Augustine, FL and to *Emily Durham Diy* and *Amy Wilson* on the deaths of their grandmothers this week.

*Mary Clark* and son *Claiborne Clark*

*Paul Cornsweet*

*Dorothy Graham*

*Bob Keever*

*Julie Maxwell*

*Russell and Ruth Roberson*, recovering at home

*Florence Shackelford*, recovering in the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

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

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

*Marc Crawford*, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett

*Angelita Cruz*, sister of Lina Yoder

*Kim Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings

*Heath, Rebecca, and Julia Huberg*, family from South Dakota (Heath is receiving care at Duke)

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

*Pam and David Martin*, friends of Chris and Meredith Brown

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

*Sue Noel*, resident at Croasdaile Village and friend of Bill Hendrickson

*Jonathan Pratt*, son of Lanny Pratt

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

*Jerry Walter*, friend of Brian and Jeanette Castle

*Christina Z.*, mother of Franzi Rokoske





## THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger and the Durham Crop Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

40% - Local Hunger Programs

10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **Penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **Nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **Dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **Quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

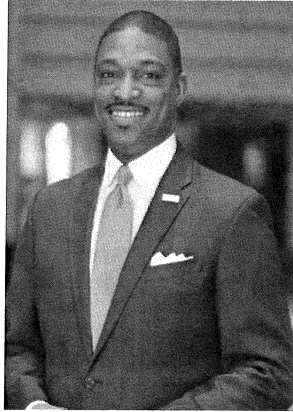
**Remember to bring your offering**

**NEXT SUNDAY!**



## **The 2018 Annual McPherson Lectureship**

**THEME: *Martin, the Messiah, and #MeToo:  
Framing Faith-Inspired Activism***



### **Rev. Starsky Wilson, Lecturer**

Wilson is a pastor, philanthropist and activist pursuing God's vision of community marked by justice, peace, and love. Wilson earned the BA from Xavier University of Louisiana, the MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary, and he is currently completing his doctoral thesis entitled *The Truth of Reconciliation: Leadership for American Apartheid*, at Duke Divinity School.

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

**9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School**

*"The Church's Response to Racial Injustice"*

(All adult Sunday School classes are encouraged to attend this presentation in Watts-Hill Hall.)

**11:00 a.m. Worship, Wilson will be preaching**

**6:00 p.m. Presentation and Panel Discussion**

*"Faith Communities in Freedom Struggles"*

Duke Divinity School / Alumni Memorial Commons Room

co-sponsored with the Presbyterian Reformed House of Studies, Duke Divinity School

#### **Discussants:**

Chaplain Donna Battle, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC  
Mark-Anthony Middleton, Pastor & Durham City Council Member  
Pastor Cheryl D. Moore, Zion Temple, Durham, NC  
Psychologist Jane Williams, First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

**11:00 a.m. Clergy and Church Leaders Gathering**

*"50 Years Later: Faithful Citizenship for a New Generation"*

Remember to make a reservation for lunch: [v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org).

Lectureship events are open to the public.

The Lectureship is made possible through an endowment given by the McPherson family in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. McPherson, Sr. and Dr. Samuel D. McPherson, Jr.

## *The Week at a Glance!*

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| <p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship:</b><br/>Congregational Lunch</p> <p><b>5:00 – 8:00 PM</b><br/>Youth Groups</p>  | <p><b>Monday, February 19</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b><br/>Time Out Radio Show<br/>Bill Hendrickson discusses<br/>Black History Month with<br/>Dr. Freddie Parker<br/>(Listen live on 103.5 FM or<br/>online at wcomfm.org)</p> <p><b>**7:00 PM</b><br/>FPC Team 1 vs<br/>Christ Central Church</p> <p><b>**9:00 PM</b><br/>FPC Team 2 vs<br/>Blacknall Presbyterian</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p> | <p><b>Tuesday, February 20</b></p> <p><i>Newsletter today</i></p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b><br/>Worship Planning</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b><br/>Program Staff</p> | <p><b>Wednesday, February 21</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b><br/>Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>6:00 – 6:45 PM</b><br/>Indonesia Bird Show by<br/>David and Judy Smith</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b><br/>Chancel Choir</p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday, February 22</b></p> <p><b>**8:00 PM</b><br/>FPC Team 1 vs<br/>Hope Valley BC</p> <p><br/></p> <p><b>** Church League</b><br/>Basketball games are<br/>played at Hope Valley<br/>Baptist Church gym,<br/>located at the corner of<br/>Hope Valley and Garrett<br/>Roads</p> | <p><b>Friday, February 23</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM - Noon</b><br/>Bible Study<br/>What's Nice about Vice:<br/>A Positive Look at the<br/>Seven Deadly Sins</p>   | <p><b>Saturday, February 24</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b><br/>Presbytery of New<br/>Hope at FPC, Raleigh</p>                                   | <p><b>Sunday, February 25</b><br/><i>Second Sunday of Lent</i><br/><b>McPherson Lectureship</b></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School<br/>(Adult classes combine to hear<br/>Lectureship presentation by<br/>Rev. Starsky Wilson)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship<br/>Starsky Wilson, preaching<br/>(The Hunger for Change<br/>Offering will be received.)</p> <p><b>5:00 – 8:00 PM</b><br/>Youth Groups</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b><br/>McPherson Lectureship<br/>Presentation and Panel<br/>(Duke Divinity School Alumni<br/>Memorial Commons Room)</p> |

### ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jeanne Hervey*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Dewey Lawson* (side/font); *Delia Kwon* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Stephen Berry* (head), *Dale Gaddis*, *Mary-Jo Keenan*, *Chris Brown*, *Kathy Krahenbuhl*

### 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  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music

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