

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Second Sunday in Lent

McPherson Lectureship

February 25, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Mission: Lenten Match

PRELUDE

Sonata in C, iii
Alex Fiota, trumpet

Albinoni

*INTROIT

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22:23)

Sam Miglarese

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise the Lord! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify the Lord:

People: **Stand in awe of God, all you offspring of Israel!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein Feste Burg

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymnal No. 575)

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

J. Christopher Pardini

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Come among us, living Lord, for we have come to hear your living Word. We meet together in the name of Christ to share your mission and your sacrifice; to receive the power that only you can give, that we might live. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

(Pew Bible, OT Page 13)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

** Those who are able, please stand.*

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31

(Pew Bible, OT Page 501)

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

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 11:8-16

(Pew Bible, NT Page 225)

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

GOSPEL READING

John 20:30 - 21:1

(Pew Bible, NT Page 115)

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

SERMON

“Unfinished Business”

Starsky Wilson

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Iona Community Creed

Marilyn Hedgpeth

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line:
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 749**

Come, Live in the Light!

We Are Called

***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!

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 1st 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

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

People: **O my help, come quickly to my aid!**

(from Psalm 22:19)

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

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual, arr. William Bradley Roberts

Kate Busa, mezzo soprano; Sam Henry, tenor

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Oh everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

All though the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

(The Hunger for Change Offering will be received following the anthem.)

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

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

All: **We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

McKee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Lord, as we go to our homes and our work this coming week, by the power and promise of your Holy Spirit, open our ears,

People: **To hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.**

(Benediction continues next page.)

Leader: Open our eyes,
People: **To see the needs of people around us.**
Leader: Open our hands,
People: **To do our work well, to help when help is needed.**
Leader: Open our lips,
People: **To tell others the good news of Jesus and bring comfort, happiness,
and laughter to other people.**
Leader: Open our minds,
People: **To discover new truth about you and the world.**
Leader: Open our hearts,
People: **To love you and our neighbors as you have loved us in Jesus. Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Daniel Moore

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 18, we welcomed Rabbi Larry Bach and members of the Judeo Reform Congregation of Durham along with 9 persons who identified themselves as regular visitors.

The *flowers* are to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. McPherson, Sr.* and *Dr. Samuel D. McPherson, Jr.* by the family.

The *special trumpet music* this morning provided by *Alex Fioto* is offered to the glory of God and is made possible through a gift from the McPherson family.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship, return to the nursery, or go to the choir room for Children's Choir. 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 Worship Sourcebook* and *Book of Common Worship*.

The **Florence Forth Road Race** is this **Saturday March 3, 2018** on Ninth Street in Durham. Please consider participating by running/walking or volunteering at the event. The *McDows* are grateful for your support. You can find registration and volunteering information online at <http://florenceforth.org>. The deadline to register is February 28. There is also some information on the tables in the church foyer and narthex.

It's Time to Sign up for the Annual CROP Hunger Walk

It's time to get our team together to walk in this year's Durham CROP Walk for hunger relief. **The 44th Annual Durham CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, March 25, 2018. The step off begins at 2:30 p.m. from Duke Chapel.** Not able to walk this year? Consider supporting FPC's team by sponsoring a walker. Please make checks payable to Durham CROP Walk and give to the person you are sponsoring. For more information go online: <http://durhamcropwalk.org/the-walk/>. To sign up to walk and/or make a donation, go to FPC's team page at: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc/Team/View/55323/First-Presbyterian-Church>. You can also sign up today after worship in the foyer.

The 19th Annual McPherson Lectureship

Theme: “*Martin, the Messiah and #MeToo: Framing Faith-Inspired Activism*”

We welcome to the pulpit today the **Rev. Starsky D. Wilson**, a pastor, philanthropist and activist pursuing God's vision of community marked by justice, peace and love. Through the Deaconess Foundation, he is building a movement for child well-being through philanthropy, advocacy and organizing. Saint John's Church (The Beloved Community) is an inter-racial, inner-city congregation in St. Louis, affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Through Saint John's, Wilson has led activism on myriad issues, including youth violence prevention, Medicaid expansion, public school accreditation, voter mobilization, capping payday lending and raising the minimum wage, while more than quadrupling worship attendance and annual giving. He established *The Beloved Community Conference* to resource social justice ministries and *Sojourner's Truth: Celebration of Preaching Women*. In 2014, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon appointed Wilson to lead the *Ferguson Commission*, a group of citizens empowered to study the underlying conditions and make public policy recommendations to help the region progress through issues exposed by the tragic death of Michael Brown, Jr. In 2015, they released the ground-breaking report *Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equity*, calling for sweeping changes in policing, the courts, child well-being, and economic mobility. Wilson earned the BA from Xavier University of Louisiana, the MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary, and is currently completing his doctoral thesis entitled *The Truth of Reconciliation: Leadership for American Apartheid*, at Duke Divinity School.

THIS EVENING . . .

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”



The *McPherson Lectureship* was inaugurated in the year 1999 and is dedicated to enriching the faith and life of the First Presbyterian Church and the Durham community. Former lecturers have been: **John Kuykendall** (1999), **J. Barrie Shepherd** (2001), **Beverly Gaventa** (2002), **Tom Long** (2003), **Joanna Adams** (2004), **Charles Kimball** (2005), **Nicholas Wolterstorff** (2006), **Joseph L. Roberts, Jr.** (2007), **Richard A. Lischer** (2008), **Stephen A. Hayner** (2009), **Barbara Brown Taylor** (2010), **Leighton Ford** (2011), **Martha Moore-Keish** (2012), **Samuel L. Adams** (2013), **Emilie M. Townes** (2014), **Ron Cole-Turner** (2015), **Douglas F. Ottati** (2016), and **Miroslav Volf** (2017). 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.**

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

CONGRATULATIONS to *Kim and Kevin Kaufeld* on the birth of a daughter. *Isla Anne Kaufeld* was born February 10th in Albuquerque, NM. Isla joins big brother *Alden*.

SYMPATHIES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to:

- *Dawn, Simon, and Jane Carsey* on the death of our dear member and their husband/father, *Tom Carsey*. Tom died February 21st and a Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at FPC on yesterday.
- *Dorothy Graham, Scottie Seawell, and family* on the death of Dorothy's sister, *Gladys Holton*, who died unexpectedly on February 21st in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Added this week: *Tom Birchfield*, step-father of Wil James
Bob and Marilyn Towne, parents of Kim Abels

Mary Clark and son, *Claiborne Clark*

Paul Cornsweet

Dorothy Graham

Bob Keever

Julie Maxwell

Florence Shackelford – recovering at the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

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

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, in the Philippines

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

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Jon Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt, recovering from an assault in NYC

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

Membership Inquiry Classes Begin March 4

We will be offering a series of six Membership Inquiry Classes this spring for those who have expressed interest in membership with First Presbyterian Church. **These classes will begin with an introductory luncheon following worship on next Sunday, March 4, and continue on Sundays thereafter (excluding Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday) from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., through April 29.** We do not require anyone to take these classes before joining. When you are ready to join, just let one of the pastors know. These classes are an opportunity for you to ask questions, and to make a more informed decision, knowing the history, ministry, and mission of First Presbyterian Church. **Let Marilyn Hedgpeth know, please, if you plan to attend the luncheon on March 4** (so we'll have enough food for you and your children), and if you will be participating in the series of classes which will follow.

LENTEN MATCH

Lent

instead of

GIVING UP SOMETHING

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

try

GIVING TO SOMEONE

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?

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 began 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. You may also give online the church's website. Just click on donate from the home page. Thank you.

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, email Marilyn Hedgpeth: 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.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Membership Committee</p> <p>5:00 – 7:30 PM Youth Groups “Screenagers” event at Westminster PC</p> <p>6:00 PM Lectureship Presentation and Panel Discussion at Duke Divinity School</p>	<p>Monday, February 26</p> <p>11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Lectureship Clergy Gathering</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>6:30 PM Officer’s Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p> <p>7:00 PM / 9:00 PM **Basketball: FPC 2 vs Hope Valley Baptist / FPC 1 vs Westminster Presbyterian</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 27</p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers’ Luncheon at Bennett Pointe Grill</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM FPC Staff</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 28</p> <p>5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, March 1</p> <p>7:00 PM **Basketball: Tournament play begins</p> <p>** Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym located at the corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Roads.</p>	<p>Friday, March 2</p> <p>10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study “What’s Nice about Vice?”</p>	<p>Saturday, March 3</p> <p>8:00 AM – Noon Florence Forth 10K/5K Run/Walk (begins in the 700 block of Ninth Street)</p>	<p>Sunday, March 4 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Communion (Annual Meeting of the Church at the end of worship)</p> <p>After Worship: Membership Inquiry Luncheon Racial Equity Task Force</p> <p>5:00 - 6:30 PM Lenten Poetry Workshop</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups</p>

~ Serving Today ~

Narthex Greeter: *Harriett Mitchell*

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

Ushers: *Luke Everett* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Julie Whiddon*, *Will Chambliss*,
Miriam Morey, *Carl Rist*

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
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