

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Kingsfold

James Biery

INTROIT

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
O Morning Star, How fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's Son,
Our Lord and Savior, you have won
Our hearts to serve you only!
You are holy -- fair and glorious,
All victorious, rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing.*

Philip Nicolai

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Peter Hausmann

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
People: **Jesus heals the sick and helps the poor.**
Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
People: **The one we have searched for is here.**
All: **Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 10**

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is.

Your understanding is beyond measure.

We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Peter Hausmann

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of power and righteousness, you stand in power over all authorities, and you rule over all governments. Let the peoples of the earth rejoice and the leaders of nations follow the way of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 147: 1-11

(Pew Bible, OT Page 582)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 29-39

(Pew Bible, NT Page 35)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

(Pew Bible, OT Page 668)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"How Soon We Forget"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Declaration of Faith*) Marilyn Hedgpeth

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 God works God's sovereign will 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. 13** *The Mighty God with Power Speaks* Kingsfold

***THE PEACE** Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mindy Douglas

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS Sam Miglarese

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, from Psalm 111:3

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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 *Lift Up Your Voice* Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Lift up your voice and sing a new song. In every land tell out his glory.

Oh sing, and bless his holy name.

And from day to day, celebrate the good news of the earth's redemption.

***Doxology with Alleluias** *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CLOSING PRAYER

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

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

All: **God of all creation, you hold the heavens in your hand, all stars rejoice in your glory. Your peace blows over all the earth and the breath of your mouth fills all space. Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm, and the song of the wind whispers of your majesty. You satisfy all things living with your abundance, and our hearts bow at your presence. Bend over us, Eternal Love, and bless us. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 370

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

F. Merkel



Following worship today, you are encouraged to support the Youth's "Souper Bowl" fundraiser by purchasing chili and soups (take-out only) made by members of the congregation. The proceeds will be used to benefit the Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry and Backpack Buddies.

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, January 28, we welcomed 22 visitors to our worship service.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Allen Verhey* by his wife Phyllis and his children and grandchildren.

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.

Name Tags: Church member and visitor name tags are now available from the "elevator lobby" (foyer, lower level). If you enter into 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). Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings, and drop it in the containers provided at the end of worship. We encourage everyone to wear a name tag, including our visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from *Call to Worship*, *Feasting on the Word* and *Book of Common Worship*.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Peter Hausmann*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Andy Henry* (side/font); *Miriam Morey* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Jane William*,

Amy Dillon, *Jo Bernhardt*, *Mickey Velkey*

~ Our Concerns ~

We extend sympathies to *Marki Watson* and *Megan Champion* on the death of Marki's mom (Megan's grandmother), *Lora Watson*; and to *Chris Wehrman*, *Li-Chen Chin*, *Sheya and Sean*, on the death of Chris' mother, *Martha A. Wehrman*.

Added this week:

Bob Kever, retired Presbyterian pastor

Jonathan Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt, who was the victim of an assault in NYC last week

Pam and David Martin, friends of Chris and Meredith Brown

Paul Cornsweet

Beth Eisenson

Julie Maxwell

Russell and Ruth Roberson

Florence Shackelford

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:

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Marc Crawford, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett

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

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

Jerry Walter, friend of Brian and Jeanette Castle

Wagner/Wintermute/Littles families, friends of Kerry Holbrook

Mariah Wilson, granddaughter of Chuck and Jean Wilson

Christina Z., mother of Franzi Rokoske

Legacy Society Appreciation Luncheon Planned

The FPC Legacy Society will celebrate its second annual Member Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Through FPC Legacy Society members' grace and generosity our membership continues to grow. If you have not yet joined the FPC Legacy Society, please consider joining now and making FPC a part of your Legacy. Your membership in the FPC Legacy Society will help insure the future of our historic congregation and its place in the Durham community, just as we enjoy the legacy gifts that have come before us. Information about joining the FPC Legacy Society is available from the tables in the foyer and narthex. Please direct any questions about the FPC Legacy Society to Tom Bloom, Business Administrator.

Jewish and Christian Congregations to Worship Together

The congregations of First Presbyterian and Judea Reform will worship together on **Friday, February 16** and **Sunday, February 18**. Mindy Douglas will be speaking during the Friday Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. at Judea Reform, and Larry Bach will be speaking during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship at First Presbyterian. The choirs from both congregations will be joining together to provide music for the two services. This is the first time these two congregations will share in worship in this way.

ASH Wednesday

February 14, 2018

Both services will include the imposition of ashes on our foreheads.

A Service of Holy Dusting

12 noon in the FPC Memorial Garden

Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

A light supper will be served at 5:30, before the evening worship.

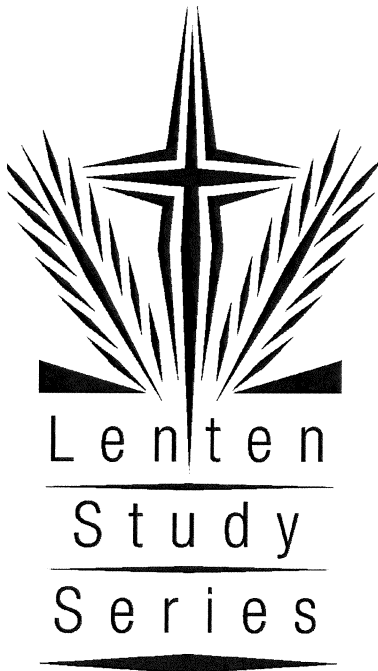
Lenten Class Offering in Spiritual Autobiography

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 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church.** 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 at:
cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com.



Holy Listening: Poetry Reading & Writing

led by Marilyn Hedgpeth

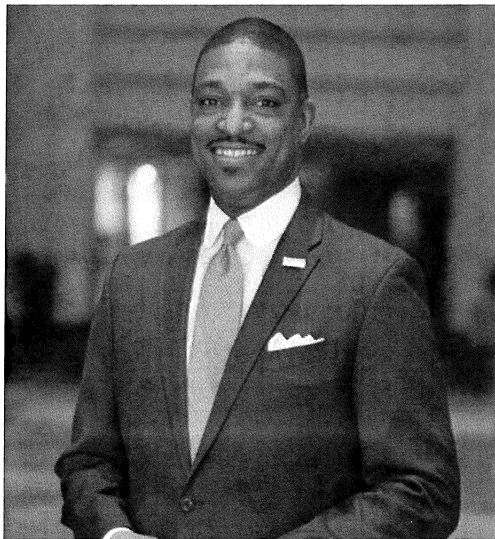
*An introduction to poetry
as a spiritual discipline:
both reading and writing.*

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 may bring to share. Classes meet on three Sunday afternoons from 5 – 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 in the class, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth:
m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org.

First Presbyterian Church of Durham presents
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

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/Church Leaders Gathering

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

RSVP for lunch to the EVITE or v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

Lectureship events are open to the public.

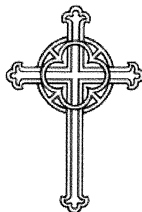
The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Youth "Souper Bowl" fundraiser</p> <p>2:00 PM Communion at The Forest at Duke</p> <p>No Evening Youth Groups</p>	<p>Monday, February 5</p> <p>10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle & Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>8:00 PM **Church League Basketball: FPC 2 vs Westminster PC</p> <p>9:00 PM **Church League Basketball: FPC 1 vs Graystone Church</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 6</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Vox Chorus rehearsal</p> <p><i>Newsletter today!</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, February 7</p> <p>11:30 AM FPC Legacy Society Member Appreciation Luncheon at Croasdaile Country Club</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship & the Arts Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal at Judea Reform Synagogue</p>
<p>Thursday, February 8</p> <p>8:00 PM **Church League Basketball: FPC 2 vs Christ Central Church</p> <p> </p> <p>** Church League basketball games are played in the gym at Hope Valley Baptist Church, located at the corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Roads.</p>	<p>Friday, February 9</p> <p>10:30 AM – 12 Noon Book & Bible Study</p>	<p>Saturday, February 10</p> <p>3:00 PM Memorial Service for William (Bill) Lorimer (reception follows in Watts-Hill Hall)</p>	<p>Sunday, February 11</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Transfiguration of the Lord</p> </div> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship & Communion (Children's Choir singing)</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Shape Note Choir</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups</p>

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office at: info@firstpres-durham.org, visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>, or follow us (firstpresdurham) on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

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