

First Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: Eastern NC Summer Mission Trip

Mindy Douglas
Griffin and Tyler Momsen-Hudson

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Repton" (*O Lord, Creator, Good and Kind*)

Robert Powell

INTROIT

O Lord, Creator

Repton

*O Lord, creator, good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah Finbow

Leader: Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts,

People: **Confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

***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

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.

Declaration of Pardon (from Jeremiah 31:31-34)

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Brent Curtis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward
hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer
to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all
people to himself revealing your love for the world. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5: 5-10

(Pew Bible, NT Page 220)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

** Those who are able, please stand.*

GOSPEL READING

John 12: 20-33

(Pew Bible, NT Page 106)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Way of the Cross”

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from Philipians 2:5-11)

Sam Miglarese

Christ Jesus, though he was born in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

*HYMN NO. 264

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

*THE PEACE

Sam Miglarese

(Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Children through 1st grade enter during the sharing of the peace.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Brent Curtis

(Following “A Time with Children,” children can remain in worship with their parents, return to the nursery, or go to the choir room for Children’s Choir rehearsal.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Sam Miglarese

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,

People: **And do not take your holy spirit from me.**

(from Psalm 51:11)

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Llanfyllin, arr. Myron Casner

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;

Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory, your servant shall be too.

And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Amen.

*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. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

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

All: **God of all joy, fill our souls to overflowing with the fullness of your grace. In this season, remind us of your triumph over the tragedy of the cross, and your victory for us over the powers of sin and death, so that we may reflect your glory as disciples of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM

Mindy Douglas

Introduction of team members and nature of mission

Commissioning Prayer

Leader: Faithful God, in baptism you claim us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live lives fully and worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading this mission team to this time and place. Surround them with your presence and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love. May they be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ as they minister to those in Honduras.

People: **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you call disciples and by your Holy Spirit you empower them to serve you. May your Holy Spirit unite your church, so that we may be joined in love, service, and prayer with this mission team. As they serve in Honduras, so may we be one in Christ, who having gone before us, walks with us, and is coming to meet us, in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.**

Charge and Blessing

***HYMN NO. 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Aberystwyth)

Ashley Grote

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, March 11, we welcomed 14 visitors to worship.

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** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Crafton by his parents, **Margaret and Tom Keller**, and his brothers, **Neel and John Keller**.

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 *Feasting on the Word* and *Book of Common Worship*.

These Days devotional booklets for April – June 2018 have arrived. Regular and large print copies are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex, while supplies last.

Membership Inquiry Classes

Classes continue on Sundays through April 29 (no class on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday), **9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor**. 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 they will convene the Session to make that happen.

~ OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS ~

Congratulations to *Mary Berry* who has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Hebrew Bible at Duke Divinity School.

Birth Announcement: *Caroline and Ed Pritchett* are pleased to report that their third grandchild in the last 10 months arrived March 9, 2018. *Graham Robinson Devooght* was born March 9, 2018 to *Eloise (Ellie) Whitlock* and *Andrew DeVooght* in Chicago.

Sympathies: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Margaret Mwangi* (wife) and *Olive, Jocelyn and Edwin Mwangi* (children) on the death of Edwin Mwangi (husband/father) here in the US. Friends of the family are raising funds to help with the cost of returning his body to Kenya for burial. Please contact *Lisa Rist* if you would like to contribute.

Carsey Family

Mary Clark

Paul Cornsweet

Dorothy Graham

Julie Maxwell

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Keever, Florence Shackelford*

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

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

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Tom Birchfield, step-father of Wil James

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, friends of Kathy Parkins and Mary Kay Robinson

Patricia Kost, grandmother of Jack Kost

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

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

Jonathan Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt

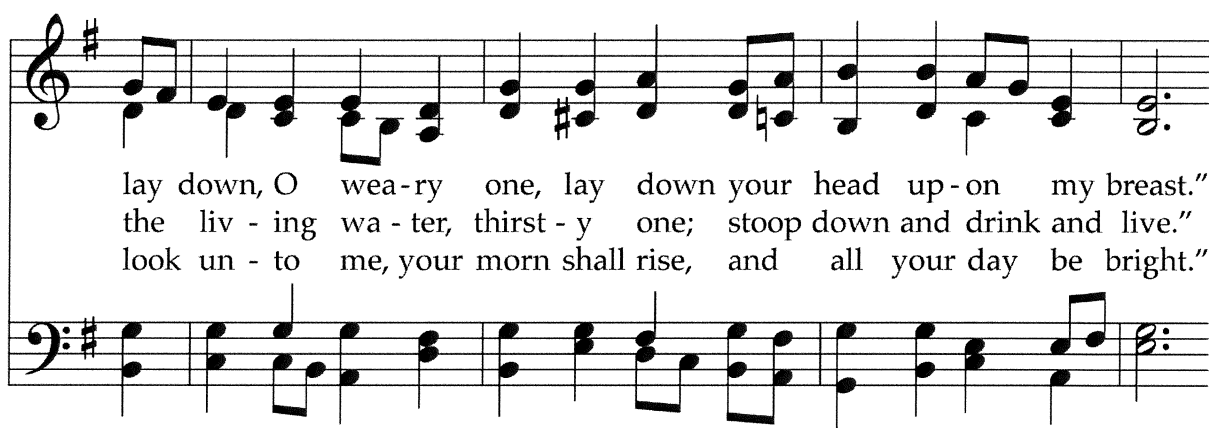
Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

Anne Turlington, aunt of Jack Kost

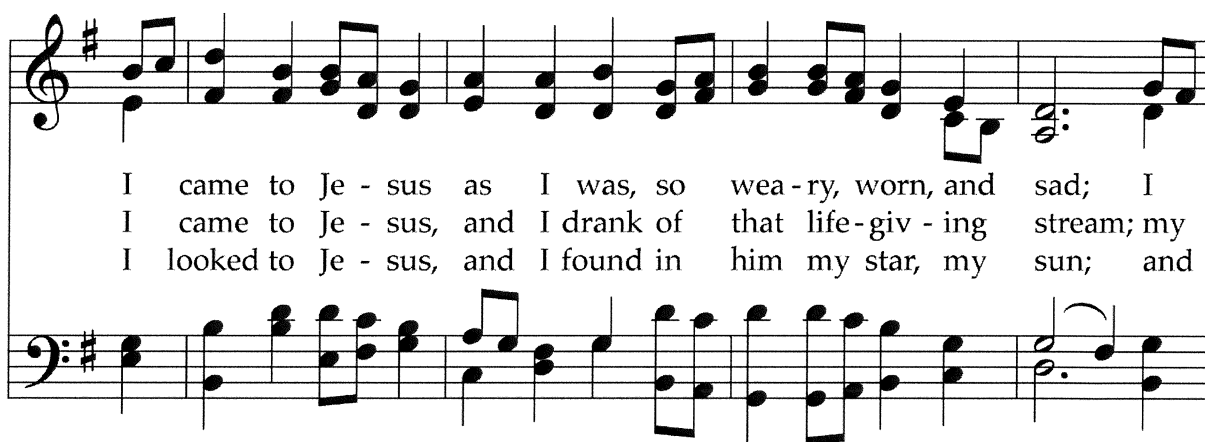
182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

At the Name of Jesus

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Capo 5: (Am)

(G) (Am) (C) (Am)

(Dm) (Am)

Dm

C Dm F Dm

Gm Dm



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C)

(G) (Am)

(C) (Dm)

F

C Dm

F Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G)

(Em) (Am) (G)

(D) (G)

C

Am Dm C

G C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am)

(G)

(Em)

(Dm)

(C)

(G)

(Am)

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Am

Gm

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Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



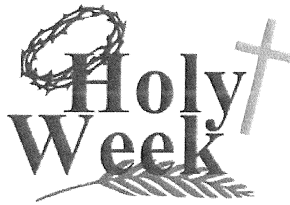
won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.



PALM / PASSION SUNDAY - MARCH 25

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
(FPC's playground; for young children)

9:45 a.m. Hot Cross Buns and Coffee Fellowship
(available in Watts-Hill Hall - No Sunday School)

10:15 a.m. Palm Parade

Parade with our neighbors from Trinity UMC and St. Philip's Episcopal, waving palm branches and blessing each congregation's ministries, then return to our sanctuaries for worship.

11:00 a.m. Worship (We will remember Christ's passion through lessons and hymns.)

2:30 p.m. 44th Annual Durham CROP Hunger Walk
Meet in front of Duke Chapel at 2:15 for a FPC group photo
Remember to wear your CROP Walk t-shirt

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 29

6:00 p.m. Supper at Covenant Presbyterian Church

7:00 p.m. Joint Worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church

A joint worship service with Holy Communion at Covenant Presbyterian Church (2620 Weaver Street, Durham) to commemorate Jesus' last supper. Childcare will be provided. **Supper reservations can be called in to the church office (919-682-5511) or respond to the EVITE. The reservation deadline is Monday, March 26.**

Good Friday - March 30

Stations of the Cross - 12 Noon in Downtown Durham

A spiritual pilgrimage of the Holy Week texts in Durham's downtown context, beginning at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church and ending at FPC.

EASTER DAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:30 a.m. Worship in Memorial Garden

9:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Brunch

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

Flowering the Cross: As part of our Easter tradition, everyone is invited to bring flowers or greenery to church on Easter Sunday to decorate the cross outside the Memorial Garden. You may add your flora to the cross as you enter the glass doors on your way to worship or Sunday School.

The **PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received to provide relief to the hungry, poor and oppressed, and those affected by natural disasters. Please bring a generous offering on Easter Day.

Easter lilies will grace our sanctuary on Easter Day. Remember/honor someone on Easter Sunday by donating toward the cost of the lilies. **Please complete a donor card and return it to the church with your donation by next Sunday, March 25.** Cards with envelopes are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>3:00 PM Concert: Meredith College Chorale & Vox Virorum Men's Chorus</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 PM Lenten Poetry Workshop</p> <p>5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Flour Wars</p>	<p>Monday, March 19</p> <p>9:30 – 11:30 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at UMD</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>6:30 PM Officer's Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 20</p> <p><i>Newsletter Today</i></p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>6:00 PM Personnel Committee</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 21</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship and the Arts Committee</p> <p>5:30 – 7:00 PM Lenten Study: Spiritual Autobiography</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal at Covenant Presbyterian</p>
<p>Thursday, March 22</p> <p>9:30 – 11:30 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at UMD</p>	<p>Friday, March 23</p> <p>10:30 AM - Noon Bible Study What's Nice about Vice: A Positive Look at the Seven Deadly Sins</p>	<p>Saturday, March 24</p> <p>10:00 AM – Noon Scratch Brunch Potluck and Palm Crosses Folding project at the home of Cherrie and Andy Henry</p>	<p>Sunday, March 25 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Egg Hunt for young children (FPC playground)</p> <p>9:45 AM Hot Cross Buns and Coffee Fellowship (No Sunday School)</p> <p>10:15 AM Palm Sunday Parade</p> <p>11:00 AM Christ's Passion in Lessons and Hymns</p> <p>2:30 PM Durham's CROP Walk (begins at Duke Chapel)</p> <p>5:00 PM Retirement Celebration for Margaret Smith (at Fisher Memorial UHC)</p> <p>No Evening Youth Groups</p>

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Brent Curtis*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Caroline Rourk* (side/font); *Jane Wettach* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Laurie Williamson* (head), *Mary-Jo Keenan* (flowers), *Christy Gudiatis* (assistant), *Dale Gaddis*, *Jo Bernhardt*, *Amy Sanchez*

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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