



First Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!

William Healey

***LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
People: **Glory to God in the highest!**
Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
People: **Glory to God in the highest!**
Leader: For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.
People: **Glory to God in the highest!**
Leader: He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
People: **Glory to God in the highest!**
Leader: To us is born in the city of David a savior, the Messiah, the Lord
People: **Glory to God in the highest!**
Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
People: **Glory to God in the highest!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 147**

The First Nowell

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CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Jeanne Hervey

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise
and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the
voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

(Pew Bible NT Page 201)

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

* Those who are able, please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-38

(Pew Bible, NT Page 59)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Ones Who See”

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Sam Miglarese

God sent the promised Deliverer to God’s people. Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

***HYMN NO. 112**

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Sussex Carol

***THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

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

John Weicher

(Following “A Time with Children,” children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: O Ruler of the nations, Monarch for whom the people long, you are the cornerstone uniting all humanity: Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

Invitation to the Offering

Sam Miglarese

Offertory Solo

Some Children See Him

Alfred Burt

Kate Busa, solo

Some children see Him lily white, the baby Jesus born this night,

Some children see Him lily white, with tresses soft and fair.

Some children see Him bronzed and brown, The Lord of heaven to earth come down;

Some children see Him bronzed and brown, with dark and heavy hair.

Some children see Him almond-eyed, this Savior whom we kneel beside,

Some children see Him almond-eyed, with skin of yellow hue.

Some children see Him dark as they, sweet Mary’s Son to whom we pray;

Some children see Him dark as they, and ah! they love Him, too!

*The children in each different place will see the baby Jesus' face
Like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace, and filled with holy light.
O lay aside each earthly thing, and with thy heart as offering,
Come worship now the infant King, 'Tis love that's born tonight!*

*Doxology (Hymn No.143, verse 4)

Regent Square

*All creation join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: **And also with you.**

All: **Loving God: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ's gift for us. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may be Christ for others. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 141**

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

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***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Hark, the Glad Sound!

Paul Manz

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, December 23, we welcomed 41 visitors to our worship service.

Special thanks to *Kate Busa* and *Gordon Campbell* for sharing their musical gifts with us in worship today.

Music Note: Alfred Burt, the composer of today's anthem, was an American jazz musician. From 1942 through 1954, he continued a family tradition of writing a new Christmas carol every year. These carols, in the form of sheet music, were mailed to family and friends as Christmas cards, but were not published or recorded during his lifetime. "*Some Children See Him*" was the carol from 1951.

Special thanks to *Alice Raney, Brent Curtis, Robert Day, Dale Georgiade* and *Jane Williams* for decorating the sanctuary for the season. The *poisettias* are given to the glory of God and are a gift to the congregation from *Arthur Clark*.

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 Advent Companion, Book of Common Worship* (2018 edition), *The Gift*, and *Candles and Conifers*.

The bulletin cover image: From works of Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606-1669), *Simeon's Prophecy to Mary* (1628). In this painting Mary and Joseph seem surprised when Simeon tells them that their son's actions will lead to the fall and rise of many in Israel. The prophet Anna raises her hands to indicate that she also considers the boy the Messiah. Retrieved December 28, 2018 from <http://agape-churches.org/w3/emmanuel/waiting/Art-of-Simeon-and-Anna.html>

Year-End Giving: Please remember that the church must receive your charitable contributions **today** or the gift must be postmarked by tomorrow, December 31, 2018, if mailed, to be deductible on your 2018 taxes. If you wish to make a contribution by credit card, this may be done through the church's website (www.firstpres-durham.org) at any time.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee has two important tasks to complete for the 2018-2019 church year. They will manage the process to nominate members to the Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families Nominating Committee and in the spring, will present a slate of candidates for the Diaconate, Session, and at-large members of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. Forms for submitting nominations can be picked up in the foyer and narthex. **The deadline for submitting nominations is next Sunday, January 6, 2019.**

Remember to sign up to donate flowers for worship in 2019

It's time to sign up to be a flower donor for 2019.

You can sign up on the FLOWER CHART posted in the foyer near the elevator.

Condolences are extended to the family of *Leonora (Lee) Courtland*, FPC member who died December 23rd. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on December 29th at FPC.

We also extend condolences to *George Danser and Jean Cary* on the death of George's mother, *Pamela Meeker Danser*, who died December 23 at age 96. The family will gather for a memorial service in Minnesota next summer to celebrate her life.



Added this week:

Ted Churn, Executive Presbyterian/Stated Clerk of the New Hope Presbytery, recovering from surgery

Joseph Ngumi, a patient at Duke Hospital

Recovering at Home:

Barbara Gerwe

Margaret Mubanga

Franzi Rokoske

Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Ann Prospero, Bob Rankin*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Doug Hervey, son of Jeanne Hervey

Shirla Hudson, mother of Tyler Momsen-Hudson

Jim Mau, father of Shirley Frederick's daughter-in-law, Sharon

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Nellie Van Ewyk, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Rescheduled for January 6

Because the weather outside was frightful on Sunday, December 9, we have rescheduled our children's Christmas pageant for the last Sunday of the Christmas season, January 6th, which happens to be Epiphany this year, a celebration of the manifestation of God in Christ. All children and youth are welcome to be in the pageant. Wear your costumes to church that Sunday, and we will run through it once during the Sunday School hour, and do a little face painting before we perform at 11:00 a.m. Following the pageant, children can either sit with their parents in the pew, or go upstairs to the playroom for the remainder of the service.



COMING IN JANUARY . . .

Our next segment of Membership Inquiry Classes will be offered January 13, 20 and 27 in the Wilson Parlor. If you are curious about what membership entails at FPC, please join us for these classes, which meet from 9:45 – 10:45 on three Sundays in January. Contact Marilyn Hedgpeth for more information about these classes: m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511 ext. 220.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



SONAM presents Winter Concert

Saturday, January 5

7:30 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Singers of New and Ancient Music (SONAM) will present a concert of lullabies and dreams music from composers of the Baltic Basin. They will sing works by Byrd, Pärt, Bach, Rautavaara, and more. All proceeds will benefit Book Harvest, a nonprofit organization that provides books to children in central North Carolina and works with families and communities to promote children's literacy and academic success.



**Martin
Luther
King, Jr.**
remembered

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Durham City/County Employees' MLK Civic Celebration

12 noon in the FPC sanctuary

Speaker: *Judge Anita Earls*

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Annual MLK Unity March and Community Worship

The March begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company (411 West Chapel Hill Street) and ends with a community worship in the FPC sanctuary at 12 noon, featuring music by Durham's Children's Choir. All are welcome to participate in the march and attend the worship.

Blessing for the New Year

I hope for you in this new year . . .

**That the single, most significant dimension of life
is your relationship with the Source of Goodness
who never ceases to sing love songs to your soul**

**That you find meaning, purpose, and vitality
in what you do daily**

**That you treasure your loved ones
and let them know how dear they are to you**

**That you make choices and decisions
that reflect your truest self**

**That you look in the mirror at least once a day
and smile in happy amazement**

**That you remember relationships are what count above all else –
more than work or money,
or all the material things we spend so much time tending**

**That you live in an uncluttered manner,
enjoying the freedom to be content**

**That you keep your sense of humor
when things don't go the way you want**

**That you find adventure in each new day
and marvel at the wonders of creation
which constantly present themselves to you**

**That you never give up on yourself
when others turn away or do not understand**

**That you are attentive to the health
of your body, mind and spirit**

That you take risks and accept the growth-full challenges that come to you

**That you draw on your inner strength and resiliency
when you are in need**

**That you carry peace within yourself,
allowing it to slip into the hearts of others
so our planet becomes a place
where violence, division, and war are no more**

The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
 east be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'born is the King of Is - ra - el.' are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of quarter notes, eighth notes, and chords, with some notes beamed together and others held over with a fermata.

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense.

Refrain

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

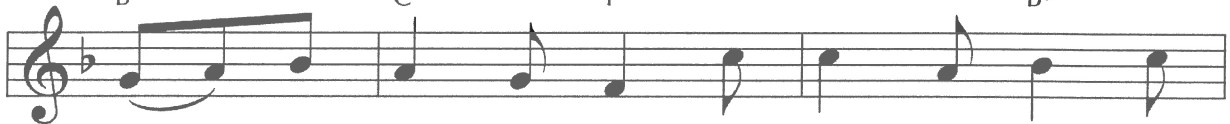
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 112

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (A7) (D)
 F B^b F C7 F



1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re -
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then life and
 4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the

(G) (A) (D) (G)
 B^b C F B^b



news the an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all
 deem - er made us glad; then why should we on
 health come in its place; when sin de - parts be -
 an - gels sing this night; all out of dark - ness

(D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F



Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the an - gels bring,
 earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er made us glad,
 fore his grace, then life and health comes in its place;
 we have light, which made the an - gels sing this night:

(A) (Em) (D) (A)
 C Gm F C



news of great joy, news of great mirth,
 when from our sin he set us free,
 heav - en and earth with joy may sing,
 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven;

(D) (G) (A) (G) (D)
 F B^b C B^b F

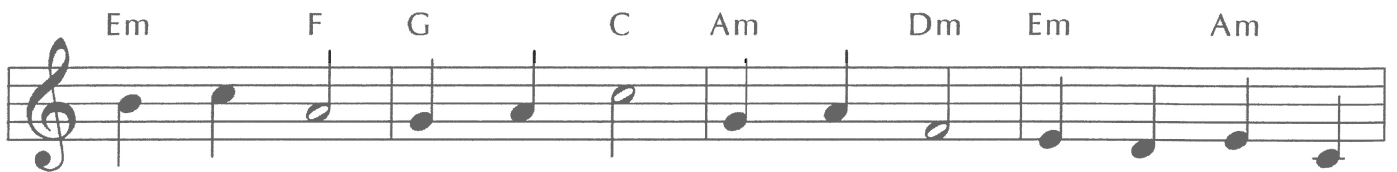


news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 all for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 all for to see the new - born King.
 peace on earth and good - will. A - men!"

141 On This Day Earth Shall Ring



1 On this day earth shall ring with the song
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three
 4 On this day an - gels sing; with their song



chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to
 down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -
 to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be -
 earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to

Refrain



save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 side him from the cold would hide him. *Id - e - o - o - o,
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 save us; peace and love he gave us.



id - e - o - o - o, id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

~ Serving Today ~




Liturgist: *Jeanne Hervey*

Narthex Greeter: *Michael Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Chris Brown* (side/font); *Lenore Champion* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *John Mozart* (head), *Julie Whiddon* (counting), *Miriam Morey*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>No Children's Choir</p> <p>No evening Youth Groups</p>	<p align="center">Monday, December 31, 2018 New Year's Eve</p> <p align="center">Church Office is Closed</p> <p align="center">No Walk-in Ministry</p>  <p align="center">Happy 147th Birthday to FPC</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday, January 1, 2019</p>  <p align="center">New Year's Day</p> <p align="center">Church Office is Closed</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday, January 2</p> <p align="center">5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p align="center">No Chancel Choir</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, January 3</p>	<p align="center">Friday, January 4</p> <p align="center">12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM Bible Study: Isaiah</p> <p align="center">6:30 PM First Friends & Families Potluck Game Night at FPC (hosted by Emily, Kennedy and Sophie Wilkins)</p>	<p align="center">Saturday, January 5</p> <p align="center">7:30 PM SONAM Concert to benefit Book Harvest</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, January 6</p>  <p align="center">9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p align="center">11:00 AM Worship and Communion</p> <p align="center">After Worship 12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Choir</p> <p align="center">4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group</p> <p align="center">6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth Group</p>

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