

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today	Monday, January 14	Tuesday, January 15	Wednesday, January 16
<p>12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Choir</p> <p>12:30 – 3:00 PM Young Adults /SCRATCH Planning Retreat (Room 205 CE building)</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Triangle Sacred Harp Shape Note Choir</p> <p>3:00 PM Vox Virorum Men's Chorus Winter Concert</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>	<p>5:30 PM Christian Education Committee</p> <p>6:00 PM Property Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service and Mission Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship and the Arts Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM Endowments Policy Meeting</p>	<p>12 Noon Durham City/County Employees' MLK Civic Celebration</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p>	<p>5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
Thursday, January 17	Friday, January 18	Saturday, January 19	Sunday, January 20
	<p>12 Noon – 1:00 PM Bible Study on Isaiah</p>		<p>9:45 AM Sunday School/ Membership Inquiry Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>After Worship: Congregational Lunch</p> <p>3:00 PM Women's Voices Chorus Winter Concert</p> <p>5:15 - 7:45 PM Middle School and High School Youth MLK Service Project</p>

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Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *Old Southern tune, arr. Edwin Childs*

INTROIT *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* *Scottish Psalter 1635*

*Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.
God called you "My beloved Son," the suffering servant true,
Sent you the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 29:1-4, 11) Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of the divine name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**
Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
People: **The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**
Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
People: **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
Leader: May the Lord give strength to the people!
People: **May the Lord bless the people with peace!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 409** *God Is Here* *Abbot's Leigh*

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

Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
So often, we live as if we forgot who we really are, O long-remembering God. We have gone through the waters of baptism, but we act as if they do not change us. We hear your prophet telling us you love us, but we don't commit that to memory. Instead, we try to work our way to freedom or success or immortality. In the process, we have worked against our neighbors and against you. Forgive us our forgetting. Teach us to revel in your love. Write it on our hearts.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

***THE PEACE** Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

*Those who are able, please stand.

All: **You are a God who speaks, and things happen. Existence comes into existence. Prophets show us the way the world really is. Blessings flow. Through these ancient words, speak your Word to us this day, so that we might be renewed and ready to be your people in the world. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT Page 672)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Pew Bible, NT Page 60)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Just Grace" John Weicher

(Silent meditation)

***HYMN NO. 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Kingdom

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN John Weicher

A TIME WITH CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS Marilyn Hedgpeh

Recognition of Confirmands and Mentors

Presentation of Gifts Barbara Fish

Litany of Affirmation Confirmation Class and Mentors

Leader: Friends in Christ, in baptism we make promises for our children, for those who remain near, and for those who move far away; for everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

People: **We have promised to rely upon God's grace as parents and family, mentors and friends; to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to you as children, into your adulthood.**

Confirmands: God has embraced us within this covenant of faith.

People: **We have promised, through prayer and example, to support and encourage you throughout your life to be faithful Christians.**

Confirmands: Christ has embraced us within this covenant of hope.

People: **As members of the church of Jesus Christ, we have promised to guide and nurture you, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging you to know and to follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church.**

Confirmands: By water and the Holy Spirit, we were made members of Christ's church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of justice, peace, and love. Through our baptism, the Holy Spirit has sealed within us the covenant of love.

People: **Our promises are binding. Our love is strong. Our intent is clear. Because you have been chosen by God and are precious to God, you are also precious to us.**

Confirmands: The triune God will continue to embrace us within this covenant because God's love knows no end.

All: **Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 547** (verse 1) *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* Ar Hyd Y Nos

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering Cheryl Henry

Offertory Anthem *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Healey Willan

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light,

Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high be near; daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;

Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see,

Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Fill me, Radiance Divine, scatter all my unbelief.

More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

***Doxology** *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!

(The elements are brought forward.)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: With the water of baptism reminding us of your love for us, Voice of Heaven, we lift our praises to you. Before you breathed the Word which tamed chaos, you named us your children, heirs of all the goodness you desired for us. You sang to us in Eden's fields, inviting us to glorify you forever. Yet, we walked into the shadows of the world, leaving the songs behind us. You persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen, it is in those barren and desolate places that you gather your children up to carry us into your kingdom. So, with angel choirs in every region, with shepherds who caroled a homeless family, with those who came home singing from exile, we lift our voices in joy and hope:

All (sung): (Hymn No. 63. verse 1)

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

Leader: Holy are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Bearer of grace and Singer of truth. When we lost our voice to sin, you sent your Word to teach us new songs of joy and praise. When our feet became muddy from playing in life's puddles, he stepped into the Jordan, so we might be cleansed of sin. When our ears were filled with the lies of the world, he spoke the truth of your everlasting hope for us. When we were about to die, he came running to us, defeating sin and death, marking us as your own with the kiss of the Holy Spirit. As we remember Christ's baptism, as we recall his life and ministry, as we follow him through death into the resurrection of the new life, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Leader: . . . And when the river of time stops flowing, when we gather as one around your table, we will join our voices as your children, singing to God, Child, and Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. You are invited to dip your hand in the baptismal font and remember your baptism.

Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Communion Hymns (all sing)

Hymn No. 501

Feed Us, Lord

Feed Us



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
 2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
 3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
 4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
 may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
 of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
 giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Hymn No. 507

Come to the Table of Grace

Table of Grace



1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the



ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's



not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...

3 Come to the table of love...

4 Come to the table of hope...

5 Come to the table of joy...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **Holy Spirit, you have filled us with the bread of forgiveness and with the cup of hope. Now flow through us like baptismal waters, so we might become a river of reconciliation. Grant us your peace, so we might carry this gift to the world. Set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope in our neighbors and communities. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

***BENEDICTION**

John Weicher

***POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in G

Henry Heron

A Reminder to Worshippers: *Vox Virorum Men's Chorus* will offer a free (public) concert in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. today. As you exit your pew, please kindly recycle your bulletin and pick up any inserts, children's drawings, personal trash, etc. and take these with you. Returning hymnals and Bibles to the pew racks is also very helpful. Thank you for leaving the sanctuary presentable for our guests.

Attention parents: The *Children's Choir* will rehearse today from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. in the choir room.

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.

On Sunday, January 6, we welcomed 25 visitors to our worship service.

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.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of *BJ Seitzer* from her family.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for “A Time with the Children.” Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. Following “A Time with the Children,” the children may return to the nursery or join their parents in the pew. 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 younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today’s worship texts were reprinted from *lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com*.

Flowers for Worship: If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for an open Sunday on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Information regarding the flower donation process is also located there. Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2019 by signing up on the chart as soon as possible.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee has two important tasks to complete this 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. Please use the enclosed nomination forms to submit your nominees. **The deadline for nominations has been extended to today.**

Membership Inquiry Class

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

Sunday, January 20 Women’s Voices Chorus Winter Concert 3:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary Special Guest: NCCU Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Concert features freedom songs from around the globe, with texts and compositions by female composers and poets. For tickets go to: <https://squareup.com/store/womens-voices-chorus/item/january-only-light-only-love-1>

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: **Jane Wettach**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt, Elinor Hess**

After Worship Greeters: **Karen Romines** (narthex/rear); **George Bernhardt** (side/font)

Ushers: **Laurie Williamson, John Mozart, Ginny Widmark, Kathy Krahenbuhl**

Communion Elders:

Head (process cup /replenish elements): **Alice Raney**

Bread: **Kim Abels** (B1, process), **Griffin Momsen-Hudson** (B2), **Delia Kwon** (B3), **Diane Prosser** (B4)

Cup: **Jane Wettach** (C1), **Brent Curtis** (C2), **Leah Graves** (C3), **Lenore Champion** (C4)

Shepherds: **Andy Henry** (center aisle), **Carol Carson** (font aisle), **Libby Gulley** (pulpit aisle)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmand

Lily Brigman
Nathan Bullock
Jake Chambliss
Maggie Chambliss
Kayla Champion
Nathaniel Cole
Anna Compton
Webb Cummings
Henry Everett
Charlie Kelly
Theodore Lucas
Lomituzi Mbilika
Maeve McClain-Huslage
Laura McDow
Noah Rokoske
Kasey Snell
Sheya Wehrman
Jack Williamson

Mentor

Rob Everett
Jennifer Bullock
Carl Rist
Lisa Rist
Danielle Johnson-Webb
Jay Klinck
Deborah Momsen-Hudson
Laurie Williamson
Mac McCorkle
George Bernhardt
Wayne Drummond
Lenore Champion
Kate Busa
Amy Dillon
Laurie Ray
Cris Rivera
Kim Abels
Matt Williamson

Instructors: Marilyn Hedgpeth, Kim Abels, Lenore Champion

~ Our Concerns ~

Sympathies: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the family of **Helen Bruce Floyd**, longtime member of FPC who died January 4, 2019. A memorial service was held in Gainesville, GA on January 12th.

Added this week:

Chuck Barenchi

Paul Dykeman, friend of Steve and Martha Rimmer

Joseph Ngumi, in rehab at Duke Regional Hospital (Joseph’s son Anthony is here from Kenya.)

Recovering at Home:

Matt Cline

Barbara Gerwe

Margaret Mubanga

Franzi Rokoske

Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: **Julian Boswell**

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

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

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

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Nellie Van Ewyk, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp