

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 17, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (Wind Quintet)

Rigaudon

André Campra

*INTROIT

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Weicher

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

People: **They shall be like a tree planted by water,**

Leader: Sending out its roots by the stream.

People: **Baptized and freed,**

Leader: Grounded in love.

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 457

How Happy Are the Saints of God

Wareham

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.

You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ.

Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:

people who are poor and hungry;

people who weep.

We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded.

Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent,

even complicit with injustice and prejudice.

Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel.

We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Wilson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us sing our prayer of illumination.

*Those who are able, please stand.



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

(Pew Bible, OT Page 719)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****EPISTLE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

(Pew Bible, NT Page 176)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 6:17-26

(Pew Bible, NT Page 64)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****SERMON**

"Plain Speech"

Mindy Douglas

*(A moment for meditation)****HYMN NO. 172***Blest Are They**Blest Are They****THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

As we pass the peace, please be mindful that it is flu season and we want to protect susceptible members of our community. 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 worship during "The Peace.")***A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Mindy Douglas

*(After "A Time with the Children," the children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)***JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lord God, because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things,
we hold to his Word and share his plea:

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where nations budget for war, while Christ says, "Put up your sword:"

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where countries waste food and covet fashion,
while Christ says, "I was hungry..., I was thirsty ...:"

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where powerful governments claim their policies are heaven-blessed,
while Scripture states that God helps the powerless:

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where Christians seek the kingdom in the shape of their own church,
as if Christ had come to build barriers, not to break down dividing walls:

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where women who speak up for their dignity are treated with scorn and contempt:

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where men try hard to be tough, because they are afraid to be tender:

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where we, obsessed with being adults, forget to become like children:

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where our prayers falter, our faith weakens, our light grows dim:

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Where Jesus Christ calls us:

People: **Your Kingdom come, your will be done.**

Leader: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us.
Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it.

All: **This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(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		Marilyn Hedgpeth
Offertory (Wind Quintet)	<i>Three Variations on "Amazing Grace"</i>	Denis Bédard
*Doxology		<i>Lasst uns erfreuen</i>
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</i>	

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

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

All: **Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you.
Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep:
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

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.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer

Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 306, verse 1; all sing)

Dennis

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

***HYMN NO. 766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Matthew Cori

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship today for a fellowship lunch.

Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the meal.

Attention parents: The Children's Choir rehearses from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. in the choir room.

The children may join their parents at the lunch in Watts-Hill Hall following choir practice.

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 10, we welcomed 19 visitors to worship.

Please *welcome the following* to FPC:

- *Conrad and Linda Carter* were born and raised in Wise County, VA and came to Durham in 2017. Conrad is a self-employed engineering consultant, and Linda is a retired CPA.
- *Keith and Franzi Rokoske* moved to Durham in 2000. Keith was born in Auburn, Alabama and works as a software engineer at Terra Dotta. Franzi was born in Switzerland and works at RTI International. Their son, *Noah* (age 13), is attending the Confirmation Class and participates in FPC youth group activities.
- *The Rev. Dr. Nora Tubbs Tisdale* is an ordained PCUSA minister and retired seminary professor (Yale Divinity School) who now resides in Durham. She is married to *Alfred Tisdale*, a retired Episcopal priest, and they have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Music Notes: The **Prelude** is adapted from a piece by French composer André Campra (1660 – 1744), who was well known for both sacred works and operas. His Rigaudon (a type of 17th –century dance), in a modern transcription for organ, is his most familiar work and is often played at weddings. The **Offertory** comes from an organ work by Canadian composer Denis Bédard. The quintet is playing three of the seven variations on “Amazing Grace” (No. 649 in our hymnal) from his original piece. We are grateful to the **First Presbyterian Wind Quintet** (*Christyn Klinck, Joe Robinson, Li-Chen Chin, Brent Curtis, and David Smith*) for their musical contribution to today's service.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Allen Verhey* by *Phyllis Verhey* 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. Following “*A Time with Children*,” children can remain in worship with their parents or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery for all of worship. 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 *The Worship Sourcebook*.

~ **Our Concerns** ~

Added this week:

Dolly Douglas, grandmother of Mindy Douglas, in rehab after hospitalization

Bill Bigger, pastor at Hope Valley Baptist Church, Durham and friend of Carl Rist

Joseph Ngumi, recovering from heart surgery and undergoing dialysis treatments at Duke General Hospital

Recovering at Home:

Chuck Barenchi

Margaret Mubanga

Karen Swope

Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

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:

Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King

Baby Robert and Margaret Gitata, cousins of Mary Gitata

Rev. Mary McKey, friend of Judy and Al Arrowood

Ann Sanders, sister of Jane Brawley

~ **Serving Today** ~

Liturgist: *Amy Wilson*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Cris Rivera* (side/font); *Alice Raney* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *John Mozart* (head), *Amy Dillon* (flowers), *Mary-Jo Keenan* (counter),

Dale Gaddis, El Hess, Ginny Widmark

Organizing Against Racism
Racial Equity Institute (REI) Groundwater Presentation

An Introduction to Racial Equity

Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

in the Carolina Theatre located at 309 West Morgan Street, Durham

Event is free. **Pre-registration is required:** <https://www.oaralliance.org/schedule/groundwater-feb2019>

This is a great introduction to the racial inequality in the US at the structural level.

It is not the same information being presented in the Phase I REI workshop.

NEXT SUNDAY - 20th Annual McPherson Lectureship begins . . .

Lecturer: **Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle**

Sunday, February 24

9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

"What's Behind the Curtain? A Hymnal Exposé"

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Sermon: *"Lift Up Your Hearts"*

4:00 p.m. - A Conversation with Mel Bringle

"With a Hymnal as Companion, Praying Our Way through Lent"

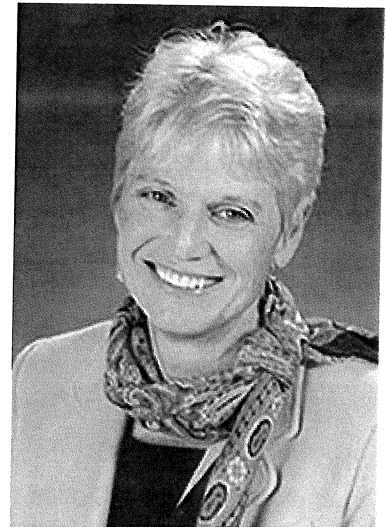
Light refreshments provided. Please let us know in advance if you will need childcare, by contacting the church office: 919-682-5511.

Monday, February 25

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast and Conversation with Mel Bringle

"Multi-Sensory Hymn-Based Practices"

The breakfast is free to clergy and seminarians but a head count is needed. To make a reservation for the breakfast, respond "YES" to the EVITE, call the church office at 919-682-5511, or send an email to rsvp@firstpres-durham.org. When responding, please indicate your name, church name, and names of those attending with you.



Birds of Brazil Slide Presentation

Tuesday, February 26

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

David and Judy Smith invite you to view a slide presentation of birds and other lovely creatures from a recent trip to Brazil. All are welcome.



The **Florence Forth Road Race is Saturday, March 2** in Durham. Please consider participating by running/walking or volunteering at the event. The *McDows* are also grateful for your financial support. You can find registration and volunteering information online at <http://florenceforth.org>. **The deadline to register is February 27, 2019.** Detailed information is available from the tables in the church foyer and narthex.

FPC's Racial Equity Task Force Sponsored Events

SAVE THESE DATES!

Sunday, March 3

5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Durham

DOCUMENTARY PRESENTATION

“Slavery by Another Name”



This 90-minute documentary is based on the 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas Blackmon. *Slavery by Another Name* challenges one of our country's most cherished assumptions: the belief that slavery ended with Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. It recounts how in the years following the Civil War, insidious new forms of forced labor emerged in the American South, keeping hundreds of thousands of African Americans in bondage, trapping them in a brutal system that would persist until the onset of World War II. Using archival photographs and dramatic re-enactments filmed on location in Alabama and Georgia, this film tells the forgotten stories of both victims and perpetrators of neoslavery and includes interviews with their descendants living today.

Sunday, March 24

3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Durham

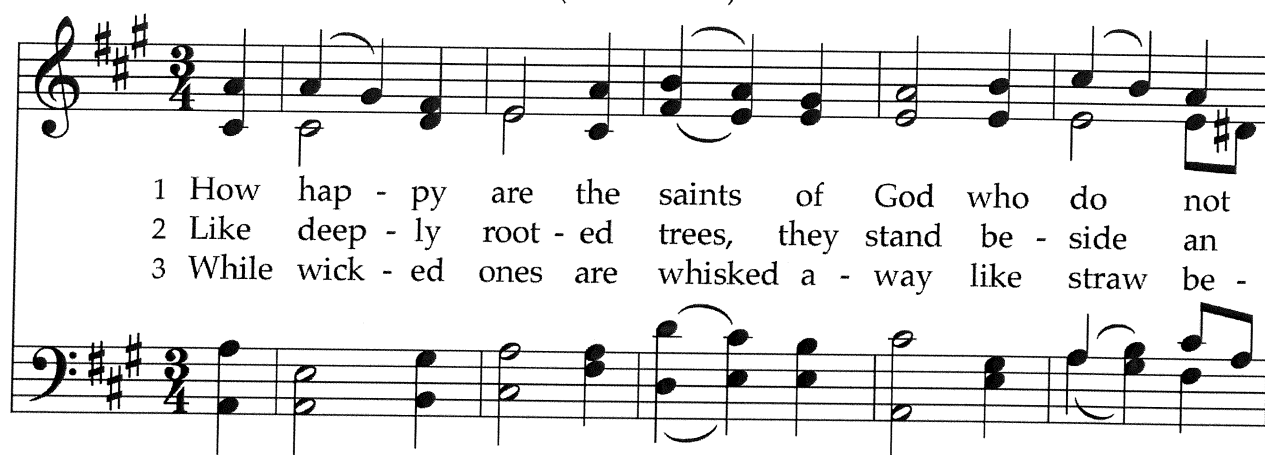
A ONE-MAN DRAMATIC PRESENTATION

“We Shall Not Sleep”

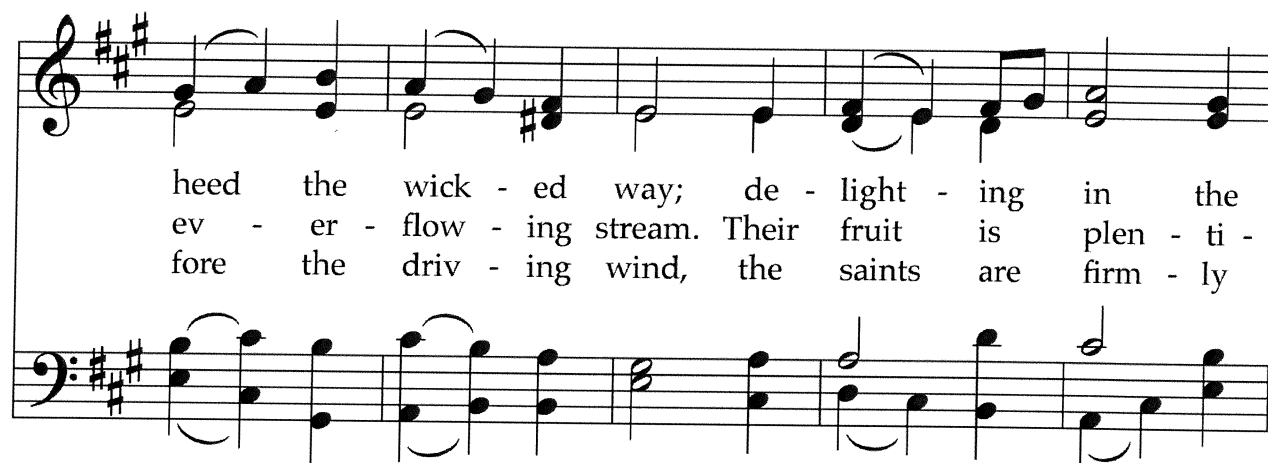
Produced, created, and performed by Gary Giles, in this one-act tour-de-force for a single actor/singer on a bare stage, Giles portrays three of the most influential and iconic men of the African American culture and historic landscape: *Frederick Douglas*, *William Still*, and *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

457 How Happy Are the Saints of God

(Psalm 1)



1 How hap - py are the saints of God who do not
2 Like deep - ly root - ed trees, they stand be - side an
3 While wick - ed ones are whisked a - way like straw be -



heed the wick - ed way; de - light - ing in the
ev - er - flow - ing stream. Their fruit is plen - ti -
fore the driv - ing wind, the saints are firm - ly



ho - ly Word they seek God's wis - dom night and day.
ful and good; their leaves are al - ways grow - ing green.
plant - ed still, and God will keep them to the end.

Blest Are They

172

Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

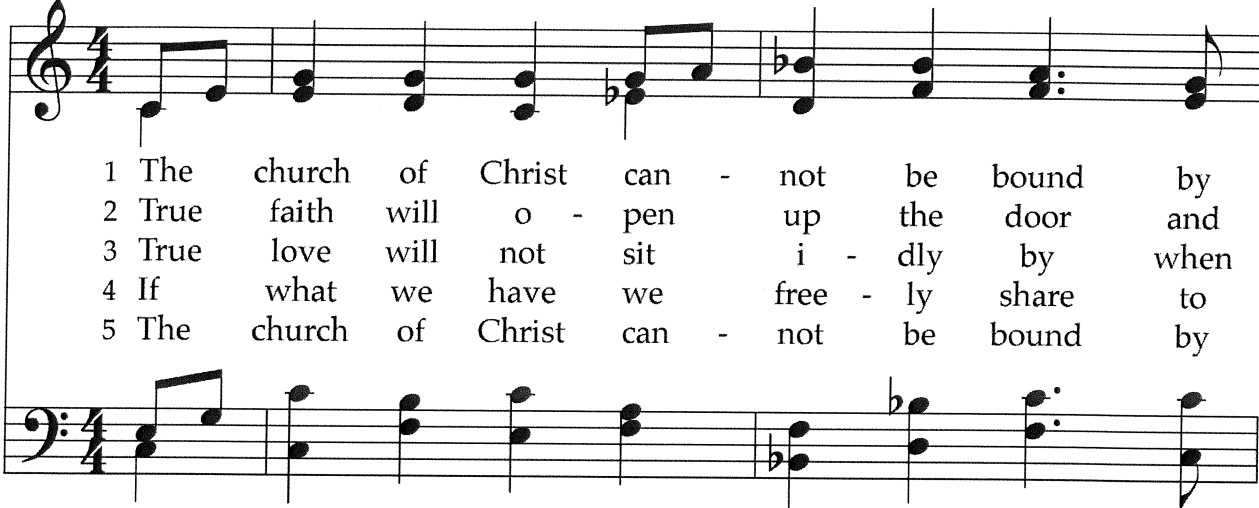
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
4 When we are called to part, it gives us
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be
shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

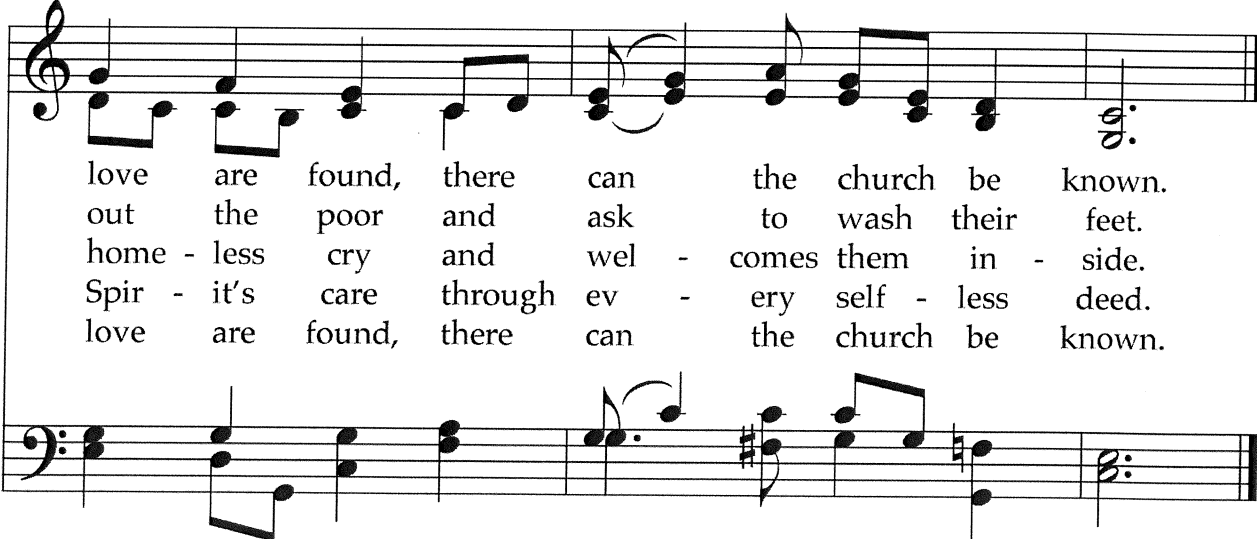
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship Congregational Luncheon</p> <p>12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Choir</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>	<p>Monday, February 18</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 19</p> <p>8:00 – 8:45 AM High School Youth Morning Fellowship</p> <p>TBA Plan Worship TBA Program Staff</p> <p>6:00 PM Finance and Investment Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM FPC Basketball vs. Blacknall Pres</p> <p><i>Newsletter today!</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, February 20</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, February 21</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus</p>	<p>Friday, February 22</p> <p>8:00 AM FPC Men @ Nosh's Café</p> <p>12 Noon – 1:00 PM Bible Study: Isaiah</p>	<p>Saturday, February 23</p> <p>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM New Hope Presbytery at Kirk of Kildaire PC</p>	<p>Sunday, February 24 7th Sunday after Epiphany McPherson Lectureship</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Mel Bringle, preaching</p> <p>After Worship 12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Choir</p> <p>4:00 PM A Conversation with Mel Bringle</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth (Scavenger hunt)</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth (Scavenger hunt)</p>

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