

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (Triangle Jewish Chorale) *Samachti B'Pmrim Li (Psalm 122)*

Charles Osborne

I rejoiced when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Our feet are standing within thy gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem, that art builded as a city that is compact together;

*Whither the tribes went up, the tribes of the LORD, as a testimony unto Israel,
to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.*

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; may they prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say: 'Peace be within thee.'

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Susan Dunlap

Leader: Lord, where shall we find the courage to envisage a new beginning?

All: **Out of the depths, Father, Mother, we come to you.**

Leader: In our confusion we cry to you...and suddenly comes the exciting news:

All: **You, who abide in heavenly realms, you have come to us!**

Leader: You have not considered the smallness of our planet or the ephemeral nature of our lives.

All: **It is grace - pure, unlimited grace!**

Leader: Our human predicament you have made yours,

All: **And now you announce a new morning, a new beginning.**

Leader: **And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.**

All: **See, I am making all things new.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 755**

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

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

Susan Dunlap

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Those who are able, please stand

Leader: Let us pray.
God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT Page 679)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM LESSON Psalm 40:1-11 (Pew Bible, OT Page 513)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *Erev Shel Shoshanim* Josef Hadar (1930-2011)
Lyrics by Moshe Dor, from Song of Solomon arr. Joshua Jacobson

Evening of Roses, let us go out to the grove

Myrrh, fragrant spices, and incense, are a threshold for your feet.

Night falls slowly, and the wind of roses is blowing.

Let me whisper you a song, secretly, a song of love.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Pew Bible, NT Page 165)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *God's Beloved Community* Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Confession of 1967*) John Weicher

Leader: Jesus Christ is God with humankind. Christ is the eternal only-begotten of God who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. Christ is present in the church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to continue and complete his mission. Therefore the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

All: **God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic differences, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it.**

***HYMN NO. 752** *Dona nobis pacem* *Dona Nobis Pacem*
Sin shalom aleinu (sung as a round)

***THE PEACE** John Weicher

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.
During the passing of the peace, children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for "A Time with the Children."*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mindy Douglas

(Following "A Time with the Children," children may join their family in the pew or return to childcare.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: **He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

(Psalm 40:1)

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

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

Od’cha, Psalm 118:21-24

Stephen Glass

I thank you for having delivered me and become my deliverance.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the doing of the Lord; it is wondrous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us exult and rejoice in it.

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia, Alleluia

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia...

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

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

All: **You are our God and we are your people. We pledge ourselves now to pursue relentlessly that living, breathing justice which transforms persons and peoples.**

To your will for justice we recommit ourselves and pledge ourselves, our funds, our actions. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 756**

O God of Every Nation

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***THE CHARGE**

(from *Confession of 1967*)

Mindy Douglas

All: **With an urgency born of our hope in Jesus Christ, let us apply ourselves to present tasks and strive for a better world. Let us not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God, nor let us despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, let us look beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Now unto God, who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we could ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata in a

J.P. SweeincK

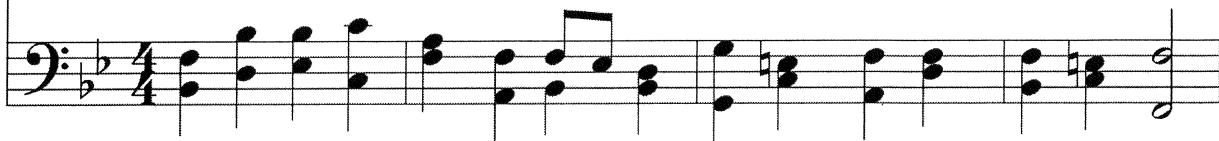
A Reminder to Worshippers: There is a concert in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. today. As you exit your pew, please kindly recycle your bulletin and pick up any inserts, children’s drawings, personal trash, etc. and take these with you. Returning hymnals and Bibles to the pew racks is also very helpful. Thank you for leaving the sanctuary presentable for our guests.

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

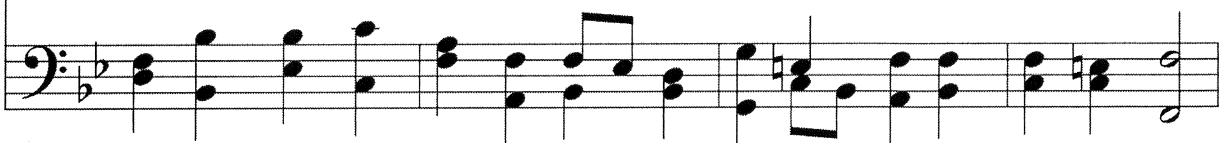
(Psalms 111 and 112)



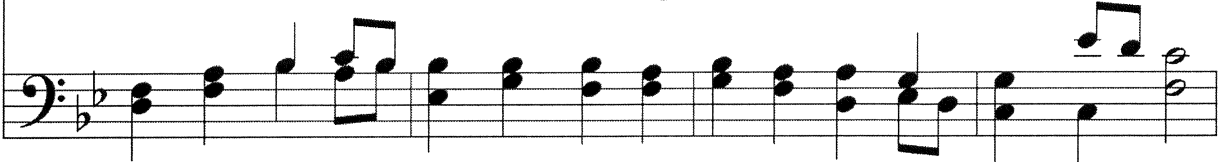
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share:
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



Dona nobis pacem

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Sim shalom

Rabbu habna salamann tamman

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (A)
F C F C

**1*
Latin Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.
Hebrew Sim sha-lom, sim sha-lom, sim sha - lom.
Arabic Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann tam - man.

**2*
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

**3*
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

(G) (D) (A) (D)
B \flat F C F

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
Sim sha - lom a - lei - nu.
Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*May be sung as a canon.

HEBREW

שים שלום עלינו

ARABIC

رَبُّ هَيْبِنَا سَلَامًا تَامًا.
رَبُّ هَيْبِنَا السَّلَام.

O God of Every Nation

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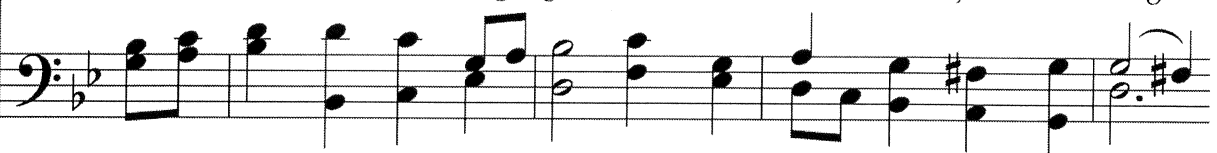
1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.



Worship Notes and Parish Announcements

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship today for a reception and presentation by Bull City 150 on the Uneven Ground Exhibit.

The Scratch Planning Retreat begins at 12:15 p.m. today in the church house apartment.

The Alleluia Children's Choir rehearses today from 5:00–6:00 p.m. in the choir room.

Vox Virorum Men's Chorus Winter Concert

3:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

“Traveling to Freedom” – the search for freedom, the dangers of the journey, our country's history of freedom (both demeaning it and denying it), and our possible roles in offering it to others. Directed by *Jeremy Nabors*, accompanied by *Deborah Coclanis*. Free admission: \$10 suggested donation. For more info, email: voxvirorum@gmail.com.

We are honored to have the *Triangle Jewish Chorale* share their talents with us in worship today. Since 1994 the Triangle Jewish Chorale has performed traditional and modern music that expresses the faith and culture of the Jewish people. Concerts consist of songs in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, and other languages of regions where Jews have lived. Their repertoire includes a variety of styles, from folk tunes to opera choruses, from liturgical cants to Yiddish theater songs. The Chorale presents two formal concerts each year and also sings at memorials, dedications, festivals, and other special events. Lorena Guillen is the Music Director and J. Samuel Hammond is the accompanist.

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 January 12, we welcomed 30 visitors to worship.

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

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/guardians or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. 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 and youth. 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 liturgy* was written by Margaret Aymr, a member of the Committee on Theological Education, and was retrieved from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program website: www.pcusa.org/peacemaking.

Nominations are open for the 2023 Class of Deacons and Ruling Elders, and for persons to serve at-large on the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee. Nomination forms are enclosed in the worship bulletin today. After completing both sides of the form, detach it and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. All nominees will be seriously considered by the Nominating Committee. Thank you for participating in the nominations process.

~ Our Concerns ~

We extend condolences to *Jim Wolfe* and family on the death of our dear member, *Carolyn Wolfe*, who died January 14, 2020 at the Hock Pavilion in Durham. Arrangements to remember her life have not yet been announced.

Jane Brawley, recovering from partial knee replacement surgery

Mary Jo Keenan, recovering from hand surgery

Jim Robins, in hospice care in Raleigh

Josh Walters, recovering from Achilles' heel surgery

Tommy Van Dyke, friend of Jean and Chuck Wilson

Margaret Mubanga

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*

Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): *Arthur Clark*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Emerald Pond, Durham (Room 212): *Paul Cornsweet*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: *Jean Lazarides*

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

Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: *Phillip Herndon*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Jimmy Levy, grandson of Cheryl McDonald (former member)

Carley and Jon Meade, family of Bruce, Ellie, Kristin, and Dayton Meade

Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece

Danny Parker, father-in-law of Al and Judy Arrowood's son Jon

Faye Thomas, friend of FPC

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world. The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. **Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering next Sunday.**



The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 20
in observance of the MLK Day holiday.

Monday, January 20

FPC Family Mission Project

All ages, especially families with school-age children, are invited to church for three service activities on MLK Day, **January 20, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.** In addition to making the dry bean soup packets like last year, we will also assemble Blessing Bags and write cards to be delivered with Meals on Wheels. In preparation, please bring donations of cheese crackers, fruit snacks, granola bars and bottled water for the Blessing Bags. These service activities are sponsored jointly by the Christian Education and Service and Mission Committees.

Annual MLK Unity March and Community Rally

The March begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company (411 W. Chapel Hill Street) and ends around 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary of FPC, followed by a community rally which begins around 12 noon. All are welcome to participate in the march and attend the rally.



The Racial Equity Task Force is organizing a group to see *Just Mercy*, the film based on Bryan Stevenson's book that we read this summer, at the AMC Classic on MLK Boulevard on Thursday, January 23, time TBD. We need an accurate head count to secure a block of discount tickets. Please contact *Sharon Hirsch* at hirschnc@earthlink.net to be added to the list. We need a final count by Monday, January 20 to secure the tickets.

Our Racial Equity Task Force has invited members of the congregation who have visited *The National Memorial for Peace and Justice* in Montgomery to share photos and reflections for the next few months on Wednesdays on our social media sites. Watch for these each week. If you have been to Montgomery and would like to share some of your experience, please let Kathy Krahenbuhl, Kathy Conner, or Mindy Douglas know and we'll add you to the schedule.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

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

Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground
Exhibit dates: January 3 - February 16, 2020

Please come to Watts-Hill Hall and explore our faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit. Originally commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Durham as a city, the exhibit is a tool for reflection, learning, and dialogue.

Special Public Event: Tuesday, February 4

Sharing, Naming, and Healing at 6 p.m.; an open house concluding with a vigil of Durham residents sharing their own stories of their housing experiences in Durham, community responses, and prayers of lament and hope for communal healing and justice.

Exhibit Description: In recognition of the image of God in us all, the dignity and sacredness of all life, and Christ's command to love one's neighbor as oneself, *Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground* exhibit brings together the history of racism and housing segregation in Durham with the faith-based affordable housing justice work of Duke Chapel and First Presbyterian Church. You are invited to reflect on our city's history, our churches' histories, our faith perspectives, and what affects all of us: housing and racism. First Presbyterian Church has a rich history of housing work in Durham, from collaborating closely with Urban Ministries of Durham, Habitat for Humanity and Housing for New Hope, to being involved in Durham CAN's efforts. Duke University has been involved in land banking, loan trusts, and advocacy for over twenty years. We invite you to delve deeply, prayerfully, and vocally through discussions, panels, vigils, and receptions alongside your neighbors.

For more information go to: https://www.bullcity150.org/uneven_ground/



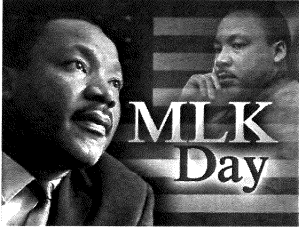
Durham Church Recreational Basketball League

Games are played Tuesdays and Saturdays at Grey Stone Church's Family Life Center,
2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham

Come cheer on FPC's team!

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 11, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 15, 5:00 p.m.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Uneven Ground Exhibit Reception and Presentation (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>3:00 PM CONCERT Vox Virorum Men's Chorus (sanctuary)</p> <p>4:30 PM Montreat Youth Info Meeting (East Parlor)</p> <p>5:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir / Youth MLK Service Projects with Judea Reform</p>	<p>Monday, January 20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office CLOSED</p> <p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Service Project at FPC</p> <p>10:30 AM – 1:00 PM MLK March & Rally (March begins at 10:30 a.m. from NC Mutual Life Insurance Company building and ends in FPC's sanctuary.)</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 21</p> <p>9:00 – 9:45 AM High School Youth Midweek Morning Meal at Parker & Otis</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM FPC Staff</p> <p>6:30 PM FPC Basketball vs Grey Stone Blue</p> <p> </p> <p>NOTE: Basketball League games are played at Grey Stone Family Life Center located at 2601 Hillsborough Rd, Durham.</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, January 23</p> <p>3:00 – 3:45 PM Middle Schoolers' After School Break at Cocoa Cinnamon</p>	<p>Friday, January 24</p>	<p>Saturday, January 25</p> <p>7:00 PM FPC Basketball FPC vs Blacknall Pres</p>	<p>Sunday, January 26 <i>Third Sunday Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:15 AM Called Session</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship New Members Introduced The Hunger for Change Offering will be received</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p>5:00 – 6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>

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