

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

### PRELUDE

*Let All Things Now Living*

American Tune,  
arr. G. Winston Cassler

### INTROIT

*Psalm 119 (verse 1)*

George Coles, 1835

*How blest the blameless in their way who from God's law do not depart,  
Who, holding fast the word of truth, seek him with undivided heart.  
Yea, they are kept from paths of sin who walk in his appointed way;  
Thy precepts Thou hast given us that we should faithfully obey.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Deuteronomy 30:19; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 20)

Susan Dunlap

Leader: The choice is before us: life or death. Let us choose life, so that we may live.

People: **This is the hope that we proclaim: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

*Ash Grove*

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

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of compassion, have mercy upon us.**

**You have given us statutes, but we follow our own desires.**

**We know of your laws, yet we try to justify our own way.**

**You desire obedience, we practice rebellion.**

**You offer blessing, we search for scapegoats.**

**Make us mindful of how we disorder your intentions.**

**Set us aright in accord with your design for us.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but as we are taught by your Son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

(Pew Bible, NT Page 167)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:21-26; 33-37

(Pew Bible, NT Page 4)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(Pew Bible, OT Page 186)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

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

"Choices"

Mindy Douglas

*(A moment for meditation.)***NEW MEMBERS' SERVICE OF WELCOME**

Mindy Douglas

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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)**A Declaration of Faith*

Susan Dunlap

**Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ, is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

**\*HYMN***I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**Assam**I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;**I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back (no turning back), no turning back.**Though no one join me, still I will follow; though no one join me, still I will follow;**Though no one join me, still I will follow; no turning back (no turning back), no turning back.**The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me;**The world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back (no turning back), no turning back.***\*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**

John Weicher

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

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: I will sing of your might;

People: **I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.**

(Psalm 59:16)

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

*Pilgrim's Hymn*

Stephen Paulus

*Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,*

*When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer;*

*Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

*Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,*

*And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;*

*Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.*

*Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, 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!**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stephen Berry

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

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

All: **We come with assurance, O God, since you do not leave us alone. Your presence continues to guide us as we pursue the paths of discipleship. All that we have is a gift of your grace. As we offer our gifts to you, accept them as signs of our commitment to Christ. May all that we do be in praise of your encompassing care. Amen.**

### \*HYMN NO. 815

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

*Festal Song*

### \*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

### \*POSTLUDE

*Fantasia*

Georg Philip Telemann

**Following worship**, all are invited to Watts-Hill Hall for our monthly fellowship lunch. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal: \$8/adult; \$24/family. Payment can be made by credit card through Square or by Text Giving (instructions on table in the foyer).

*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 9, we welcomed 22 visitors to our worship service.

The *flowers* today are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Lawrence Hess* and *Johnny Conover* by *Elinor Hess* and *John Mozart*.

*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* are taken from the *Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *When We Gather*.

We are welcoming the following *new members* in worship today:

- ***Rachel Bethune*** is a military kid who has grown up all over the US and in Germany. She attended school at UNC Chapel Hill and adopted Chapel Hill as her hometown. Her career is focused on healthcare data and analytics. Rachel and her husband Alec (who grew up in the church) met in Durham and regularly attend FPC with their two kids Colin and Juliet. She is excited to be joining the church officially.
- ***Stewart and Karen Cameron***: Stewart is originally from Glasgow, Scotland. He met his wife, Karen, while working in Bermuda, and they decided to make the United States their home. Stewart practices massage therapy locally and also teaches massage at Durham Technical Community College. He loves singing in all forms whether in the church choir, home or pub. Karen is a native Texan. She met Stewart in Bermuda while serving with the United States Navy. Karen works as the records manager of Person County Child Protective Services. She enjoys reading and discussing different ideas, philosophy and culture, and adores her two small dogs Finnegan and Ciara.
- ***Kelli Hunnicutt*** is an artist, mother and peace activist. Trained as an artist at UNC, art has always been an important and influential part of her life. She began a business designing and making decorative pillows a few years ago and presently works at this business from home. Her proudest accomplishment, by far, is raising two wonderful and socially conscious young women.

### ~ Our Concerns ~

*Julia Rigsbee*, in hospice care in Pittsboro

*Fran Alwood*, mother of Jennie Alwood, receiving end of life care

*Margaret Mubanga*

*Sara Radtke*

*Phyllis Verhey*

#### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*

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

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Emerald Pond: *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:

*Ken Chambliss*, father of Will Chambliss

*Camilla Crampton*, companion of Mal King

*Chris Kovach*, friend of Jeanne Hervey

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

*Doug Neece*, brother of Vern Neece

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*Judy Wood*, mother of Sharon Hirsch

## Liturgists/Scripture Readers' Class

Scripture readers will have a training session on **Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wilson Parlor**. Anyone interested in serving as a liturgist/scripture reader, please join us. Steve Rimmer leads the class.



## FPC HOSTING LUNCH & LEARN MISSION EVENT

**Wednesday, February 19**

**12 noon – 2:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall**

PC(USA) mission co-worker *Leisa Wagstaff* will share about her 30+ years of ministry with our ministry partners in Lesotho, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, and South Sudan. Wagstaff will talk about her work with educators in war-torn South Sudan, which is predominately Christian. Sudan, to the north, is predominately Sunni Muslim. Bring your own lunch or **you may order a lunch box** (turkey, ham or veggie) **by calling the church at 919-682-5511. The deadline to RSVP and to order a lunch box is TODAY.** Lemonade and water provided by the church.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session of FPC has set the date of **Sunday, February 23, 2020** for a Congregational Meeting to be held at the end of worship. At this meeting, we will receive the 2020 Operating Budget and approve the pastor's terms of call.

## LENT BEGINS

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT FPC

**February 26, 2020**

**A Service of Holy Dusting**  
12 noon-Memorial Garden

**Evening Worship**  
6:00 p.m.-Sanctuary

These services will include the imposition of ashes on our foreheads. A light supper will be served following the evening worship.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers make Florence Forth possible. On **Saturday, March 7**, we will again need 120+ volunteers. By volunteering, you are helping patients and families with autoimmune encephalitis, the rare disease our Florence McDow had. All proceeds support the Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance. Volunteer opportunities begin at 5:30 a.m. through 11:00 a.m., with most volunteers needed between 7:00 and 9:30 a.m. We will communicate with everyone who volunteers by Feb 24th and you can expect a volunteer assignment by March 2nd. Website: <https://florenceforth.org>.



## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

New members will be received and welcomed on **Sunday, March 29**. Anyone wishing to join FPC should contact Mindy Douglas at 919-688-3960 or [m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org).

## **COLLABORATIVE CONCERT**

**Choral Society of Durham Chamber Choir**

**with NC Central University's Choir**

**Friday, February 21, 2020 — 7:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary**

Rodney Wynkoop and Roberta Laws, conductors

**Performance:** *Together We Dream – spirituals, hymns and inspirational music*

This concert is free and open to the public.

## **GINGER JONES-ROBINSON VOICE RECITAL**

**Saturday, February 22, 2020 — 3:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary**

Join Ginger Jones-Robinson and Alan Rudell for an afternoon of art songs  
and spiritual arrangements by African-American composers.

This recital is free and open to the public. (See insert for more information.)

## **CONCERT: Muskingum University Concert Choir**

**Saturday, February 29, 2020 — 7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary**

Muskingum University is a private liberal arts college in New Concord, Ohio. Chartered in 1837 as Muskingum College, the institution is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Muskingum Concert Choir performs sacred and secular music from a variety of cultures and historical periods, and maintains an active schedule of touring, recording, and commissioning and premiering new works. This concert is free and open to the public.

## **CONCERT: The Aeolians of Oakwood University**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020 — 7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary**

Oakwood University is a historically black Seventh-day Adventist University in Huntsville, Alabama. The Aeolians (choir) of Oakwood University was originally organized in 1946 by the late Dr. Eva B. Dykes. (See insert for more information.) This concert is free and open to the public.

The Muskingum and Oakwood university choirs are on tour and are being sponsored at FPC with funds from the Ruth Mary Meyer Endowment for music, gardens, and landscaping.

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## **Community Events for Families Affected by Mental Illness**

### **BOOK DISCUSSION: FINDING HOPE**

**Thursday, February 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Public Library** (100 Library Dr.)

You are invited to a book discussion of "Finding Hope," a practical guide for families affected by mental illness by Donna Kay Smith and Susan Spalt. It is derived from the lived experience of families who deal with all types and severity of mental illness on a daily basis. The sponsors of this event are the Chapel Hill Public Library, National Alliance on Mental Illness in Orange County, Faith Connections on Mental Illness, and the Mental Health Community Connection.

### **HOPE & HEALING CONFERENCE 2020**

**"Faithfully Practicing Community Inclusion"**

**Friday, March 13 at the McKimmon Conference Center in Raleigh, NC**

Father Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles, CA, and two homeboys will be sharing how they engage in healing conflicts and instilling hope for a fulfilling life. Speakers from the Durham Nativity School, Rebound, Recovery Communities of NC, and Reintegration Support Network will present how engagement and support creates a healthier community. Discount rate ends February 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register, visit: [femi-nc.org](http://femi-nc.org).

# 37 Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing  
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,





till shad-ows have van-ish-ed, all fear-ful-ness ban-ish-ed,  
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:



as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.  
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

# I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

*A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."*

*Matthew 8:19*

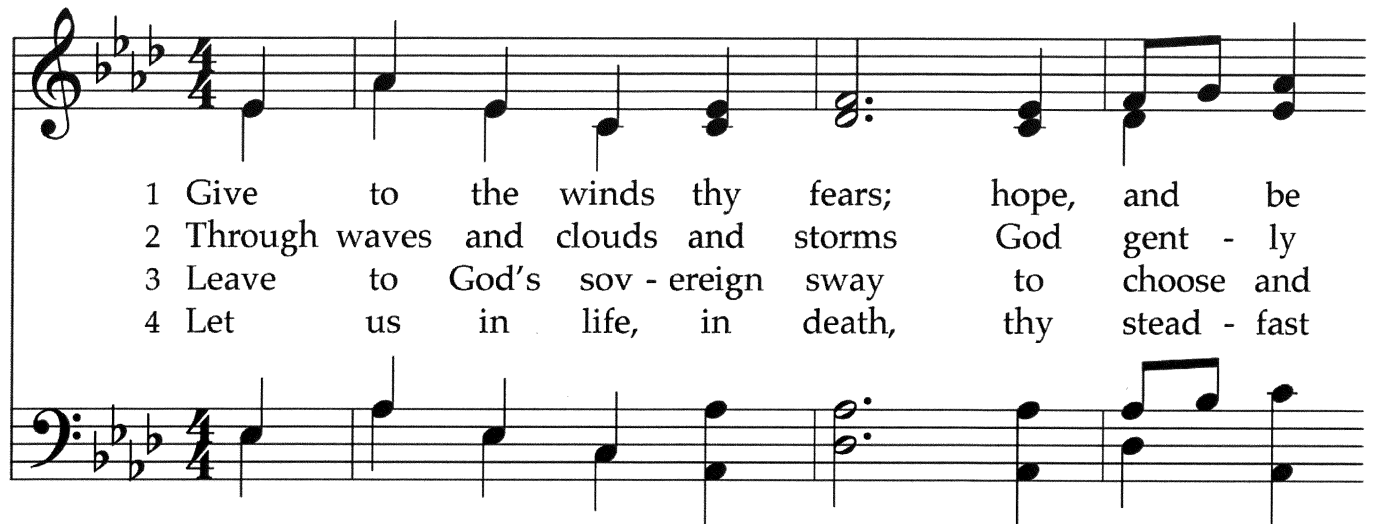
1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus—  
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low—  
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me—

No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!  
no turn - ing back,

# 815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears



1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be  
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly  
3 Leave to God's sov - reign sway to choose and  
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast



un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and  
clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so  
to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,  
truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our



counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.  
shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.  
own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!  
fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Michael Honeycutt*


Narthex Greeters: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Dawn Carsey* (narthex/rear); *Cris Rivera* (side/font)

Ushers: *Stephen Berry* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Mary-Jo Keenan* (count),

*Dale Gaddis, Michael Honeycutt, John Mozart*

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>After Worship:</b> Congregational Lunch</p> <p><b>4:00 PM</b> Cheryl Henry pastoral installation at Westminster PC, Durham</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Alleluia Children's Choir</p> <p><b>5:30-7:30 PM</b> Youth Groups combined</p>	<p><b>Monday, February 17</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p><b>9:30-11:00 AM</b> FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p> <p><b>5:00-6:30 PM</b> FPC Vision Team</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Personnel Committee</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, February 18</b></p> <p><b>8:00-8:45 AM</b> High School Youth Midweek Morning Meal at Parker &amp; Otis</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> FPC Staff</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Finance &amp; Investment Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Vox Men's Chorus</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, February 19</b></p> <p><b>12 Noon-2:00 PM</b> Lunch &amp; Learn Mission Event with Leisa Wagstaff</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Bell Choir</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Winesday Gathering at Durham Coop</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Thursday, February 20</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p><b>5:00-7:00 PM</b> CROP Walk captains' training</p> <p><b>Friday, February 21</b></p> <p><b>7:00-9:00 AM</b> FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> CONCERT: Choral Society of Durham and NC Central University's Choir</p>	<p><b>Saturday, February 22</b></p> <p><b>9:00AM-3:00 PM</b> Presbytery of New Hope at North Raleigh PC</p> <p><b>3:00 PM</b> RECITAL: Ginger Jones-Robinson (see insert)</p> <p><b>6:00 PM / 7:00 PM</b> Church League Basketball tournament at Grey Stone Family Life Center, Durham</p>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday, February 23</b></p> <div align="center">  <p><i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i></p> </div> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> DCM Search Committee</p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship and Communion (The Hunger for Change offering will be received; Congregational Meeting at end of worship.)</p> <p><b>4:30-6:30 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group</p> <p><b>5:00-6:00 PM</b> Alleluia Children's Choir</p> <p><b>6:00-8:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group</p>	

### CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Robert Daye*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate



*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

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