

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In you alone, O God, we hope, and not in our own merit.
People: **We rest our fears in your good word; uphold our fainting spirit.**
Leader: Your promised mercy is our fort, our comfort, and our strong support;
People: **We wait for it with patience.**
All: **Let us worship God together.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you.
We speak as though hope is low, even while you are still speaking.
We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting.
Forgive us, by your steadfast love.
Create a clean heart within us,
teach us your holy way,
and restore the joy of salvation,
through Jesus our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER READING

Psalms 130

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

John 11:38-45

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

“Out of the Depths”

(silent reflection)

MUSIC

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

(Everyone is invited to sing the refrain where indicated.)

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Fine

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

to Refrain

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

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.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: In you have I put my trust, O Lord.

People: **My soul waits for you in hope.**

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

CLOSING PRAYER *(from Sarum Primer)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

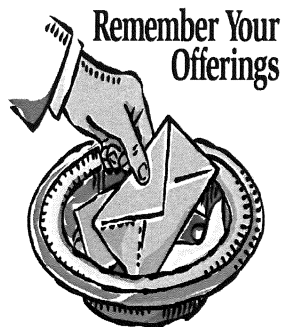
Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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. More than 128 households tuned in to the March 22, 2020 live-stream broadcast of worship.

Until further notice, church activities, including Sunday School and worship, are meeting online. Church staff are now working from home because of the Stay-at-home Order for residents of Durham and similar orders in effect in surrounding counties. The church's voicemail and staff emails are being monitored. If you need assistance connecting to church staff or events, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email a staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls and emails. You will be notified when we are allowed to resume gathering at the church. Please read church emails and check our social media to stay up-to-date.



Ways to Give to First Presbyterian Church

- Check** made payable to First Presbyterian Church and mailed to the church
- Bill Pay** initiated by you through your bank
- Direct Debit** (monthly) from a checking account ((contact church for required form)
- Text Giving** (Contact Tom Bloom in the church office for instructions)
- Appreciated Stock** (Contact Tom Bloom before initiating a stock transfer)
- Credit or Debit Card** (Click the DONATE button on church website:
<https://firstpres-durham.org>)
- Charitable Distribution from an IRA** (For persons aged 70½; contact your IRA administrator for more information).

~ Our Concerns ~

Condolences to *Whitney S.*, friend of Chris and Meredith Brown, on the loss of her husband

All who have been impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic

Jennie Bodkin, sister of Mindy Douglas, preparing for surgery

Brent Curtis, recovering from knee surgery

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: *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

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Dolores Ewald, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Judy Wood, mother of Sharon Hirsch

Virtual "Office Hours" with Pastor Mindy Douglas

Mindy has begun holding virtual office hours on Wednesdays of each week between 2:00-4:00 p.m. To reach her during this time, go to <https://zoom.us/j/257889231> or open the Zoom app on your smart device and enter the Meeting ID: **257 889 231**. These virtual meetings with Mindy will be one-on-one (or group) conversations with audio only or audio with video. When you click on "Join the meeting," you will be placed in the waiting room until she is available to chat. This helps keep conversations confidential.

The **Palm Parade**, normally held on Palm Sunday (April 5), will not take place this year.

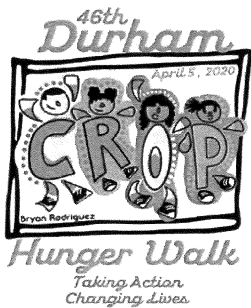
Presbyterian Women will not meet for Circle and Bible study on Monday, April 6.

Lenten Book Study

Until further notice, the study of *Call It Grace* by Serene Jones and led by Mindy Douglas is meeting online on Tuesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. using Zoom. If you wish to join this online discussion group, please contact Mindy at m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org so you can receive the unique Zoom ID and password.

Winesdays on Wednesdays Fellowship goes Virtual

This First Presbyterian Wednesday fellowship group has decided to start doing weekly Virtual Winesday Happy Hours at 5:30 p.m. Join in with your beverage of choice! Attendees to past gatherings at the Co-op have been sent a link to participate using Google Hangouts Meet. You can join the virtual gathering using this link: meet.google.com/rce-oymm-hfe. You can also join by phone: +1 319-449-2941 (PIN: 283670966). Contact Laurie Williamson by email at laurie@laurieandmatt.com to be added to the group's listserv.



The **46th Durham CROP Walk** has not been canceled but is now considered a “virtual walk.” We will continue to raise money to support CROP walk. The easiest way to support this event at this time is to make a donation through our team page (<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc/Team/View/127294/First-Presbyterian-Church>). For more information on other ways to support this virtual walk, contact Jody Maxwell by email: jodymaxwell3@hotmail.com.

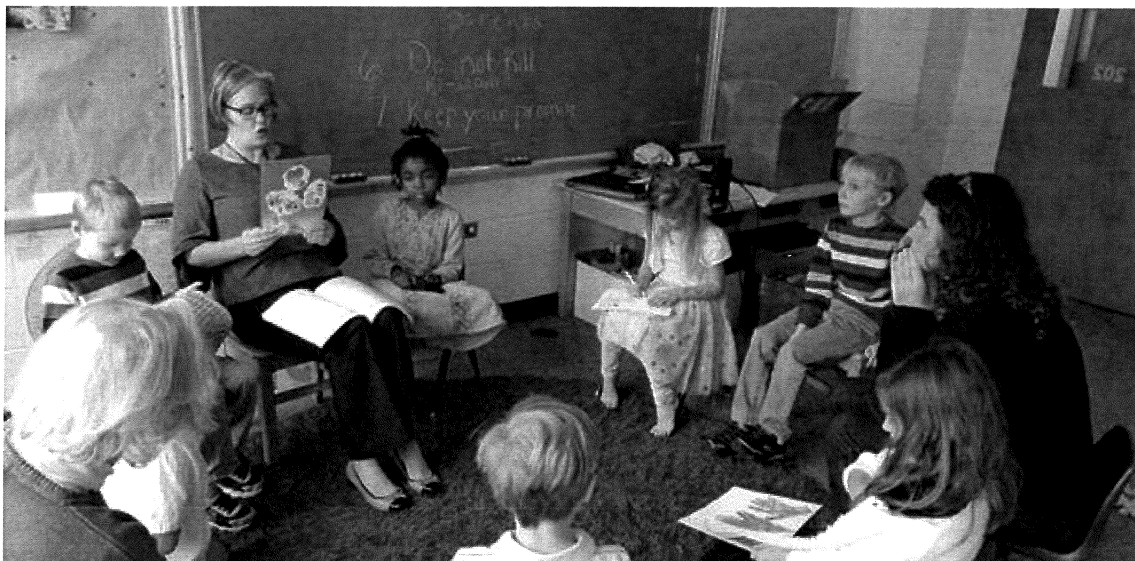
Iglesia Emanuel needs our help!

Brothers and Sisters,

Iglesia Emanuel is receiving more people in need of food assistance, with more needs than we are able to meet with our current level of resources. In addition, as this crisis deepens, many of our usually self-sufficient members will undoubtedly lose their jobs, be ineligible for any type of government assistance, and be in desperate need of emergency food assistance. We plan to maintain our food bank open as long as possible, to help those in need. We are taking all precautions to avoid contagion between and among recipients and volunteers, only allowing a few people into the building at a time and using protective equipment such as gloves and masks. If you would like to contribute to this effort to assist our vulnerable community members, we would be grateful for any and all donations. The safest and most helpful way to contribute is by making a financial contribution at our website: <https://emanueldurham.org/> or go to Iglesia Emanuel Paypal link. If you prefer, you can notify us if you would like to drop off non-perishable food on the front steps of the church for us to collect. The most needed items are: rice, beans, pasta (including macaroni & cheese), canned food (soup, beans, fruit, salmon, tomato sauce) and snacks for kids. Thank you very much for your generosity and concern in this time of need. Also, please continue to keep us in your prayers.

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Director of Children's Ministries Position open at FPC



Do you love children, in all their glory? Our congregation is seeking a Director of Children's Ministries, and we have officially opened the position to candidates from within the congregation – members and friends. We are seeking someone who loves children, loves Jesus, and is interested in introducing the one to the others. Might that be you?

In partnership with our Christian education committee, this person will coordinate and implement Sunday school and our other ministries of faith formation with our younger members and friends (birth-5th grade). We are looking for someone with knowledge of the Bible, experience with faith formation and a passion for children. The job description and overview are available on the church's website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>. This is a 12-hour-a-week position. Please email your resume and cover letter to John Weicher at j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org.

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

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:
info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: <http://firstpres-durham.org>.

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