

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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<b>GATHERING MUSIC</b>	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Come, Holy Ghost	<i>Nettleton</i> Flor Peeters
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Mindy Douglas
<b>INTROIT</b>	<i>Come, Holy Ghost</i> Lesley Curtis, soprano	<i>Gregorian Chant</i>
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b> (Litany for Pentecost)		Mindy Douglas
Leader:	Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.	
People:	<b>Come, Holy Spirit!</b>	
Leader:	Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.	
People:	<b>Come, Holy Spirit!</b>	
Leader:	Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.	
People:	<b>Come, Holy Spirit!</b>	
Leader:	Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.	
People:	<b>Come, Holy Spirit!</b>	
Leader:	Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you created; you give gifts – the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.	
People:	<b>Come, Holy Spirit!</b>	
	(Silence)	
Leader:	True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.	

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Mindy Douglas, John Weicher

**OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS**

**Candidates for the Office of Ruling Elder**

Johanna Bernhardt †

Andy Henry

Alec Bethune †

Lucie House †

Conrad Carter †

Leslie McDow †

Mary Ann Compton †

Keith Rokoske †

† *Candidate for Ordination*

**Candidates for the Office of Deacon**

Barbara Fish

Amy Sanchez †

Christy Gudaitis

Josh Walters †

Elizabeth Jones †

Statement on Ordination and Installation and Calling of the Candidates

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

**HYMN**

Sung to *Nettleton*

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Natalie Wolf

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Almighty God,**

**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating bold tongues, open ears,  
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,  
speak the good news of your love,  
or live as people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,  
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,  
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Jane Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of power and grace,  
fill us with the wisdom of your word  
and the understanding of your Spirit  
so that we may be your church:  
a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES LESSON** Acts 2:1-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**MEDITATION** *"Pentecost: Why the Church Is Always Open"* Mindy Douglas

**HYMN** Sung to *Nettleton*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) *A Brief Statement of Faith* Natalie Wolf

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Natalie Wolf

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

John Weicher

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

HYMN

*Sung to Nettleton*

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

CLOSING PRAYER (Christina Rosetti 1830-1894)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: As the wind is your symbol,  
People: **so forward our goings.**  
Leader: As the dove,  
People: **so launch us heavenwards.**  
Leader: As water,  
People: **so purify our spirits.**  
Leader: As a cloud,  
People: **so abate our temptations.**  
Leader: As dew,  
People: **so revive our languor.**  
Leader: As fire,  
People: **so purge out our dross. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

A. D. Miller

**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. On May 24, 108 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

**Thanks** to **Lesley Curtis** for singing the Introit during today's online worship service. Portions of **today's worship texts** were taken from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal (reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926) and *Book of Common Worship* (1993, 2018 editions).

**Many thanks** to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, and John Weicher** for their “behind the scenes” technical assistance, making our virtual worship broadcasts possible and accessible to us each Sunday.

**Welcome Summer Intern:** First Presbyterian Church is excited to welcome [Natalie Wolf](#) as our seminary intern this summer. Natalie is a native of Durham and grew up in Westminster Presbyterian Church. After graduating from Jordan High School and Appalachian State, Natalie has finished her third of four years at Columbia Theological Seminary, where she is earning a combined Master of Divinity and Master of Christian Education degree. Natalie has a great variety of gifts, and she will be serving in several ministries with us this summer, including being the point person for children’s ministry.

**Church staff** will continue working from home until at least the end of June. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls and emails. Please read church emails and check our social media to stay up-to-date.

**Children and Youth – Are you Connected?** If you are not receiving a separate weekly email connecting you to FPC online activities and events for children and youth, contact [John Weicher](#) to be added to the list.



You are invited to join FPC online for evening prayer. Beginning this week, the service will be held Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to participate. Simply go online to FPC’s Facebook page or use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Firstpresdurham/> each Thursday at 8 p.m. If you are asked to create an account, just ignore and click on the video.

## ~ Concerns and Prayer Requests ~

- **Tony Brown**, surgery this week
- **Rob Parker**, recovering from a bike accident
- **Ruth Buck**, mother of Susan Buck, in hospice care
- **Samantha Lubkin**, friend of Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield
- **Camilla Crampton**, companion of Mal King, in hospice care
- **John Kerr**
- **Margaret Mubanga**
- **Mercy Ndambiri**
- All who have been impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic

### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Henderson Rourk**

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

Durham Regent: **Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: **Jean Lazarides**

Strategic Behavioral Health, Garner: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

**Susan B.**, friend of Emily Wilkins

**Tiffany Barber**, niece of Christyn Klinck

**Peggy Boulden**, mother of Dick Boulden

**Ken Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

**Paula Cope**, sister of Sam Miglarese

**Becky Evans**, sister of Vernon Neece

**Dolores Ewald**, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

**Shannon Johnson**, daughter of Mary Putman

**Chris Kovach**, friend of Jeanne Hervey

**Doug Neece**, brother of Vernon Neece

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Lee Tubbs**, mother of Nora Tisdale

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### **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 Tom Bloom for required form)
- Text Giving (Contact Tom Bloom if you need instructions)
- Appreciated Stock (Contact Tom Bloom before initiating a stock transfer)
- Credit or Debit Card (Click DONATE on the church's website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>)
- Charitable Distribution from an IRA (For persons aged 70½; contact your IRA administrator)

## **Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry**

Our FPC congregation is earning gold stars for your wonderful, generous response to the call for support of the Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel! Iglesia's pantry continues to provide ample boxes of fresh and staple food for over 350 struggling families every week. This is a huge undertaking, and the needs for ongoing support are not likely to diminish in the near future. If you would like to help, know that your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Here are current options:

- Make a financial donation by going to [emanueldurham.org](http://emanueldurham.org), and click on "Donate"
- Mail a check to Iglesia Presbyteriana Emanuel, 2504 N Roxboro St, Durham 27704
- Purchase food items, preferably in bulk. Most helpful are:
  - Cereal (cold or hot, in multiple regular-size boxes rather than extra-large ones)
  - Granola bars and cereal bars (preferably large boxes like sold at Sam's or Costco)
  - Fruit cups (large boxes)
  - Peanut butter (small jars, preferably whole flats)
  - Macaroni and cheese
  - Cup a noodles/ramen noodles (preferably large packages like sold at Sam's)
  - Spaghetti or any kind of pasta (preferably multiple small boxes)
  - Canned vegetables (preferably whole flats of small cans, green beans and corn)
  - Canned soup, tuna, Spaghetti-Os or other protein-rich or whole meal item.

You may deliver food items to Iglesia Emanuel on Monday afternoons from 3 - 5, on Tuesdays, or drop them off at Margaret and Miguel Rubiera's home, 3108 Chelmsford Drive. Contact [Miguel](#) or [Margaret](#) if you have questions. Thank you again for your loving commitment to help others.

## **Feeding Durham's School Children**

Volunteer assistance is needed for the DPS Foundation Feast program. The foundation is partnering with local restaurants who are buying local produce to supply nutritious meals for school children and their families. Opportunities include: handing out food at schools, loading meals onto buses, and taking food (with no contact) to families. In addition, people can donate to the fund. Go to: [bullcityschools.org](http://bullcityschools.org) and click on the link to COVID-19 response to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

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### **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: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.**

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