

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Gavotte from Dance Suite</i> (Ben Maxwell, cello; Charlotte Maxwell, violin)	G.P. Telemann
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Natalie Wolf
PRELUDE	<i>Bourrée from English Suite 1</i> (Ben Maxwell, cello; Charlotte Maxwell, violin)	J.S. Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP (from Galatians 3:27-28)		Natalie Wolf
Leader:	As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ	
All:	There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,	
Leader:	there is no longer male and female;	
All:	for all are one in Christ Jesus.	
HYMN No. 487 (verses 4-5)	<i>These Treasured Children</i>	<i>Puer Nobis Nascitur</i>
	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community; empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes. Then, tender God, each child embrace; God give them blessings, grant them grace. Surprise them, God, with wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.</i>	
CONFESSION OF SIN		Susan Dunlap
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession (in unison)		
	Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from siblings in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.	

Silent Confession
Declaration of Forgiveness

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jane Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Jane Williams

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-3a

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Called by Name"

Mindy Douglas

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.**

SOLO

Baptized in Water
(Bob Breitweiser, soloist)

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A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Natalie Wolf

Introduction and Words of Scripture

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Vida Ruth Schultz Wallace to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Questions to the Parents:

Pastor: Michael and Heather, do you desire that your child be baptized?
Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith
and to teach that faith to your child?

Parents: **We do.**

Questions to the gathered Children:

Pastor: Do you promise to be a friend to Vida?
If she gets lost will you help her find the way?
If she falls down, will you help pick her up?
Will you share with her the stories of Jesus?

Children: **Yes.**

Question to the Congregation:

Elder: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Vida by word and deed,
with love and prayer,
encouraging her to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: **We do.**

Profession 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.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism: in it we are buried with Christ in his death; from it we are raised to share in his resurrection; through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of rebirth. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Vida that she may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Baptism

Anointing

Welcome

HYMN NO. 486 (verses 1-2,4) *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Kingdom

***Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.***

***Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;
into joy and laughter lead.***

***Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship;
trust and love God more than all.***

LITANY OF FAREWELL TO THE SCHULTZ WALLACE FAMILY

Mindy Douglas

Leader: We send you forth as disciples of Jesus Christ and as ambassadors of friendship, spreading the good news of God's love in your new surroundings. Go in the spirit of Christ. Be steadfast in your devotion to him.

All: **Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.**

Leader: Know that your ministry with us has served the cause of Christ in this community. Well done, good and faithful servants!

All: **Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.**

Leader: May your commitment to Christ grow as you enter another community and another congregation.

All: **Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.**

Leader: Remember that even though we will be separated in space, our shared faith in Jesus Christ will keep us connected.

All: **Go in peace. Go in love. Go in the spirit of Christ.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, a wandering Aramean is our ancestor and you have been with us every step of the way on the long journey of faith. Go now with Michael, Heather, Juneau, and Vida, we pray. Keep them faithful to you, in prayer, worship, service, and in the new relationships they will make. Give them traveling mercies and a new community of faith through which they may continue to serve you. May our friendship with them continue, and may we ever be one in Christ. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as you own,

All: **cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life.**

Leader: You made us members of your body, the church,

All: **calling us to be your servants in the world.**

Leader: Continue the good work you have begun in us.

All: **Send us forth by the power of your Spirit**

Leader: to love and serve you with joy,

All: **and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

Courante from Cello Suite no. 1 in G Major
(Ben Maxwell, cello)

J.S. Bach

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 June 28, 91 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is being celebrated for **Vida Ruth Schultz Wallace** today. Vida is the seven-month-old daughter of **Heather Wallace** and **Michael Schultz** and sister to big brother Juneau. Vida is the Spanish word for “life,” and the third generation of awesome “V” names in Heather’s family. The Schultz Wallace family is moving to Austin, Texas where Michael will begin post doctorate work.

Music Notes: Thanks to **Ben Maxwell** and **Charlotte Maxwell** for providing the wonderful music today. The children of **Jody and Julie Maxwell**, Ben is a student at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, and Charlotte is a graduating senior and will be attending the University of the South (Sewanee) this fall. We also thank **Bob Breitweiser**, long-time member of First Presbyterian, and member of the choir, for his solo today, “Baptized in Water.”

Portions of today’s worship texts are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (1993, 2018 editions). Hymn texts are reprinted from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

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

Church staff will continue working from home until further notice. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email/ text a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls, texts, and emails.

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

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week: Mickey Velkey, as she prepares for knee replacement surgery on Monday

Joe (and Carlisle) **Harvard,** recovering at daughter’s home (Rebecca Barnes)

Bill Hendrickson, in PT rehab at Duke Regional Hospital

Jo Ann Moore, isolating at home with COVID-like symptoms

Beth Taylor, recovering from a foot injury

Nora Tisdale, recovering at home from gall bladder surgery

Chuck and Jean Wilson, isolating at home with COVID-19

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Hospice Care: Ruth Buck, mother of Susan Buck

Care Communities:

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

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

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Peggy Mordecai,** mother of Beth Eisenson

Rose Vista Village Assisted Living, Kinston NC: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Art Warren, friend of Michael Honeycutt & Paul Pasquarella



Submit your recipe(s) here:

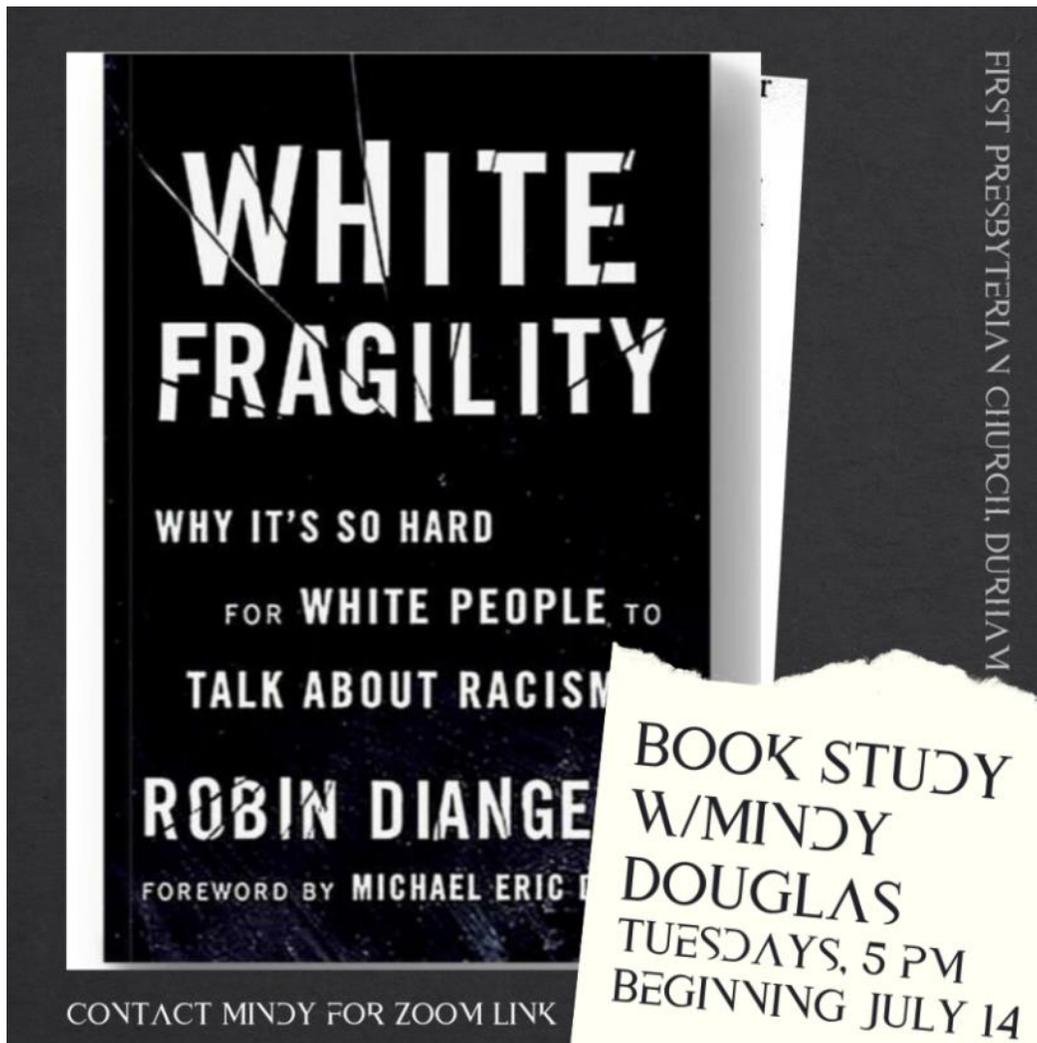
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Contact [Natalie Wolf](#) or [Cris Rivera](#) with any questions.

The deadline for submitting recipe(s) is Tuesday, July 28.



Register your child(ren) [here](#) for our virtual Vacation Bible School which is taking place the entire month of July.



We will read one chapter each week beginning July 14th.

Click [here](#) to join the Zoom discussion.

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NEEDED: Long-Sleeve Shirts for Farmworkers

The [Association of Mexicans in North Carolina \(AMEXCAN\)](#) is collecting donations of long-sleeve shirts for farmworkers, and First Presbyterian Church, Durham is a collection site. AMEXCAN is accepting new or used long-sleeve shirts, hats, caps, or gloves. These items help protect farmworkers from heat stress and pesticide exposure. The collection will run through Friday, July 31. Drop-offs (at FPC) will be accepted on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can drop items off in the labeled boxes **inside the building**, in front of the volunteer office at FPC. If you'd like to donate shirts but can't get to the church, contact **Katie Becker** (katiebeckerwa@gmail.com) so that she can arrange to pick them up from your porch.

FPC holding Durham CAN Listening Sessions

Our church is a member organization of Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations, and Neighborhoods). Over the years, we have worked on affordable housing, living wage, policing, jobs, education, Spanish language interpreters, health, rapid rehousing, transportation, and other areas of concern in Durham. These issues are the product of organization-wide listening sessions where as many as 3000 people around our city give input.

It is time for a new series of listening sessions and our church will participate as we have in the past through house meetings or in Sunday morning classes. This year members of First Presbyterian are offering three Zoom meeting times to meet to talk about our areas of concern in Durham. These sessions will be led by the Durham CAN Core Team from our church.

Use this link: <https://duke.zoom.us/my/sdunlap> to join the listening sessions.

Monday, July 20, 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 23, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 26, 1 p.m.

Everyone in our church is invited to these sessions. For more information, please contact Susan Dunlap, sjd4@duke.edu.

Durham CAN update: In the last year, CAN has focused on affordable housing, the criminal justice system, and jobs. Much of our work involves meeting with public officials and with people affected by the issues that we work on. The most stirring part of this work are the occasional Delegates Assemblies where as many as 600 people from black, white, and brown communities meet to learn, deliberate, sing, and commit to making Durham a better place for all its residents.

Most recently, our work on reducing the number of evictions from public housing includes regular attendance at eviction hearings and research into other NC cities whose Housing Authority evictions are much lower than Durham's. We have also pressed for several changes at one of Durham Housing Authority properties, including the need for repairs.

When COVID-19 cases began to rise, we met with DA Satana Deberry and secured the release of some older people who were in prison for non-violent crimes who were toward the end of their sentences. We also secured commitments from Sheriff Clarence Birkhead on measures to protect the health safety of people in the Durham County Jail.

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