

First Presbyterian News

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We would as soon you were stable and reliable. We would as soon you were predictable and always the same towards us. We would like to take the hammer of doctrine and take the nails of piety and nail your feet to the floor and have you stay in one place. And then we find you moving, always surprising us, always coming at us from new directions. Always planting us and uprooting us, and tearing all things down and making all things new. You are not the God we would have chosen had we done the choosing, but we are your people and you have chosen us in freedom. We pray for the great gift of freedom that we may be free toward you as you are in the world. Give us that gift of freedom that we may move in new places in obedience and in gratitude. Thank you for Jesus who embodied your freedom for all of us. Amen. - *Walter Brueggemann, For the church in mission*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m.



Worship and Communion
(Note: *Gluten-free bread* will be available at the far right serving station during the service.)

Sermon:

"Chosen and Beloved"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 42: 1-9
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 29
Gospel Lessons	Matthew 3:13-17

Acolytes: *Jane Carsey, Rosie Johnson*

Crucifer: *J L Klinck*

Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters:

Jean Wilson (side, font)

Joseph Ngumi (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Alice Raney* (head), *Pat Dillon, John Kelley, Susan Seahorn, Joy Kerner, Rob Everett, Jim Johnson*

Communion Servers:

Bread: *Scottie Seawell, Jean Wilson, Lea Bingham* (process), *Dawn Carsey* (head)

Cup: *Joseph Ngumi, Mac McCorkle* (process), *Leslie Strohm, Bill Hendrickson*

Shepherds: *Peter Fish* (font aisle), *Sharon Hirsch* (center aisle), *Guy Cecelski* (pulpit aisle), *Carl Rist* (replenish elements)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

This Sunday, *Sam Miglarese* and *Larry Brockman* will lead a discussion on *Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove's* latest work he co-authored called Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals. The prayer book is modeled after a "liturgy of hours" and provides "a tapestry of prayer that will help the Church be one as God is one." Come discuss daily prayer in our lives of overlapping calendars and dates. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$15.00). Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

What is the power of baptism? A little water, perhaps from a muddy river...is the voice of God heard over the water? And is the person who emerges from the water different in some way? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys continues their exploration of Genesis with a discussion of Jacob and his family. Join us at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building, classroom end of hall.

Hand in Hand/ Crossroads

Join us as we continue our discussion of Becoming Bridges: The Theory and Practice of Diversity by Gary Commins. We meet at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.



Robinson Everett Memorial Habitat House Dedication Service

Saturday, January 15
at 12 noon

102 S. Young Street, Durham

MLK CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, January 12 at 12 Noon

Durham City/County Employees

MLK Civic Celebration (FPC sanctuary)

Dr. David Forbes, preaching

Sunday, January 16

Homer Ashby, preaching at 11 a.m.
(FPC sanctuary)

Monday, January 17

Annual MLK March and Rally

Begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, 411 West Chapel Hill Street, to First Presbyterian Church.

Program begins at 11:45 a.m.
(FPC sanctuary)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Christmas Joy \$1,536

(supporting the PCUSA Pension Fund and Racial / Ethnic Schools)

Christmas Concerns \$3,645

(to be divided between Durham's Urban Ministries, Housing for New Hope, and DSS's Emergency Energy Fund)

Christmas Eve \$9,570

(for FPC's Day School tuition subsidies)

If you would like to make a contribution please send your gift to the office of FPC marked "Childcare subsidy". Your gift will make a difference in a young child's life.

Pennies for Hunger \$62.60

Received December 26, 2010

Total Received in 2010 = \$ 3,140.72

Thank you so much for
Your generous giving in 2010.

These Days devotional books for January – March 2011 have arrived. Regular and large print copies are available from the table in the FPC foyer.

SAVE the DATE!



FPC youth are sponsoring a church-wide **Talent Show and Potluck Supper** on **Sunday, January 30** from 6-8 p.m.

ALL ages are welcome to participate.

Contact *Rebecca Leonard* for more information.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

The Lord says to Isaiah, "See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare." (Isaiah 42:9a) With a new year upon us, this is an appropriate message to hear. And the appropriate question to ask is: What new things? One of our new things is being FPC without Joe. He's still with us via phone and email, but his physical presence is largely missing. I hope that you have enjoyed being a multi-vocal church in his absence, as we have heard many voices teaching and preaching the good news in December, and we look forward to a whole new slate of speakers this month.

Another former thing that has come to pass is the construction of this latest Habitat House for *Nakita Jones* and her family. I hope you will join us for the house dedication on Saturday, January 15 at noon at 102 Young Street. New things are on the horizon for the Jones family, and for our church as we discern other outreach opportunities for 2011.

And on Sunday you will meet the confirmation class of 2011, new things in faith, and affirm them as they continue this journey of faith exploration. We will remind ourselves of our baptismal vows to them: to teach the faith, to support and encourage, and to guide and nurture by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ. **There will be a reception honoring our confirmands after worship in Watts-Hill Hall.** I will meet you at the font and the Table on Sunday.

Blessings,

Marilyn

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to the family of *Josephine (Jo) Erwin Russell Shaw*, FPC member who died on December 16th in Hillsborough. You may post online memorials to the family at www.hallwynne.com.

"Jesus said,

'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

"GRATITUDE TO GOD PROMPTS A GENEROUS SPIRIT"

Received as of January 3, 2011:

199 Pledges totaling \$748,448

representing 85.5% of our goal

2011 Pledge Goal: \$875,390.

Please remember to mail or bring your completed pledge card and the Time and Talent sheets to the church office.

OUR CONCERNS

Florence McDow, a patient at Duke.
Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece, is a patient at Durham Regional (Room 5117).

Lisa Gauldin *Joe Harvard*
Betty Jelstrup *Carol Johnson*
Sarah Todd, at Hillcrest (Room 2318)

- ◆ *Frank Bradshaw*, brother of Hilda Bradshaw
- ◆ *George Cox*, son of Sarah Cox
- ◆ *Donald Davis*, brother of Lorraine Davis
- ◆ *Steele and Molly Dewey*, daughter and son-in-law of Peaches McPherson
- ◆ *David Hester*, former associate pastor at FPC
- ◆ *Millie Hester*, mother of Marie Sappenfield
- ◆ *Brad Holbrook*, father of Kerry Holbrook
- ◆ *Norma Johnstone*, stepmother of Jancy Strauman
- ◆ *Kris, Joe, Becca and Lauren Juarez*, Vernon Neece's niece and family
- ◆ *David Kilpatrick*, grandson of Elizabeth High, deployed in Iraq
- ◆ *Elizabeth Leathers*, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- ◆ *Stephen McAllister*, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
- ◆ *Peter Morton*, son of BJ and Parker Morton
- ◆ *Edward Mungai*, friend of Mercy Ndambiri
- ◆ *Dana Niger*, friend of Sara Neece
- ◆ *George Ombati Nyangena*, friend of Mercy Ndambiri
- ◆ *Merwyn Oliveria*, deployed to Iraq (friend of Lyn Francisco)
- ◆ *Jeanine Romines*, mother of Karen Romines
- ◆ *Nancy Sappenfield*, mother of David Sappenfield
- ◆ *Joe Snyder*, nephew of Michael Leonard and cousin of Jenna and Maryn
- ◆ *John Thiani*, friend of Mercy Ndambiri
- ◆ *Sharon Van Vechten*, friend of Ann Prospero
- ◆ *Samuel Watson*, father of Dale Gaddis
- ◆ *Reverend Bob Wells*, cousin of Bill Hendrickson
- ◆ *Jonathan Wilkins*, brother of Neal Wilkins
- ◆ *Karen Wolcott*, cousin of Jean Wilson

NOTE: We will begin a new list of concerns next week. Please call the church office (682-5511) if you need your relative's name to remain on the list.

♪ **Seraphim Choir Rehearsal** ♪
Sunday, January 9
after worship.

♪ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** ♪
Tuesday, January 11 at 5 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Happy New Year and greetings from Montreat NC! I am here for the annual College Conference along with *Kriddie Whitmore, Abi Bisette, Caroline Ewald, Suzanne Crabtree* AND a whole host of friends from Westminster PC. We're staying warm and cozy in our beloved 'Heart House' despite it being so cold here that Lake Susan is frozen over!!! The Conference thus far is proving to be amazing and formative. Just this morning we met the Director of St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Haiti, *Bill Nathan*, and we witnessed a beautiful dance brought to us by the Resurrection Dance Theatre. Their beauty, talent and enthusiastic love and gratitude to God despite all the adversity they've each faced in their lives is truly inspiring. I hope that each of you is inspired to make the most of 2011, taking stock in all the blessings in your lives and intentionally living a life of gratitude because of it.

This Sunday we will gather for a regular scheduled youth group and dinner will be lovingly provided by *Peter and Barbara Fish*. Hope to see each of you there. 'Till then, peace friends!

Rebecca Leonard



FPC BASKETBALL

Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym. Come support FPC's team!

- 9 pm Tues., January 4 vs. Triangle Pres
- 7 pm Thurs., January 6 vs. Westminster I
- 9 pm Thurs., January 13 vs. Westminster II
- 8 pm Tues., January 18 vs. Hope Valley II
- 7 pm Thurs., January 20 vs. Hope Valley I
- 7 pm Thurs., January 27 vs. Triangle Pres
- 9 pm Tues., February 1 vs. Westminster I
- 7 pm Thurs., February 4 vs. Westminster II
- 8 pm Thurs., February 10 vs. Hope Valley II
- 9 pm Tues., February 15 vs. Hope Valley I
- 8 pm Tues., February 22 Tournament
- 8 pm Thurs., February 24 Championship

Flowers for Worship

FPC members and friends are invited to donate flowers for worship in 2011. You may donate flowers to mark a special occasion, or in honor /memory of a loved one. Persons with standing reservations for a specific Sunday should contact *Susan Thompson* to confirm their intent to donate flowers in 2011. Susan may be contacted as follows: 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext. 292 (work).

FPC COMMITTEES will meet next Monday and Tuesday, January 10 and 11. Contact your chairperson for exact day and time.

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet **Tuesday, January 11, at 7 p.m.**, at the home of *Dale Gaddis*, 912 Urban Avenue. The group will be discussing *An Altar in The World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Newcomers are welcome. RSVP to Dale Gaddis at dalegaddis@earthlink.net, or 687-4324.

On **Tuesday, February 8**, the group will meet at the home of *Lee Courtland*, 915 Monmouth Avenue, to discuss *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox.

SUNDAY DRIVERS

The following persons have agreed to pick up members at Croasdaile Village on Sundays for worship:

January 9

George Danser and Jean Cary
Bill Brown

January 16

Dan Hudgins and Ann McKown
Miriam Morey

January 23

Alice Raney, Miriam Morey

January 30

Dan Hudgins and Ann McKown
Miriam Morey

"LEARN BY HEART"

The Apostle's 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.

Naughty or Nice?

I guess we've been nice because Santa brought us lots of new toilets and sinks for Christmas. Most of the bathrooms now have new Toto dual-function, low-flush toilets. The flush mechanism is on top of the tank. These units should help us save water (and money).

As always, please let me know as soon as possible if you find equipment that is not working properly.

— *Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator
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