

First Presbyterian Church

January 6, 2015



All pious folk throughout life, whenever they are troubled by a consciousness of their faults, may venture to remind themselves of their baptism, that from it they may be confirmed in assurance of that sole and perpetual cleansing which we have in Christ's blood. – *John Calvin, Institutes*, 4.15.4

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Affirmation of Confirmands**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "If I Had Known Then,
What I Know Now . . ."

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 29
Acts of the Apostles	Acts 19:1-7
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:4-11

Acolytes: **Minna Fullenkamp,
Laura McDow**

Crucifer: **Ana Profeta**

Croasdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt
Carol McKnight**

After Worship Greeters:

Kristin Meade (rear/narthex)

Joseph Ngumi (side/font)

Ushers: **Carol Wills**, (head), **Brianna
Honea** (flowers), **Delia Kwon, Carolyn
Merritt, Cris Rivera**

Communion Elders:

Head/Replenish elements - **Wes Carson**

Bread: **Gwen Dilworth** (process),

**Barbara Gerwe, Mary Gitata,
Laura Hanson**

Cup: **Kristin Meade, Michael Schultz,**

Alice Raney (process), **Bob Breitweiser**

Shepherd Pulpit side: **Dan Hudgins**

Shepherd Center: **Marcia Lorimer**

Shepherd Font side: **Peter Compton**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

It is our pleasure to welcome this Sunday **Anthony Ross**, the young man **Marilyn Hedgpeth** mentioned in worship on December 21st, who has gone from homelessness to becoming a college graduate and first-year law student at NCCU. Anthony tells his story to give those in similar situations hope, but also to give testimony to God's goodness in his life. He will have copies of his book available to sign and sell. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Wouldn't it be reassuring to hear a voice from heaven, announcing God's approval of your life and your plans! But on the other hand, it might raise expectations and even limit your choices. What did that voice mean to Jesus? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Come and explore Paul's principle of Christian freedom in a study Galatians. Join us at 9:45, second floor, classroom at the end of the hall.

Scratch Class

No class this Sunday. Please join another class. Join us for a planning retreat following worship.

Family Matters

"Remembering our Baptism" (*Seamless Faith*, chapter 2, p. 51) is our topic this Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor, across from the Resource Room.

2014 SPECIAL OFFERINGS

*Thank you for your generous
giving in 2014!*

***One Great Hour of Sharing:
\$5,117.00**

***Pentecost: \$779.00**

***Peacemaking: \$1,519.00**

Christmas Concerns
(split between Iglesia Emanuel's Food
Pantry and FPC's Walk in Ministry)
\$3,412.50

Hunger for Change: \$5,661.92

***Joy Gift: \$965.00**

Christmas Eve
(for Welcome Baby)
\$3,009.25

**A PCUSA Special Offering*

Try Something New

AFTER-CHRISTMAS STRETCH

Free yoga class led by **Brianna Honea**
Wednesday, January 14

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall
Wear comfortable clothes;
bring mat or towel

FPC WOMEN'S

WINTER RETREAT

"Sabbath Rest"

January 30-31

Friday, 6 p.m. – Saturday, 3 p.m.

\$50 registration fee / Deadline: Jan. 23
Contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** to register.
There will be yoga with **Brianna Honea**
at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening!

CONFIRMATION

Meet in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 to hear
the inspiring story from **Anthony Ross**.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

This class for women is led by **Susan
Dunlap** and meets at 9:45 in the lower level
classroom located across the hall from the
Youth Room.

FPC COMMITTEES

Monday, January 12

6:00 p.m. Christian Education

6:00 p.m. Property

6:30 p.m. Service and Mission

7:00 p.m. Worship and the Arts

If your committee is not listed, please
contact your chairperson to determine
when your committee will meet again.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Happy Epiphany! "Epiphany" means an appearance or manifestation of the divine, such as the appearance of the Christ to the Gentile wise men, which we celebrate today. But it can also mean a revelation, realization or a discovery – an ah-ha moment – which is what our worship service will be about tonight at Iglesia Emanuel.

At the request of FPC's Session, Mark and I met with **Jimmie Hawkins**, minister of Covenant Presbyterian Church, to talk about ways that our congregations might come together and address the issues of race swirling around in our culture since the pivotal event in Ferguson, MO last summer. We came to the conclusion that Epiphany would be a good starting point to come together across racial lines, black, Hispanic and white, and seek discernment or epiphany as to how to move forward together towards healing in our community. If you wish to seek "wisdom" and "epiphany" about next steps, **I invite you to join us for worship at 7:00 this evening at Iglesia Emanuel**, 2504 North Roxboro Street. Dinner will be served prior, at 6:30, including Three Kings Cake (from Cris and Beth), an epiphany tradition.

Sunday is an important day, too, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and also re-affirm our baptismal vows to our nine confirmands at the half-way point in their journey. They are a great group of eighth and ninth graders, and I look forward to letting them hear from the congregation, but also letting you hear from them. They are the next generation of church leadership, and I consider it another type of epiphany to see the Christ in our future leaders.

Blessings,

Marilyn

THESE DAYS

Remember to pick up a copy of **These Days** devotional booklet (January – March 2015) on your next visit to the church. Large and regular print copies available, while supplies last.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to:

- **Kerry Holbrook** on the death of her father, **Brad Holbrook**, on January 5. A service of witness to the resurrection will be held at FPC in the near future.
- **Jennie Wilburn** and her mother, **Judy Wilburn** upon the death of Jennie's aunt and her mother's sister, **Jane Rowley**, over the holidays.

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

The **Tshiek family**, especially daughter **Deborah Meta** (a patient at Duke Hospital), friends of John and Sue Fricks

Nowell Creadick
Jacque Robins

Edward Kwon
BJ Seitzer

Brian Center (Durham):
Ann Prospero

Carolina House (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Clare Bridge (Chapel Hill): **Helen Garrison**

Croasdaile Village:

Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren**
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever, Anne Davis**

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**
Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Dorothy Anderson**, grandmother of Laura Kelley
- **Stuart Bethune**, father of Alec Bethune
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Norma Cardoni**, mother of Sheila Breitweiser
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Roger Edmund-Adcock**, father of Catherine Admay
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Lawson Family**, Arlington, VA
- **Louise Miglarese**, mother of Sam Miglarese
- **Vic Moore**, friend of Tom & Margaret Keller
- **Gladys Njenga**, friend of Mercy Ndambiri
- **Hannah Joy Richards**, grandniece of Chuck and Jean Wilson
- **Gerald Thomas**, Betsy Robinson's father

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will discuss **Alex & Me** by Irene Pepperberg on **Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary-Jo Keenan** (mjkeen39@gmail.com). Contact Mary-Jo for the address and directions to her home. **Dale Gaddis** will lead the discussion. New faces welcome.

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 27

11:30 a.m.

at Hope Valley Diner

3710 Shannon Rd Durham
(formerly Rick's Diner)

Hosted by **Chuck and Linda Barenchi**
RSVP to: 919-908-6156.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear Friends,

The new year has begun with our youth participating in more service projects! This past week, we made fleece blankets which we will be giving to families living at Genesis Home! Thank you to **Susan Dunlap** for providing our meal!

This Sunday we will be having fun at a bowling night together! We are also looking forward to participating with Community Midrasha, Sikh Gurudwara and the greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church for an MLK Service project benefiting Urban Ministries of Durham in two weeks!

Blessings,
Sarah

WINTER BOOK STUDY

Our winter study is: **Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the CULTURE OF NOW** by Walter Brueggemann. Classes will be held at the church on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. – noon, **January 9 - February 13**, and at Croasdaile Village (Heritage Hall activities room) on Sundays from 3 - 4:30 p.m., **January 11- February 15**. Books are \$10, and may be purchased from **Marilyn Hedgpeth**. All are welcome!



"Renewing the Spirit of Engagement and Empowerment in the Community" is the 2015 theme for Durham's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

Wednesday, January 14
at 12 Noon

Durham City/County Employees
Civic Celebration (FPC sanctuary)

Monday, January 19

Annual MLK Unity March and Commemorative Worship

The March begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, 411 West Chapel Hill Street, and ends with a worship service in the sanctuary of FPC.

To see a listing of other area commemorative events go to:
<http://durhammlkcommittee.weebly.com>

SCRATCH WINTER RETREAT

Sunday, January 11

Join us after worship this Sunday, 12:30 p.m. until about 3:00 p.m., at the church. We'll make our plans for 2015. Lunch will be provided!

SAVE THESE 2015 DATES

FPC Men of Faith Retreat
April 17- 18

6:00 p.m. Friday – 2:00 p.m. Saturday
Homer Ashby has agreed to lead the retreat this year.



Vacation Church School
at Camp New Hope

(ages 4-18; childcare for volunteers)
June 15-19

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration will be on-line in early January



Post-Vacation Church School
Music Camp

Under the direction of **Kathy Parkins**
June 15-19

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at FPC

For FPC member families only
Transportation provided upon request
Registration will be on-line in early January

VOX VIRORUM

"Winter Concert"

Sunday, January 18

3:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Fend off the winter blues with Vox Virorum as they present a wintry mix of classic and exciting men's choral selections.

Free admission for FPC members.

Others: \$10 suggested donation.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.trianglesings.org/vox-virorum-mens-chorus-2/>

Thank you to the wonderful yarn donors (Confirmation Class of FPC) for donating yarn to Our Children's Place.



What a wonderful surprise to receive at the [Alternative Gifts Fair] market. Thank you also for inviting us to participate again this year. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year!

Melissa W. Radcliff,
Executive Director

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Information regarding the flower donation process is also located there. You may also contact **Phyllis Verhey** (919-973-2929 or pverhey@nc.rr.com) if you have questions and to reserve a Sunday. Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2015 with Phyllis as soon as possible.

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