

# First Presbyterian Church



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"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" . . . Compare (Peter's words) with the words of the demons who said almost the same things: "We know who you are, the Son of God." So what is the difference? Peter spoke in love, but the demons in fear. . . . So tell us how faith is to be defined, if even the devils can believe and tremble? Only the faith that works by love is faith.

– **Augustine**, Sermons on New Testament Lessons

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Sermon:

"From Stumbling Blocks to Stepping Stones"

**Marilyn T. Hedgpeth**, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 111
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:21-28

Acolytes: **Ben Brigman**,

**Sigfried Fullenkamp**

Crucifer: **Benjamin Conner**

Coasdale Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **TBD**

After Worship Greeters:

**Phyllis Verhey** (rear/narthex)

**Kate Busa** (side/font)

Ushers: **Abi Bissette** (head), **Brianna Honea**

(flowers), **Miriam Morey**, **Eric Wiebe**, **Dale**

**Gaddis**, **Margaret Keller**

Communion Elders:

Head / replenish elements: **Bob Breitweiser**

Bread: **Joseph Ngumi** (B1), **Harold Dunlap**

(B2, Process), **Phyllis Supple** (B3), **Dan**

**Hudgins** (B4)

Cup: **Peter Compton** (C1), **Beth Eisenson**

(C2), **Marcia Lorimer** (C3), **Marie**

**Sappenfield** (C4, process)

Shepherd Font aisle: **Alice Raney**

Shepherd center aisle: **Wes Carson**

Shepherd pulpit aisle: **Kate Busa**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

**Jon Nelson** will continue discussing South Africa's **Belhar Confession** as a model for dealing with racial inequality. Join us in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

### Lectionary Class

Where does knowledge come from? Is it simply the accumulation of learned facts? Does knowledge give you authority? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

Come and explore Paul's letter to the Galatians and his principles of Christian freedom. Join us at 9:45, second floor classroom at end of hall.

### Scratch Class

Young adults will discuss "Justification" - Chapter 16 of Guthrie's Christian Doctrine. Join us at 9:45 in our lower level classroom.

### Family Matters Class

"More Death" (Seamless Faith, Chapter 4, pp. 83 and 86 – memory table and bubble prayers) is our topic this Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor, across from Resource Room.

### Spiritual Formation Class

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

### Confirmation

This Sunday, we will continue discussing death and resurrection at 9:45 upstairs. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, we will visit St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church (meet at FPC at 9:15 a.m.). On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will travel to the Sikh Gurudwara for worship and lunch. Time TBD. Mentors are always welcome.



## YOUTH FUNDRAISER

### Sunday, February 1

Homemade soups and chili, provided by the youth of the church, will be available for purchase following Sunday School and worship. The money raised will be used to combat hunger in our community. Dine in and takeout will be available.



Families with young children are invited to come to FPC on **Saturday, February 14, from 3:00 -4:00 p.m.** to make blessing bags with valentines for the hungry who come to our church door.

We'll have a story, a treat, and assemble "love bags" as our guests call them. Please bring packs of cheese crackers, or granola bars, or small boxes of raisins or fruit snacks to fill the bags.

## ATTENTION VISITORS

The Newcomer/Inquirers' Class, for those who would like to learn more about FPC, continues on **Sundays, February 1, 8 and 15** at 9:45 (during the Sunday School hour) in the Wilson Parlor. If you are interested in learning more about the ministry of this congregation, please contact **Shirley Frederick** at s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511.

## RIDE NEEDED TO FPC

**Margaret Eme**, who lives in Williams Square Apartments (off E. Carver Street near Duke Durham Hospital (County General), has requested a ride on Sundays to and from church. If you can provide a ride for Margaret, call **Marilyn Hedgpeth** in the church office: 919-682-5511.

## SESSION BRIEFS

### Meeting held January 26, 2015

- **Paul Baldasare** reported on the progress of the Pastor Nominating Committee and approved the Church Information Form which will be used as an introduction of FPC to potential new heads of staff. This form is strongly based on the FPC Mission Study Report.
- Approved a policy requiring \$100,000 for the creation of a named endowment.
- Approved the 2015 Operating Budget
- Endorsed **Alex Stayer Brewington's** request to be enrolled by Presbytery as a Candidate for Ordination.

– **Barbara Gerwe**, Clerk of Session

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

These past few weeks have been especially difficult in the life of our congregation, as we have experienced the deaths of some very beloved members, and the sudden illnesses of others. We can hardly carry on with our normal January agendas because we are pulled in so many different directions of caring. Or is this our January agenda: caring?

This Sunday, we will continue with the Jesus story, as Jesus meets his nemesis: either the man with an unclean spirit, . . . or an interruption. Either way, Jesus confronts them head-on, and apparently with noticeable authority, which makes the people gasp. We could make a case, it seems, that either the devil is in the interruptions, or that God is in the interruptions. And what about this interim period in the life of the congregation? Is it an interruption in "business as usual" for our church? Or is it God breaking into our routine and causing us to pause and reconsider our mission, the nature of our way of doing business on the corner of Main and Roxboro?

We'll ponder some of these things on Sunday. But in the meantime, and on into February, keep caring deeply for those whom we love, and keep praying profoundly for transformation in lives and in the life of our church.

Peace,  
*Marilyn*

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31 at FPC for **Frederick Mba**, father of **Raymond Mbah**. The family will receive friends in the parlors following the service.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Dub and Wib Gulley and their families** on the death of their father, **Wilbur "Bill" Gulley, Jr.** on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Please contact **Phyllis Verhey** (919-973-2929 or pverhey@nc.rr.com) if you have questions or to **confirm a standing reservation** to donate worship flowers.

## OUR CONCERNS

- ◆ **Dewey Lawson**, a patient at Duke Hospital
- ◆ **Edward Kwon**, in Hospice care at home
- ◆ **Jacque Robins**, convalescing at Hillcrest
- ◆ **Anne Lawson**, mother of Dewey Lawson
- ◆ **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- ◆ Traveling mercies for **Margaret and Miguel Rubiera** who are on a mission trip to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity.

**Nowell Creadick**  
**Ann Prospero**

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

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

### **Coasdaile 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

- **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
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Lawson Family**, Arlington, VA
- **Alan Pelton**, friend of Lyn Francisco
- **Tshiek family**, friends of the Fricks



A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone in the congregation for all of the years of love and support that you gave to me and my dad. I could not have had him in Durham if it were not for the love of the congregation. And, a thank you for the gracious send off that you gave to him last weekend. For prayers, cards, meals, visits, transportation, my brother Ford and I sincerely express our gratitude.

- **Kerry and Ford Holbrook**

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The call went out and you responded! What an out-pouring! Many thanks to those of you who brought in blessing bags (already assembled) or supplies to make them up. We have plenty of bags and supplies on hand for now! If you forget to bring your items last Sunday, just hold them until we call for items again in a couple of weeks. We can only store so many at a time!

## YOUTH NEWS

Dear Friends,

As sports seasons are heating up, I am excited to be gearing up for our very own 'Soup-er Bowl Sunday!' This Saturday, the youth of FPC will be making soups that we will sell after worship this Sunday! As always, all proceeds will go to combat hunger right here in Durham! Get ready for some tasty soup and chili to take home and eat during the big game! Thank you in advance for your donations!

Thank you to the Henry family for providing our meal this past week. There will be **no evening youth groups** this Sunday evening!

Blessings,  
Sarah

## FPC HOOPS

FPC has two teams playing in the Hope Valley Church League again this year. Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym at the corner of Garrett and Hope Valley Roads in Durham. Come cheer on FPC's teams!

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Thur, Jan 29 8 PM FPC 2 vs. Westminster 2  
9 PM FPC vs. South Durham  
Mon, Feb 2 8 PM FPC 2 vs. Westminster  
9 PM Westminster 2 vs. FPC  
Thur, Feb 5 7 PM FPC 1 vs. FPC 2  
Mon, Feb 9 7 PM FPC 2 vs. Free Agents  
9 PM FPC 1 vs. Westminster  
Mon, Feb 16 8 PM FPC 1 vs. Free Agents  
9 PM FPC 2 vs. South Durham  
Thur, Feb 19 7 PM FPC vs. South Durham  
8 PM FPC 2 vs Westminster 2  
Playoffs begin Monday, February 23

## COMMUNITY INVITATIONS

**"We Can All Bow Our Heads"**

**Sunday, February 8**

**3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Jewish Congregational Center**  
**Cornwallis Road, Durham**

Parents, clergy and advocates will engage in an interfaith dialogue about inclusion of the differently-abled in the life cycle events in the church. **Marilyn Hedgpeth, Celia Dickerson, Katherine Whitmore** will be participating. Register online at :  
<https://jccfed.wufoo.com/forms/we-can-all-bow-our-heads/>



**"Reconciling Paul"**

Come learn more about the Apostle Paul!

**Monday, February 9**

**Trinity Ave Presbyterian Church**

**Gather at 12 noon**

(Bring a bag lunch; beverages provided)

**Study begins promptly at 12:30 p.m.**  
**and will end promptly at 1:30 p.m.**

## FPC MEN OF FAITH

**Friday, January 30**

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast / Conversation**

at Nosh's Café – 2812 Erwin Rd, Durham  
Come by and stay as long as you can!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Circle and Bible Study**

**Monday, February 2**

**10:30 a.m. in the East Parlor**

## BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in a celebration and sharing of favorite Angelou poetry and books. **Lee Courtland** will host the event in her home. Contact Lee by email if you plan to attend and / or if you need directions to her house: [LeonoraSCourtland@gmail.com](mailto:LeonoraSCourtland@gmail.com).

## PRIMETIMERS / SCRATCH

**Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday, February 21**

**7:00 p.m. at the home of**

**Jean and Chuck Wilson**

More details forthcoming

## MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP

Guest Lecturer: **Dr. Ron Cole-Turner**, the H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

**Sunday, February 22**

**9:45 a.m. Sunday School Presentation**

**11:00 a.m. Preaching for Worship**

**7:00 p.m. Presentation at Duke Divinity**

**Monday, February 23**

**Clergy Seminar at 11:00 a.m. at FPC**  
(Lunch provided; \$8 donation)

## FPC MEN OF FAITH

**Annual Men's Retreat**

**April 17 – 18**

6:00 p.m. Friday – 2:00 p.m. Saturday

**Homer Ashby** is leading this retreat

## 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 online soon

## 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 online soon

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