

First Presbyterian News

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A Christian congregation is a company of praying men and women who gather, usually on Sundays, for worship, who then go into the world as salt and light. God's Holy Spirit calls and forms this people. God means to do something with us. . . . We are in on what God is doing, and we are in on it together.

- *Eugene H. Peterson*, The Jesus Way: A Conversation on the Ways Jesus is the Way

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

(The Junior Choir will sing during worship.)

Sermon: "A Sense of Urgency"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalms Lesson	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:29-39
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Acolyte: *Carter Momsen-Hudson*,
Almirah Mbah

Crucifer: *Alex Buck*

Crossdaile Driver: *Miriam Morey*

Narthex Greeters: *Edward & Delia Kwon*

After Worship: *Andy Henry* (side, font)

Andy Widmark (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Cris Rivera* (head usher), *Leslie Shaw*, *Yao Kadudze*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"Whatever Happened to Church Unity?"

Last Sunday, as we affirmed our faith in worship, we said: "We believe in one holy and apostolic church." (Nicene Creed)

What in the world does that mean in the diverse world in which we find ourselves?

Sam Miglarese and *Joe Harvard* will explore the unity and the lack thereof that surround us. To the point, what are some hopeful ways we are connected with other people of faith in Durham and around the globe? Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill hall.

Lectionary Class

Jesus said that proclaiming the message is what he came to do. Paul put it even more strongly: "woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" Do we have an obligation to proclaim the gospel? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Bob Adams will lead the discussion.

Adult Discussion Class

This class **will meet this Sunday on the second floor** of the Education building at 9:45.

Starting from Scratch Class

The young adults will begin part two of *Food and Fidelity* this week with a look at the Exodus wilderness stories. We'll discuss how Israel's experience of manna from heaven shaped their economy and life together, and how it might challenge ours today. Join us at 9:45 on the second floor of the Christian education building.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Classes for Newcomers and any member who would like to attend will be held on the following Sunday mornings, **February 5th, 12th, and 19th** in the Wilson Parlor of the Church House at FPC beginning at 9:45 am. Visitors who are interested in exploring membership at FPC, new members who have not had the opportunity to attend the Newcomers classes in the past, and long time members are cordially invited to participate. Please call the church office at 682-5511 or email Shirley Frederick at s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org by Thursday, February 2nd with inquiries or to indicate your interest in participating.

Catch our youth in action on "SOUP"-ER BOWL SUNDAY!

A variety of homemade soups, provided by the youth of the church, will be available for purchase following Sunday School and worship this Sunday. The money raised will be used to combat hunger in our community and around the world. Dine in and take out will be available.



On **Sunday, April 1** (Palm Sunday), FPC will participate in Durham's 38th annual CROP Walk. Anyone who wants to make a difference in the lives of hungry people in the world and here in Durham can participate in this walk. Participation includes walking, monetarily sponsoring a walker, praying for the hungry, the CROP walkers and sponsors. Sign up today at: <http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/FPCdurham>.

Your Crop Walk recruiter,
Rebecca Leonard



A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is time to form the **Nominating Committee for officers**. This committee **will recommend a slate of officers** for the Class of 2015 elders and deacons. A total of four (4) at-large representatives will be elected from the membership to serve with three other officers on this committee. **Nomination ballots for the four at-large representatives will be available in the worship bulletin on Sunday.**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Did you know that you are in the 101%? There has been a lot of political talk recently about these percentages. What they mean is not clear to me; however, *Mac McCorkle* is a good source concerning such things. Let me tell you some great news that I do understand. Last night the officers heard a report on how we did in supporting the life and ministries of FPC in 2011. We received 101% of what was pledged by our members. That is indeed remarkable! In over 40 years in ministry, I cannot remember that ever happening before.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the work of Christ's church. We are also close to underwriting the budget for 2012. In order to make this possible many of you who were able increased what you are giving. In tough economic times your response to what God is calling us to do means so much.

We are also dependent on your leadership. It is time to choose four members from our congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee to choose a new class of elders and deacons. Please give prayerful consideration concerning who could serve in this capacity. I am deeply grateful for your dedication to the work of the church.

Joe

OUR SYMPATHIES

The Love and concern of the congregation is extended:

- to the *Miles family* upon the death of Alissa's grandmother, *Betty Cooper*, who died in Columbia, SC on January 27;
- to the *Semans family* on the death of *Mary Semans*. Mary was a leader in our community and a friend of FPC. *Joe Harvard* conducted her committal service at Maplewood Cemetery today.
- to *Marilyn Hedgpeth* on the death of her nephew, *Matthew Wright*, 21, who died in Charlotte on January 28. Marilyn will participate in his service on Wednesday.

"Jesus said,
'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session for **Sunday, February 19 at the beginning of worship** for the purpose of hearing a report from the Budget Committee and selecting four people to serve at-large on the Nominating Committee for Class of 2015 officers.

LOST AND FOUND: Are you missing keys, a jewelry item, a scarf, a water bottle, a lunch bag or sunglasses? If so, check FPC's lost and found cabinet in the Volunteer's Office. Your missing item might just be there!

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Joanne Harrar** will have cataract surgery this week.
- Please be in prayer for **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera** as they lead a Habitat for Humanity group to Honduras this week for a 10 day mission trip. **Mary Jo Keenan** and her daughter, **Kelsey Osman**, are among the participants.
- **Carol Johnson** is moving to Friendship Hall at Croasdaile Village this week.

Margaret Boswell **Tom Howerton**
Diana Hyland Huggin **Don Jenkins**
Florence McDow **Carol McKnight**
David Parkins **Mozette Rollins**
Sarah Todd **Jerry Tyren**

- **Michael Atkins**, friend of Rebecca Leonard
- **Chester Bisette**, grandfather of Abi Bisette
- **Kate Crockett**, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **Rick Degand**, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Dwight Huntley**, father of Lesley Curtis
- **George Telford, Sr.**, father of George Telford
- **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE AND BIBLE STUDY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6
10:30 a.m. in the East Parlor

PRIME TIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
6:30 P.M. at the home of
Jean and Chuck Wilson
25 Pennington Place, Durham

RSVP to Jean: 403-7333 or
jwilson2253@nc.rr.com

BABIES' NIGHT OUT



Thursday, February 16
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall
Join us for an intergenerational event to meet our youngest new members. Anyone who would like to come "ooh and ahh" over these babies and perhaps get to hold one is most welcome. It's a good chance to help these new parents bond, and take note of FPC's wealth of support.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,
This Sunday is our annual 'Soup'er Bowl Sunday! We will be selling homemade soup to raise money and awareness to stop HUNGER in our world. Join me on **Saturday, February 4 from 3 – 5 p.m.** at FPC to make soup and then on Sunday we will prepare and sell it. We may need some of you to commit to help during worship time. Also, you can make soup at home and bring it in on Sunday morning if you are interested and willing. We will not have Sunday evening youth group this week so you can enjoy the soup while watching the Super Bowl (or doing your homework ☺)! So, see you Saturday.

Peace y'all,
Rebecca

UP COMING YOUTH EVENTS

Saturday, February 25, 12 noon
Youth 24 hour famine 'Break-the-Fast'
Potluck Luncheon

Sunday March 18, 3 – 5 p.m.
'Many Voices' performance
University Presbyterian, Chapel Hill

Friday March 23 - Sunday March 25
Senior High Youth Presbytery retreat

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 18 - 22

Registration forms are available from the table in the foyer. Early registration is open to children of host churches until **April 1, 2012.**

FIRST FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Watch your mailbox for a "Save the Date" note about volunteer service opportunities in the month of February.

Join us for the next

DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 28

11:30 a.m. at Piper's Deli
3219 Old Chapel Hill Road
hosted by Mildred Hamby
and Harriett Mitchell

RSVP to Harriett Mitchell:
489-3839

Save the Date

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP

FEBRUARY 26 - 27, 2012
featuring **Martha Moore-Keish**,
an outstanding young theologian in the
Presbyterian Church (USA).

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 14 at 7 p.m.** at the home of **Lee Courtland** (915 Monmouth Ave, Durham) to discuss selected stories from Mattaponi Queen: Stories by Belle Boggs and Quickening Stories by Liza Wieland. **Celia Dickerson** will lead the discussion.

INVITATIONS

Monday, February 13

"Organ Composers of Color"
An Organ Recital by Chapter Members
7:30 p.m. at Watts Street Baptist
800 Watts Street, Durham

Event is organized and sponsored by the Durham-Chapel Hill chapter of the American Guild of Organists in honor of Black History Month. FPC's own **Tom Bloom** and **Lyn Francisco** plan to participate.

TRAVEL SEMINAR PLANNED

Carlisle Harvard will be assisting **Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon** on a travel seminar entitled "From Constantinople to Kiev: The History of Eastern Christianity and the Diverse Challenge of Modernity" from **April 26 – May 10, 2012.** If you are interested in participating, please email Carlisle Harvard at ccharvard@gmail.com for details on the trip.



Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym (corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Road). Come support FPC's teams!

Schedule

Thur Feb 2	7 PM	FPC1 vs Westminster 1
	9 PM	FPC2 vs Triangle PC
Mon Feb 6	7 PM	FPC2 vs Westminster 2
	9 PM	FPC1 vs Triangle PC
Thur Feb 9	7 PM	FPC1 vs Westminster 2
	9 PM	FPC2 vs Hope Valley
Thur Feb 16	8 PM	FPC1 vs FPC2
Mon Feb 20	7 PM	FPC2 vs Westminster 1
	9 PM	FPC1 vs Hope Valley



When we first visited First Pres several years ago, we knew it was special. The openness, diversity and intellectual curiosity were all palpable. But it wasn't until after we were members that we understood the warmth and care this community provides. You have suffered with us. You have celebrated with us. You have welcomed and baptized our two daughters. And you do all of this with every person who walks through the doors here - that's why we love FPC so much. Thank you for being our church home - we can only hope to find one this good down in New Orleans.

- **Walt, Katy, Ruby and Dot Barron**

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