

First Presbyterian News

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Jesus had a way of taking those things which seemed small and insignificant, things like coins, and sheep, and seed, and transforming them into matters of great import. In calling his people "salt" and "light" he transforms us into agents of the kingdom of God. Just a few disciples, faithful to him, go a long way toward transforming the world into the world which God intends us to be. – *William H. Willimon*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship and Holy Communion

The **Cherubim Choir** (younger children) will sing during worship.

Sermon: "A Pinch of Salt"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalms Lesson	Psalms 112:1-10
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:13-20

Acolytes: *Carter Momsen-Hudson, Almira Mbah*

Crucifer: *Alex Buck*

Greeters: *Edward and Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters:

Peter Fish (side, font)

Phyllis Verhey (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Jon Kimball* (head), *Rob Everett*

(flowers), *Hilda Bradshaw, George Bernhardt,*

Mary Ann Compton, Charlotte Maxwell

Communion Elders:

Bread: *Lea Bingham* (Process), *Jane Wettach*

(head elder), *Sharon Hirsch, Diane Standaert*

Cup: *Leslie Strohm* (Process), *Phyllis Verhey,*

Andy Widmark, Henry Njoroge

Shepherds: *Andy Henry* (font aisle), *Carl Rist*

(center aisle), *Scottie Seawell* (pulpit aisle)

Replenish elements: *Lanny Pratt*

Catch FPC's Youth



in action!

A variety of homemade soups, provided by the youth of FPC, will be available for purchase on **Sunday, February 6**. The money raised will be used to combat hunger. **Dine in or take out** will be available.

NEWCOMER'S CLASS

Visitors, inquirers, new and long-time members are cordially invited to participate in a Newcomer's Class which will begin with a **Get-Acquainted Luncheon after worship on Sunday, February 13 at 12:45 p.m.** at *Joe and Carlisle Harvard's* home, 124 Monticello Avenue. Subsequent class sessions will be held on **Sunday mornings, February 20 and 27 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Church House parlor. Sessions will include a look at Reformed Tradition, denominational history, FPC's history and the opportunity to meet fellow newcomers. Please contact *Shirley Frederick* at 682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org no later than Friday, February 11 to indicate your interest or with any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

*Exploring a role for all of us
in Durham Public Schools*

Please join us this Sunday as we revisit our exploration of public education in Durham.

Phil Boyle of Leading and Governing Associates will share with us a framework for understanding the public visions, values, and choices that continually reveal themselves whenever citizens discuss how to educate the next generation. As Phil notes in his soon to be published book, "Every society educates its children But why, how, and towards what ends? What does the *public* in public schools mean?"

Over the next several weeks we hope to explore these questions and others as we seek ways to support the education of all the children of Durham. Many members of FPC are engaged in the process of educating the next generation and we hope to hear from you. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Are you ready to take it to the next level? Are you ready to learn the secrets that are reserved for the advanced? The things you learned in the past, and the things you did in the past, aren't good enough now. "We speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Left for dead. Sold into slavery. Framed by those he trusted. Joseph should be an awfully bitter person. But, he keeps his beliefs and continues to serve others. Join Journeys as they discuss Joseph in Genesis. The class meets at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

Hand in Hand/ Crossroads

We are discussing the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in a study guided by John Timmer's Four-Dimensional Jesus. Please join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap invites women to participate in this time of prayer, sharing our lives, and exploring the disciplines and practices of Christian spirituality at 9:45 on Sundays. We meet in the Middle School Youth Room, below the sanctuary.

MALLARMÉ CHAMBER PLAYERS AND DURHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Sunday, February 6

3:00 PM – FPC Sanctuary

Music of J S Bach performed with Baroque performance practices and instruments

Tickets: \$18 advance \$20 at the door

Kathy Parkins reminds all of us that the concert sold out last year. There is **no discount for FPC members at the door.**

<http://www.mallarmemusic.org>.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

What a joy for *Carlisle* and me to return to worship on Sunday at FPC. We have missed worshipping with you these past two months. It was good for me to be in the congregation to hear the Word proclaimed and sung and prayed so well. Your warm welcome meant so much to us.

An added treat was attending the Talent Show on Sunday evening. Watts-Hill Hall was full of young people, parents, grandparents, and members who had a remarkable experience. What talents we have among our youth and what a privilege to be able to see them share their gifts with such confidence and enjoyment.

There were a couple of excellent adult offerings. Susan and the Kathys (*Susan Dunlap, Kathy Conner, Kathy Kirschmann, Catherine Miller*) is an awesome singing group, and *Marilyn* led us in a flash mob dance. Thanks for an incredible evening for our community!

This Sunday I will return to the pulpit. *Marilyn* will be away for some R&R after giving two months of outstanding leadership to our congregation. It is a well deserved break!

I am a bit nervous about reentering the pulpit. What good preachers you have heard in my absence! We shall also gather at the Lord's Table to be nourished.

There is also an excellent series beginning this week in the Faith and Community Class exploring the challenges and opportunities we face in public education in Durham. *Scottie Seawell's* husband, *Phil Boyle*, will lead us this week. I hope to see you on Sunday.

Joe

NOTES

It was great to have **Joe Harvard and Carlisle** back in worship this Sunday.

Many thanks to all who helped with the Service of Witness to the Resurrection for *Tina Land* on Thursday: ushers *Rob Everett, Tom Keller, and George Danser*; reception hostesses *Abby Jones, Maxie Honeycutt, Lee Courtland*, and *Bette Conroy*. The family was very thankful for FPC's hospitality and ministry of comfort.

Sunday evening's **FPC's Got Talent** was a real treat! The dinner and show were fantastic thanks to everyone who brought food to share, participated in the show, brought their visual art to share, helped clean up and in general made the evening a night to remember!

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session for **Sunday, February 20 at 11 a.m.**

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 2014 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 will be available during worship on Sunday.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to . . .

Gerald Postema and **Leslie Winner** who were married in Durham on January 29th.

George Danser and **Jean Cary** on the birth of their first grandchild, **Clara Jean Danser**, born January 29th to **Andy and Shelley Danser** in Durham;

Jim Koehneke on the birth of grandson, **Levi Justin Friedman**, born January 23rd to parents Alison (Jim's daughter) Friedman and Seth Friedman of Underhill, Vermont;

Tom and Ellen Bacon on the birth of grandson, and **Michael Bacon** on the birth of nephew, **Darren Thomas Goldman**, born January 21st to Kathryn (Bacon) and her husband, Jeff in Maryland.



Please stay prayerful for **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera, Edward Kwon and Mary Jo Keenan** who are part of a mission trip to Honduras this week building houses for Habitat for Humanity.

Please continue to keep the **McDow family** in your prayers and support them with deeds of love, as little **Florence** improves at home, and as Leslie's father, **Jim Goff**, recovers from surgery at UVA Hospital in Charlottesville.

Duke Hospital: **Katherine Carr**
Hillcrest: **Tom Howerton**
Croasdaile Pavilion: **Carol Johnson**
Betty Jelstrup

David Kilpatrick, grandson of Elizabeth High
Jesse D. Smith, Jr., son of Doris Smith

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Monday, February 7
10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
in the East Parlor

We will discuss Lessons 5 and 6.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This Sunday is 'Soup'er Bowl Sunday and while the Steelers and the Packers will be fighting it out for the NFL Super Bowl title, WE will be fighting to help STOP HUNGER! I know which team I'll be supporting! So join me on **Saturday from 12 noon -3 p.m. at FPC** to make soup to sell after worship to raise money for the agencies in Durham that work toward ending hunger. If you can't be here Saturday, make soup at home and bring it on Sunday morning. We will not have regular youth group on Sunday evening so you can enjoy the soup and the Super Bowl. Peace, ya'll.

Rebecca

FPC DAY SCHOOL NEWS

The FPC Day School currently has openings in the 2 year old class. If you know of any families needing daycare for their 2 year old, please contact FPDS Director **Katharine Smith** at 688-8685.

Come eat lunch at Ninth Street Bakery, 136 East Chapel Hill St., on **Wednesday, February 9** to support FPC Day School. Ninth Street Bakery will donate 10% of sales that day to FPDS to assist families who recently lost childcare scholarships.

CROASDAILE DRIVERS

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

February 6 - **Miriam Morey**
February 13 - **Miriam Morey**
February 20 - **Dan Hudgins**
February 27 - **Dan Hudgins**
March 6 - **Miriam Morey**
March 13 - *to be assigned*
March 20 - **Dan Hudgins**
March 27- **Dan Hudgins**.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 8
6 p.m. Property
Monday, February 14
6 p.m. Christian Education
7:15 p.m. Worship and the Arts
Please contact the Committee chair if your committee is not listed above.

ORGAN RECITAL

Tom Warburton will play an organ recital on **Friday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m.**
at University Presbyterian Church,
209 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill

Mary Banner's client sends grateful thanks to the members of FPC who assisted him with household needs and clothing. He was recently hospitalized and did not receive your gifts until this week. Your donations are a much-needed blessing!



FPC BASKETBALL

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

Remaining Schedule

9 pm Tues., February 1 vs. Westminster I
7 pm Thurs., February 3 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 play
8 pm Thurs., February 24 Championship Game

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet **Tuesday, February 8, at 7 p.m.** at the home of **Lee Courtland**, 915 Monmouth Avenue. The group will be discussing **The Future of Faith** by Harvey Cox. Newcomers are welcome to come. R.S.V.P. to Lee at 682-3461 or halfcourt@nc.rr.com.

PRIME TIMERS'

♥ VALENTINE POTLUCK ♥

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011

at 7 pm at the home of

Shirley Frederick
3519 Westglen Road

Please join us for a potluck supper and an enjoyable evening!

RSVP: 489-7102 shirleyfred@nc.rr.com

SAVE THIS DATE!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

DUKE/UNC

CONGREGATIONAL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Wear some shade of blue, and come meet our newest members. Sponsored by the CE Committee

AND . . .

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP

Guest Lecturer: **Leighton Ford**



Ford is President of Leighton Ford Ministries which focuses on raising up younger leaders to spread the message of Christ worldwide. Watch for more details regarding the Lectureship!

SAVE THESE DATES!

EFIRD LECTURES

A STUDY OF THE PSALMS

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31;

APRIL 7, 14

10:30 AM - 12 Noon
in Watts-Hill Hall

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