

First Presbyterian Church



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

Mark E. Diehl, preaching

The adult and youth handbell choirs will provide music and the Chancel and Children's Choirs will sing during worship.

Worship Texts

Psalm Lesson	Psalm 85
Gospel Lesson	Luke 11:1-13

Acolytes: **Eleanor Cole, Kayla Champion**

Crucifer: **Talitha Kwon**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt, Carol McKnight**

After Worship Greeters:

Alice Raney (rear/narthex)

Tom Bacon (side/font)

Ushers: **Dick Boulden** (head), **Lucie House** (flowers), **David Lorimer, Cris Rivera, Emily Wilkins, Joy Kerner**

NEWCOMER'S CLASS

The Newcomer/Inquirers' Class continues this Sunday at 9:45 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

What is FPC doing in the aftermath of the Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, MO? One of the things we have decided to do is look at the book, *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander. This Sunday **Homer Ashby** will lead our discussion with a review of previous Jim Crow practices, the foundational elements of the New Jim Crow and the theological reasons for combating the newer forms of racial injustice. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

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.

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 "Sanctification," Chapter 17 of Guthrie's *Christian Doctrine*. Join us at 9:45 in our lower level classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Celebrating Parents' Anniversary" (*Seamless Faith*, Chapter 3, p. 65) is our topic this Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor, across from the 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 CLASS

In preparation for our visit to St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, **Lea Bingham** will lead a discussion of the history and customs of the Orthodox Christian Church. Join us at 9:45 in our room, and mentors are always welcome.



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 snack crackers, granola bars, small boxes of raisins, or fruit snacks for the bags.

"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, and Katherine Whitmore** will be participating. Space is limited. Please register by February 4th:

<https://jccfed.wufoo.com/forms/we-can-all-bow-our-heads/>



Lent begins

Ash Wednesday - February 18

Community Worship

12:30 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

A 30-minute service for the downtown community, consisting of prayer, song, a meditation, and the imposition of ashes marking the beginning of Lent. A light lunch will be served at noon in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

This service includes the imposition of ashes and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Childcare will be available. At 6:30 we will gather around tables for a light supper appropriate to the season.

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP

"Theological Implications of Transforming Humans through Technology"

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 School

Monday, February 23

11:00 a.m.

Clergy Seminar at FPC
(Lunch provided; \$8 donation)

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

One of the great blessings of my tenure at First Presbyterian Church is observing the membership's financial faithfulness, passion, and commitment to the Lord's work and the needs of others through your generosity. Budgetary challenges predictably have surfaced during the interim period, and the leadership and members of the congregation have likewise stepped up to address those challenges. Budget years 2014 and 2015 have required significant reassessments of spending patterns and priorities, resulting in budget reductions and cuts that have been sobering. **The end result is that stewardship efforts have met the monetary goals of FPC for 2015 as we pursue God's call to ministry.** Special thanks go to our Stewardship Committee and our Budget Committee for their great leadership!

February may seem late (or really early!) for us to be talking about budget and stewardship issues. Yet the reality for this congregation is that some people may be willing but are not able to make a financial commitment prior to the end of the calendar year. For FPC, that means the finalization of the calendar year budget does not take place until the end of January or sometimes even into late February.

An important message being broadcast by our Finance Committee is the strong position of FPC financially. The 2014 Budget anticipated using \$33,000 from reserves in order to meet our financial needs. Because of the careful use of financial resources by staff and committees, and the consistent giving of the congregation, **not one penny of the reserve funds was used in 2014.** As a matter of fact, those reserve funds grew!

In addition, members of this congregation are thinking ahead for the ministry of FPC by including this church in their wills through gifts and bequests. Those far-sighted saints are impacting the ministry today by what they chose to do yesterday. Would you consider making such an impact tomorrow by what you choose to do today?

Grace and peace,

Mark

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

to **Jim Seitzer**, who will be awarded The French Legion of Honor in Raleigh. The award, established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, is bestowed on those who risked their lives for the French Republic, which Jim did during World War II's European campaign. Jim will be designated a Knight of the Legion of Honor at the ceremony. What an honor! Check out the February 2nd article in the *Herald-Sun* and the *News and Observer* newspapers. A copy of the article is also posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Michael Leonard, Jenna and Maryn**, on the death of Michael's sister, **Diane Snyder**, on January 25th; and to **Mickey Velkey, Beth Brockman and family**, on the death of **Andrew Velkey**, Mickey's father-in-law and Beth's grandfather, who died February 2nd in Florida.

OUR CONCERNS

- **Dewey Lawson**, a patient at Duke Hospital
- Traveling mercies for **Margaret and Miguel Rubiera** and **David, Marie and Laura Sappenfield**, who leave this week for a 10-day mission trip to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity.

Nowell Creadick **Edward Kwon**
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** **Jacque Robins**

Barbara Patton Davis (former member)

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
- **Rosalie Hagge**, friend of Lyn Francisco
- **Dorothy Jennette**, mother of Katharine Smith
- **Anne Lawson**, mother of Dewey Lawson
- **Neal Lawson Family**, Arlington, VA
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Tshiek family**, friends of the Fricks

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Many thanks to **Karen Romines** and her helpers who hosted the reception for the Mbah family following the service for Frederick Mba on Saturday. **Raymond Mbah** will be leaving for Cameroon on Tuesday, and will spend two weeks there with his family. Traveling mercies to him.

FPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Winter Women's Retreat at Avila last weekend was a wonderful, restful experience for the 12 women who participated. Those who attended included: **Deborah Momsen-Hudson, Linda Foster-Momsen, Tanja Vujic, Abi Bisette, Susan Dunlap, Sharon Hirsch, Barbara Fish, Kathy Krahenbuhl, Jancy Strauman, Jo Bernhardt, Jean Cary, and Marilyn Hedgpeth. Brianna Honea** taught a yoga class for the group. The next women's retreat will be July 31- August 1. Mark your calendar if you want to attend.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The youth are extremely appreciative of your generosity this past Sunday! Together we raised over \$600 for backpack buddies, helping to tackle hunger in Durham! A huge thank you to **Dawn Carsey** who led us in preparing and cooking all of the soups! We are really looking forward to having **Kerry Holbrook** lead us in a Mardi Gras-themed youth group this week! The **Wilkins family** will be adding to Kerry's treats with some of their own as well! We are definitely going to have a great night!

Blessings,
Sarah

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m.** in a celebration and sharing of favorite Maya Angelou poetry and books. **Lee Courtland** will host the event. RSVP to Lee if you plan to join us: leonorascourtland@gmail.com.

FPC HOOPS

Church league basketball 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 two teams!

REMAINING GAMES

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 1 vs. South Durham
8 PM FPC 2 vs. Westminster 2
Playoffs begin Monday, February 23

COMMUNITY INVITATIONS

"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.



MORAL MARCH

On **Saturday, February 14**, there will be a Moral March in Raleigh to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. **The March starts at 10:00 a.m.** If you are interested and would like to carpool to Raleigh, please contact **Jane Williams** at 336-577-8240.



BEER AND HYMNS

Sunday, February 15

7:00 p.m. at Fullsteam Brewery
726 Rigsbee Ave

"A Community Sing with no regard to Spiritual Inclination or lack thereof"
Good time, fellowship, nostalgia, and more good times accompanied by fresh local beer led by Jesse James Deonto of local band "The Pinkerton Raid"

RIDE NEEDED TO FPC

Margaret Eme, our Nigerian friend who lives in Williams Square Apartments (E. Carver Street near Duke Durham Hospital), has requested a ride on Sundays to and from church. If you can provide a ride, call Margaret on Saturday night at 919-771-4021. She can come for Sunday School and there is no rush to return home.

SCRATCH / YOUTH ADULTS

Weekly Social

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

at Social Games and Brew (downtown)

FIRST FRIENDS

FEBRUARY GATHERING (Adults only!)

Friday, February 13

6:30 p.m. at the home

of Dawn and Tom Carsey

Ham biscuits will be the main course.

Please bring side dishes,

desserts, and beverages

Please respond to the EVITE.

PRIMETIMERS / SCRATCH

Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, February 21

7:00 p.m. at the home of

Jean and Chuck Wilson

Please respond to the invitation.

Carpooling recommended.

There is limited parking.

Sunday, March 22

2:30 p.m. at Duke Chapel

The CROP Hunger Walk is a fun family event which combines community building and fundraising to learn about, advocate and raise resources for hungry people in Durham and around the world. **Rebecca Harvard**

Barnes will be our recruiter and she will have information for walkers and sponsors on Sunday mornings beginning the week of February 22nd. Join FPC's walk team by signing up online at:
<http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/FPCwalks>



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.

Post-Vacation Church School

Music Camp

June 15 – 19

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at FPC

For FPC member families only

Transportation provided upon request

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