

First Presbyterian News

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Church is not a stopping place but a starting place for discerning God's presence in the world. Church can help people gain a feel for how God shows up, not only in Holy Bibles and Holy Communion but also in near neighbors, mysterious strangers, sliced bread, and grocery store wine. That way when they leave church, they no more leave God than God leaves them. - **Barbara Brown Taylor**, [Leaving Church](#)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Decision Time"

Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalms Lesson	Psalms 119:1-8
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:21-37

Acolytes: **Jenna Leonard, Rosa Inez -Ramirez**

Crucifer: **Bonnie Creadick**

Greeters: **Hilda Bradshaw, Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship Greeters:

Scottie Seawell (side, font)

Sharon Hirsch (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Jon Kimball** (head, flower delivery), **Pat Dillon, Bill Brown, Alex Crockett**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

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

This Sunday we will continue our discussion of public education in Durham and our role in providing support. This week we will consider "One Vision, One Durham" the strategic plan for Durham Public Schools. **Natalie Beyer**, member of the School Board, will be our guest to introduce the plan and discuss the vision. Please join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

How can we live up to the high standard of Jesus' teachings, in which anger is as bad as murder? How can we read the writings of Paul, when he says that our jealousy means we are still just infants in our understanding? It may be a matter of life and death, but it seems too hard. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Join Journeys as they continue their discussion of 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.

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.

The **AFRICAN COMMUNITY** will gather after worship this Sunday for a service of prayer and singing in the chapel led by **Anthony Kamau**. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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. He has spoken face to face to millions of people in 37 countries on every continent of the world.

BE HABITAT'S VALENTINE!

A reception thanking
Friends of Habitat

(light hors d'oeuvres and desserts)

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 12

at the Butterfly House and Pavilion
NC Museum of Life and Science
433 Murray Avenue, Durham

RSVP by February 9

rsvp@durhamhabitat.org

919-682-0516 x 112

Guests Welcomed

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The month of February has been called the dreariest of months. Shakespeare put it this way: "Why, what's the matter, that you have such a February face, so full of frost, of storm, and cloudiness?" (*Much Ado About Nothing*, William Shakespeare) Carlisle has often suggested that it is because of this dreariness in February that God created basketball. (You do know that the inventor of the sport, Dr. Naismith, was a Presbyterian minister.)

February is "between time". Christmas is finished and Epiphany has passed. This year Lent is taking longer to get here because Easter is late. I invite you to join me in using this "between time" as a period of reflection. Where is God leading us? What is God calling us to do and to be? These are important questions with practical implications.

So, in this month we will decide on a budget which supports those things that matter to us. We will begin to choose new officers. These matters give expression to our faith. The choices we make are important. Join me in listening for a word from the Lord and seeking to be faithful in our responses.

Joe

NOTES

It was great to have **Joe Harvard** back in the pulpit on Sunday.

Congratulations to **Ann McKown** on retirement from public service as a District Court Judge. She was honored at a retirement ceremony at the Durham County courthouse on February 4th.

Congratulations to **Dr. Charles Hammond** who received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Atlantic Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session for **Sunday, February 20 at 11 a.m.** for the purpose of hearing a report on the 2011 Budget and to elect four at-large members to the Nominating Committee for officers.

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 on Sunday.**

SAVE THESE DATES!

MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31; APRIL 7, 14

EFIRD LECTURES

A STUDY OF THE PSALMS

10:30 AM - 12 Noon at FPC

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support of us and the people in our community who are hungry by your purchase of Soup on 'Soup'er Bowl Sunday. We are excited to announce that due to all of our efforts we raised \$780.00 to be equally divided among Urban Ministries of Durham and the Food Bank of Eastern NC. The preparation and sale of soup here at FPC has become a wonderful annual tradition for all of us. One way we hope to be better stewards of our earth for future soup sales is to use recycled containers. We're asking each of you to consider bringing us your recyclable quart and pint sized containers (yogurt, soup, ice cream etc.) for us to save and use next year. Thanks again for everything!

-The youth of FPC

OUR CONCERNS

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.

Katherine Carr is recovering at home.

Hillcrest: **Tom Howerton**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Carol Johnson**

Betty Jelstrup

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

FEBRUARY'S

"LEARN BY HEART"

Do you know the missing letters?

Psalms 100

Make a joyful n _____ to the Lord,
all the e _____.

Worship the Lord with g _____;
come into his p _____
with s _____.

Know that the Lord is G ____.

It is he that m ____ us,
and w ____ are his;

we are his p _____,

and the s _____ of his pasture.

Enter his g _____ with thanksgiving,
and his c _____ with praise.

Give t _____ to him,
bless his n _____.

For the L ____ is good;

his steadfast l ____ endures forever,
and his f _____

to all g _____.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Well, the Packers won the game, Christina Aguilera flubbed the national anthem, and record amounts of guacamole were consumed. But the REAL news about Super Bowl Sunday is that thanks to the efforts of the FPC youth and to the generous support of the FPC community through the purchase of homemade soup, we raised almost \$800 to continue to combat hunger in our community! THANKS to each of you who gave up your Saturday afternoon to make the soups, and then so enthusiastically prepared for the sale of the soups at FPC on Sunday morning. It was fun and rewarding and we will DEFINITELY be doing it again next year!

This Sunday evening we will have regular scheduled youth group with guest **Susan Dunlap** and dinner lovingly prepared by **Bet and Dewey Lawson**. See you then! Peace,

Rebecca

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 - **George Danser/Jean Cary**

March 20 - **Dan Hudgins**

March 27 - **Dan Hudgins**.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

THINK GREEN!

Would you like to save trees and time? The latest issue of FPC's weekly newsletter is available each week by email on Tuesday afternoons. If you would like to subscribe to the email version, call 682-5511 or email **Valerie McMillian** in the church office: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. The newsletter can also be viewed at FPC's website: <http://firstpres-durham.org>.

FPC BASKETBALL

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

Remaining Schedule

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

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

~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ~

Covenant Presbyterian Church, located at 2620 E. Weaver Street, Durham, NC will celebrate **Black History Month** with a program, **Excellence in Black**, on **Sunday, February 20, 2011 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service**. The celebration will take place in the church fellowship hall.. The public is invited. **Jimmie R. Hawkins** is Pastor.

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"Congregations and Early Childhood"

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Kate Gallagher, Director,
Frank Porter Graham's Family
and Child Care program presents

"Early Development:

Brain, Language, and Social-Emotional"

Tuesday, February 22

11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Duke Memorial UMC

504 W. Chapel Hill St

Bring your lunch, beverages provided.

RSVP: Winnie Morgan (919) 732-1524

winniemorgan@juno.com.

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L'ARCHE DURHAM?

L'Arche brings together people with and without developmental disabilities to share their lives in communities of faith and friendship. A group is forming to begin the preliminary process toward starting a L'Arche here in Durham. Please join us **Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Reality Center**, 916 Lamond Ave to learn, listen and pray with others interested in discovering where God is leading. For more information, contact **Jillaine VanEssen** (608-469-2104) or jkvanessen@gmail.com.

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