

First Presbyterian News

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My song is love; love to the loveless shown. And it goes up; you don't have to be alone. Your heavy heart is made of stone. And it's so hard to see you clearly. You don't have to be on your own; you don't have to be on your own. —*Coldplay, A Message*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School / Newcomer's Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Baptismal Becoming"
Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 119:33-40
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:38-48

Acolytes: *Aurelia Klinck, Peter Compton*

Crucifer: *Eli Miller*

Greeters: *Minnie Cameron, Abby Jones*

After Worship Greeters:

Andy Henry (side, font)

Andy Widmark (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: *Jon Kimball* (head usher), *George Kirschmann* (flower delivery), *Rob Everett, David Lorimer, Linda Dobson, Dale Gaddis*

NEWCOMER'S CLASS

The next session of the Newcomers / Inquirer's Class will be held on **Sunday morning, February 20 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Wilson Parlor of the Church House. Class discussions will include a look at Reformed Tradition, denominational history, FPC's history and mission and the opportunity to meet fellow newcomers. If you would like to participate, please contact **Shirley Frederick** at 682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org no later than Friday, February 18th to indicate your interest or with any questions.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27



CONGREGATIONAL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Wear your favorite 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.

LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING WORK DAYS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:30 AM - NOON

The Landscaping and Gardening Committee invites you to join us for pruning and other adventures. Please bring work gloves, clippers, trowels, shovels and rakes. We will also need a weed-wacker or lawn mower. For further information contact **Barbara Buckley** (bjbuckley1@frontier.com) or **Kate Busa** (katebusa@gmail.com).

SAVE THESE DATES!
MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31;
APRIL 7, 14

EFIRD LECTURES
A STUDY OF THE ISAIAH
10:30 AM - 12 Noon at FPC

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope that everyone had a nice Valentine's Day yesterday, where you were able to express your love to at least one other person. Our secular celebrations are not too bad, really. They espouse wholesome values. Thanksgiving encourages us to be grateful for all that we have, and to spend time with our families. Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa has evolved into a season of giving and generosity. And now we are into Valentine's Day, a time to celebrate love.

But our texts for Sunday cast an entirely different light upon these good virtues. God's word reminds us that all love, giving, and generosity flows from God to us, at God's initiative, before we can give thanks for these gifts or share any of them with others. And it also reminds us that while sharing and expressing our love and generosity to family, friends, and significant others is touching, it is not nearly to the extent to which God calls us to love and share. Because God's love extends to the poor, the immigrant, the deaf, the blind, and the "totally other" neighbor, Jesus challenges us as his disciples to extend both our cheeks, our coats and sweaters, our energies and our efforts beyond those we know and like, to those we consider even prickly and difficult to love.

So I ask you this: Would you send a Valentine to a perfect stranger or to someone you don't exactly love, but wish you could? Sometimes I think I should listen to that *Coldplay* song, *A Message*, every morning and remember Jesus' call to show love to the loveless.

Blessings,
Marilyn

NOTES

- Blessings to **Judy Pidcock** as she assumes the position of Interim Minister, Head of Staff at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Raleigh for March, April, and May. While we'll miss seeing Judy here regularly, we know that she'll do an outstanding job.
- The Presbytery of New Hope will be meeting on Saturday, February 19 at FPC, Wilson. **Phyllis Supple** will be installed as moderator of the Presbytery. Elders attending are **Leslie Curtis** and **Diane Standaert**, and Pastors attending are **Joe Harvard, Marilyn Hedgpeth**, and **Sam Miglares**.
- **PrimeTimers** had an enjoyable Valentine gathering on Friday night. Thanks to **Shirley Frederick** for hosting.
- Hooray! **Elizabeth High's** grandson, **David Kilpatrick**, will fly into RDU on Thursday, February 17 from Iraq. Traveling mercies to him as he returns.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Challenges of Public Education in Durham
Minnie Forte-Brown, chair of the

Board of Durham Public Schools will be our guest to continue a discussion of the status of public education in Durham and how the we can be supportive. **Sam Miglares**, Director of Community Engagement at Duke University and Associate Pastor of FPC will facilitate the discussion. Minnie is a Durham native, attended Durham Public Schools and graduated from Hillside High School. She holds a bachelor's degree from Saint Augustine's College and a master's of education degree from North Carolina Central University. Please join us. The class meets at 9:45am in Watts Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Parts of the Bible contain many laws and commandments, but some of them seem irrelevant to us thousands of years later, and others seem impossibly difficult. Where does the authority for those commandments come from? Do they still have meaning for our lives today? 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 on the **second floor of the CE building**.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Walt and Katy Barron** on the birth of a daughter. **Dorothy May Barron** was born February 14th. "Dot" joins big sister **Ruby**.

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

LENTEN STUDY:

THE PRACTICE OF FORGIVENESS

The quintessential signature of Christianity is that we believe and practice forgiveness of sins. We believe and live as people forgiven and given many second chances by Jesus Christ, and we are called to forgive others as Christ has forgiven us. Do you have the need to unburden yourself by being forgiven, by forgiving yourself, or by forgiving someone else for a past mistake? During Lent, FPC will offer an 8-week course on the practice of forgiveness. Using the *Companions in Christ* curriculum, the study will explore the practical steps for moving from guilt, shame, and anger, to forgiveness and reconciliation. The curriculum offers daily exercises which would be a wonderful Lenten discipline, and which can be discussed within the larger group, if desired. The cost of the book is \$15.00. A **Friday morning class** with childcare will run from March 4 – April 22 from 10:30-noon. A **Sunday evening class** at the church will run from March 6 – April 17 from 5-6:30 pm. If you would like to order a book, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth at 682-5511 or via email.

FEBRUARY'S

"LEARN BY HEART"

FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS.

Psalm 100

Make a _____ noise to the Lord,
all the earth. _____ the Lord
with gladness; come into his
_____ with singing. Know that
the Lord is God. It is he that made us,
and we are his; we are his people,
and the sheep of his _____.
Enter his gates with _____,
and his courts with praise. Give
_____ to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his
_____ love endures forever,
and his _____
to all generations.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This Sunday we will have regular scheduled youth group and Lenore will be leading us in Games Galore! That's right, you read it correctly- GAMES! So bring it Sunday! Our dinner will be prepared by **Delfina Dalderon** the mother of **Kimberly and Catherine** (our friend's from Iglesias Emmanuel) so join us for a delightful Hispanic meal. See you then.

Rebecca



REGISTRATION FORMS for Vacation Church School 2011, "Out of these Waters", which will be held June 20th-24th at New Hope

Camp and Conference Center, are available in the church foyer and online at the church website. REGISTRATION deadline for FPC members is April 1st. Please get your forms in on time!

FPC BASKETBALL

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

Remaining Schedule

9 pm Tues., February 15 vs. Hope Valley I
8 pm Tues., February 22 Tournament play
8 pm Thurs., February 24 Championship

DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

11:30 AM at Rick's Diner
3710 Shannon Road (next to PO)

Hosted by **Carol McKnight**
Please RSVP to Carol (419-0670)
or call the Church office: 682-5511

FPC MEN OF FAITH

All FPC men are invited to **Nosh's Café** (Erwin Road near Duke/VA hospitals) for coffee and/ or breakfast and a time of fellowship and conversation on **Friday, February 25 between 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.**

The **DURHAM CROPWALK** is scheduled for **Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m.** Walkers, sponsors and volunteers are needed to make 2011 our best year ever! Learn more by visiting <http://www.durhamcropwalk.org>. Join FPC's on-line team by following this URL <http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/firstpres-durham.org> or get your walking papers by signing up after worship in the foyer. Last year we raised over \$5,000.00 dollars to help combat hunger in Durham and around the world. This year, let's aim for \$6,000.00. I know we can do it! Thanks everyone!

FPC's CropWalk recruiter,
Rebecca Leonard

~ 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.

CROASDAILE DRIVERS

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

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**.

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>.

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