First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21



Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Sermon: "An Attitude of Gratitude" Olanda Carr, preaching

Worship Text:

Old Testament	Joshua 24:14-15
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 45
Gospel Lesson	Luke 17:11-19
Crucifer: Nathan Creadick	

Acolytes: **Robbie Creadick**, Maryn Leonard Croasdaile Driver: Miriam Morey Narthex Greeter: Alice Raney After Worship Greeters:

Talitha Kwon (narthex/rear), Will McDow (font/side) Ushers: Michael Honeycutt (head), Karen Swope (flowers), Julie Whiddon, Jennie Alwood, Dale Gaddis

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class It is our pleasure to welcome our guest teacher and preacher, Olanda Carr, the East Region Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation. Olanda comes to us from Charlotte where he has worked regionally to create a culture of generosity within congregations. He has been especially helpful in shaping a planned giving program for FPC, and we are so glad to welcome him on Sunday as our guest. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall as he continues our discussions on leaving a legacy of faith.

Lectionary Class

As we begin our Lenten self-examination, what will we find? Will we find that we have doubted in God's promises? Will we find that we have based our lives on poor examples? Will we even find ourselves accused by the words of the Christ we are seeking? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Is God a mixture of creation and destruction? If so, has He created humankind truly in his own image? Join Journeys as they read and discuss Job. All are welcome to join the discussion at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women on spiritual formation. We meet at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

Scratch/Young Adults

Join us at 9:45 in our basement classroom. **Family Matters Class**

Parents of elementary age and younger children share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture. We meet at 9:45 in the CE building, room 203.

Scripture Readers' Training Class The current class has completed training. Stay tuned for when the next training class will begin.

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LENTEN SUPPERS

WITH HOLY COMMUNION **Tuesday, February 23**

Tuesday, March 8 6:00 p.m. in member homes (North, Central, South Durham/Chapel Hill) Potluck supper followed by (7:00) family-

friendly Worship and Holy Communion. Members will be invited to homes according to neighborhoods and ZIP codes. Don't know where to go? Contact the church office: 919-682-5511.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

"Wearing God" Fridays, through March 25 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon FPC, Room 205 (Childcare available, if requested) Sundays, through March 13 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Croasdaile Village in Heritage Hall

Join us for a Lenten reading and discussion led by Marilyn Hedgpeth. Lauren Winner's latest book, Wearing God: Clothing, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God, explores a handful of metaphors from the everyday and paints new perspectives on connecting with God. All are welcome to purchase a book and join the discussions.

The Seventeenth Annual **McPherson Lectureship**

"Grace Made Manifest in the Church" Guest Lecturer:

Dr. Douglas F. Ottati

Ottati is the Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice at Davidson College in Davidson, NC. For many years, he taught at Union Seminary in Richmond, VA. His scholarly interests include contemporary theology and ethics and the history of theology and ethics, particularly in America.

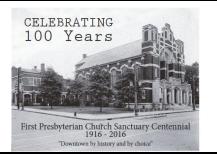
Sunday, February 28 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School "The Spirit and the Church' 11:00 a.m. Worship "Why Do You Eat and Drink with Tax Collectors and Sinners?" 7:00 p.m. Presentation at Trinity Avenue PC, Durham

"A Welcoming Community of Grace and Forbearance" Monday, February 29 11:00 a.m. – Seminar at FPC

(RSVP for lunch) "The Church and a Peculiar Discipline of Grace"

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Many thanks to all the children who made valentines to share with the children at Duke Hospital, and to the families who gathered with the middle schoolers on Sunday night to make cards for Sarah Finbow and her family, as well as valentine blessing bags for those who come to the door. This Sunday we will be doing some music again in remembering the Transfiguration of Jesus and the season of Lent. All are welcome.



FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR Dear friends,

If you're a fan of journey narratives, then you find that many of them fit a similar pattern: the protagonist (e.g., Dorothy Gale, Everett McGill) travels far and wide in search of something elusive (friends with smarts, hearts and courage), only to find that what she sought was in her own backyard, right under her nose, all the time. The Wizard of Oz fits this pattern, as does O Brother, Where Art Thou.

And so it seems with our PNC, as we voted on Sunday to confirm our next Pastor/Head of Staff, the Reverend *Mindy Douglas*, a friend to many of us who have known her for years through shared ministry in the Triangle and just beyond into Chatham County, our own backyard. Personally, I am thrilled with the discernment of the PNC and the wisdom of their choice. I have known Mindy since I came to Durham in 2002, and she is a person of integrity, substance, smarts, heart and courage. I think the church will be very pleased with the way she steps into the big shoes of Joe Harvard and leads the church forward in the light of God.

I hope and pray that the curiosity and wonder that drew many of you to church this past Sunday will keep you coming to see what ministry will look like at FPC in the coming months. What kinds of sermons will be preached? What connections to the larger church will Mindy bring? What affinities for outreach will she emphasize? In what ways does she envision shaping a church staff? I hope our curiosity IQ will remain high as we prepare to welcome her into our fellowship on Sunday, May 1.

A fellow traveler, Marilyn

NOTES

Many thanks to the church family for the valentines addressed to the staff in worship on Sunday. Everyone on the staff cherishes your support!



On Sunday, February 14, the following four persons were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for Officers: Jay Klinck, Bill Lorimer, BJ Morton, and Cris Rivera. They will join Jo Bernhardt (deacon), Marie Sappenfield (elder) and Kristin Meade (chair) to make up the seven-person committee.

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

A new member was welcomed into the church family on Saturday, February 13. Little *Jane Beatrice Finbow* was baptized as a child of the covenant and welcomed into the family of God. Please keep little **Jane, Sarah, Pete,** and their family in your prayers.

Desirée Volkwijn, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn, in rehab at Duke General Hospital *Emerson R*., friend of Logan Brown

> Beth Brockman Sarah, Pete & Jane Finbow Shirley Frederick Sue Fricks Caroline Rourk

Brookdale Senior Living: Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill: Helen Garrison

<u>Croasdaile Village</u>: Friendship Hall: *Bob Keever* Pavilion: *Jean Moore Bob Rankin Jerry Tyren*

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant Ken Goldner Peaches McPherson

S. Clay Adams, colleague of Li-Chen Chin Johnny Boles, cousin of Michael Honeycutt Bozzette family, friends of Jane Brown Mary Clegg, daughter of Jeanne Hervey Sharon Gravenstine, sister–in-law of Jane Brown

Robert Hadskey, brother of Elizabeth High Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson Lewis Johnson, father of Wendy McCorkle Cheryl Martin (and husband Paul), sister-in-law of Beth Neece

Darren Skeen, friend of FPC *Ralph Wagner*, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

WHO IS YOUR

EMERGENCY CONTACT?

A form is now available for members to complete and file with the church office listing who you wish to be notified in case of emergency. All information will remain confidential with the church office and used per your instructions. **Submitting information is strictly voluntary.**

VCS & MUSIC ARTS CAMP

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

This year Vacation Church School takes place June 13–17 at Camp New Hope from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (with a Music and Arts Camp following at FPC for FPC's children). The theme of this year's VCS is "Blown Away," focusing on the Holy Spirit in our lives. Registration forms are in the mail for children ages 4 – 6th grade, and for youth counselors. You may also pick up forms in the church foyer. The registration deadline is April 1. Adult volunteers are still needed.



YOUTH LENTEN STUDY

****Christ's Ministry of Food" Sundays, February 14 – March 24 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** in Watts-Hill Hall Youth advisors will lead middle schoolers from **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** in activities and outreach that derive from food; high schoolers from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** All youth and friends are invited to join the study. Supper is provided from **6:00 – 6:30 p.m.** for both groups.

TIME OUT RADIO SHOW

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Bill Hendrickson will interview **Arthur Clark** about his book <u>Eyes of the Tiger</u>. Listen live at 5:00 p.m. on WCOM radio (Carrboro and Chapel Hill) at FM 103.5 and elsewhere on wcomfm.org.

Saturday, February 20

PRIMETIMERS' COVERED DISH SUPPER 6:30 p.m. at the home of *Chuck and Jean Wilson* Watch your mailbox. More information is forthcoming.

Tuesday, February 23

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON 11:30 a.m. Bleu Olive Mediterranean Bistro 1821 Hillandale Rd, Durham Mickey Velkey is arranging!

> **RSVP** to Mickey: 919-864-9823 or marilyn.velkey@usa.net

SAVE THESE DATES Saturday, March 5

YOUNG ADULTS/SCRATCH MARCH POTLUCK 6:00 p.m. at the home of Geoffrey and Patricia Kennedy

Saturday, March 19

PALM CROSS FOLDING with FPC and Epworth PC 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the home of *Andy and Cherrie Henry*

June 26-July 2 Youth Appalachian Service Project

July 8-10 Massanetta MS Youth Conference

July 17-23 Triennium Youth Conference

July 24-30 Montreat HS Youth Conference

CHURCH LEAGUE

BASKETBALL

This year FPC has **two teams** in the Hope Valley Baptist Church adult basketball league. Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym (corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Road). Come support FPC's teams!

 Remaining Games

 Thur Feb 18
 7 PM FPC1 vs Hope Valley BC

 9 PM FPC2 vs Westminster 1

Tournament play begins February 22

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

As part of our Centennial Celebration, from February – April, we're challenging the children's Sunday School classes to **collect 100 items each month** for an organization First Presbyterian supports. In February, we are collecting the most urgently needed items for Urban Ministries of Durham. Our goal is to collect **new underwear for** boys and girls, sizes 2T-4T and gently used warm winter coats for kids (all sizes). As of February 14, we have collected 46 pairs of underwear and one coat. We're about halfway there, but only have two Sundays left to make it to 100. We still need underwear in sizes 2T-4T (especially boys) and kids coats of all sizes. Items can be placed in the bin by the bookcase at the top of the stairs in the Sunday School hallway.

DAY SCHOOL - HELP NEEDED

There is a new state requirement that every day care center have an emergency shelter with <u>three days</u> worth of supplies. In order for First Presbyterian's Day School to meet this mandate, they need the items listed below by February 29th. If you would like to contribute supplies, there will be sign-up sheets in the foyer on Sunday, February 21 after the worship service. **Item(s) are needed by February 28th**.

 Needed Items include:

 <u>new</u> baby blankets or small fleece throws

 <u>new</u> adult-sized blankets

 14 flashlights with batteries

 400 gallon jugs of drinking water

 Cases of Enfamil

 Cases of Powered or canned milk

 Cases of hand sanitizer/cleaning agents

 Cases of disposable diapers and baby wipes

New clothing for infants through age 4

CHORAL SOCIETY OF DURHAM

"VESPERS" CONCERT Friday, February 26 8:00 p.m. FPC Sanctuary

The Choral Society of Durham, under the direction of *Rodney Wynkoop*, will present Rachmaninoff's All Night Vigil. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the *All-Night Vigil* (commonly called the Vespers) presented complete and in the original Church Slavonic. For FPC members, tickets are discounted with code CSD1516 and can be purchased online from this website:

http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/212 6901. Student admission is free. For more info call 919-560-2733.



Durham's 2016 Walk is **Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m.** starting in front of Duke Chapel. Signups for FPC's team will begin soon! Not able to walk this year? That's okay! You can sponsor a walker!

For more information, contact FPC's 2016 coordinator: *Paul Cornsweet* at 919-358-7874 or pec326@earthlink.net

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