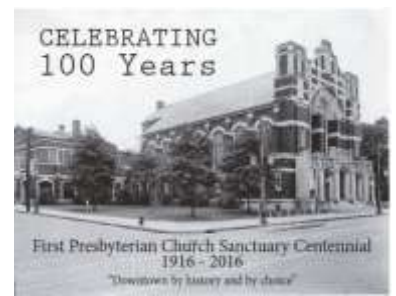


First Presbyterian Church

MARCH 1, 2016



SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Fourth Sunday
in
Lent

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship
Sermon: "Today"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Text:

Old Testament	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 19
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Gospel Lesson	Luke 4:14-21

Crucifer: **Sigfried Fullenkamp**

Acolytes: **Sophie Wilkins, Isabel Brown**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **Jerry Postema**

(font/side), **Alice Raney** (Narthex)

Ushers: **Nate Pienkowski** (head),

Tim Strauman (flowers), **Richard**

Boulden, Chris Brown, Tom Keller,

Carolyn Merritt

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

What happens in all of the Gospels once Jesus sets his face towards Jerusalem? Join us in exploring the particulars of Luke's passion narrative with **Robert Brawley** as we prepare our hearts for Easter. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

It is hard enough for us to forgive one another. How is it possible that God, whom we have offended much more seriously, will forgive us? That kind of extravagant forgiveness seems almost unfair. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Job's friends basically tell him that the wicked get what they deserve? Is this true? What do you think? 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 for discussion. Watch for this Sunday's topic details via our digest for first-pres-friends@googlegroups.com. Not receiving the digest? Contact **Carlo Diy** to be added.

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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Grades 3-5)

It's Lent, and we will look at the amazing story about Lazarus from John 11. Friends are welcome to join us!



The Florence Forth road race is organized by FPC members **Will, Leslie, and Laura McDow** in memory of their daughter, Florence. All proceeds from the road race support the Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance to find a cure and support other families facing the same disease that Florence had. The race will be held on **Saturday, March 5. Volunteers are needed for 1.5 hour shifts ranging from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., with most volunteers needed between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.** Come join the Florence Forth community in any capacity. For more detailed information on Florence Forth and volunteer opportunities, go to: <http://florenceforth.org/volunteers/>

LENTEN POTLUCK WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday, March 8

Delia and Talitha Kwon (south Durham area) will be hosting the evening potluck at 6:00 p.m., and **Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church** will host a midday worship at noon (north Durham area, and for those who don't drive at night). Bring a bag lunch to enjoy following worship. Watch for an invite this week!

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Officers' Nomination forms (with instructions) will be in this Sunday's worship bulletins. Please give prayerful consideration to who should serve in the Class of 2019 (ruling elders and deacons). Current elders and deacons and the at-large members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for nomination. Please place your completed form in the offering plate or return it to the church office by the deadline of **Sunday, March 13.**



SESSION BRIEFS

Meeting held February 29, 2016

- 2016 Budget approved
- **Congregational meeting called for March 13th** to approve call for clergy & present the budget
- Service of Installation for **Mindy Douglas** will be May 22 at 4:00 p.m.
- Work will begin soon to repair leaks in the church house
- Approved three weddings for the spring and three baptisms
- Approved sabbatical leave for **Cherrie Henry**, June-August, 2017

Submitted by **Barbara Gerwe**,
Clerk of Session

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Yesterday (as I write) being February 29, Leap Day, an extra day to observe Black History Month, I am aware of the convergence of two overlapping events of then and now. The 100th anniversary year of FPC's sanctuary, built and dedicated in April of 1916, is commemorated by a time-line beautifully displayed in our foyer, and also by photographs newly added in the church narthex, both entry points for our many visitors and guests. **Julie Maxwell**, the graphic genius behind both displays, reminded me of the "predominantly white" message that both convey, as they reflect the ecclesial and racial tenor of that era, e.g. – segregation. But that was then.

This is now. Our McPherson lecturer this past weekend, **Douglas Ottati**, taught and preached about "the peculiar institution of grace" which the church is called to be in its practice of radical hospitality, in the way of Jesus, who regularly dined with sinners and tax collectors, etc. I would like to think that 100 years past 1916, as we look at the FPC of the present and future, that our timeline will begin to look much different as we continue to open our doors to the world which God so loved, and which Jesus so included. If you can think of ways to reflect that in our foyer and narthex displays, please let me or Julie know. We want to reflect history accurately, but we also want to project the church which Christ is calling us to be in the here and now.

With gratitude to **Peaches McPherson** and her family for funding these annual thought-provoking lectures,

Marilyn

NOTES

Many thanks to **Dr. Douglas Ottati**, our 2016 McPherson lecturer who preached and taught at FPC this past weekend. In many ways the decent and orderly lectureship is our Presbyterian version of a revival! I feel revived, don't you? We are grateful to the McPherson Lectureship Committee who made the arrangements for this year's series: **Scottie Seawell** (chair), **Homer Ashby, Matt Floding, Jane Brawley** and **Alex Stayer-Brewington**; and of course to the **McPherson family** for making the Lectureship possible.

Many thanks to our hosts who opened their homes for potlucks and communion last Tuesday night: **Bill and Marcia Lorimer, Wayne and Lucie House, David and Marie Sappenfield, and George Danser and Jean Cary**, and to celebrants **Bob Yoder, Steve Rimmer, Cherrie Henry** and **Marilyn Hedgpeth.**

PRESBYTERY MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Hudson Memorial PC, Raleigh
FPC's new Pastor/Head of Staff, **Mindy Douglas**, will be officially received into the Presbytery of New Hope at this stated meeting. All are welcome to attend and show support. Please plan to join the meeting in progress about 2:30 p.m.

OUR CONCERNS

Jackie Mbah, robbed at gunpoint at an ATM last week; very traumatized
Emerson R., friend of Logan Brown, recovering from surgery
Chuck Schultz, father of Amy Dillon, back in the hospital
Amy and Gray Wilson, on baby watch
Sheila Miglarese, recovering from shoulder surgery
Karsten Rist, father of Carl Rist, recovering at The Pavilion at Croasdaile
Eli Miller, recovering from ACL surgery

Beth Brockman
Sarah and Pete Finbow
Sue Fricks
Caroline Rourk

Brookdale Senior Living: *Julian Boswell*

Brookdale of Chapel Hill: *Helen Garrison*

Croasdaile Village:

Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**
 The Pavilion: **Jean Moore**
Bob Rankin **Jerry Tyren**

Hillcrest: *Randall McLeod*

Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*
Ken Goldner
Peaches McPherson

- ♦ **Johnny Boles**, cousin of Michael Honeycutt
- ♦ **Mary Clegg**, daughter of Jeanne Hervey
- ♦ **Sharon Gravenstine**, sister-in-law of Jane Brown
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Karen Morgan and family**, friends of Al and Judy Arrowood
- ♦ **Desirée Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn,
- ♦ **Ralph Wagner**, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

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). You may pick up registration forms in the church foyer. **The registration deadline is April 1.** Adult volunteers are still needed.



The **Landscape and Gardening Committee** will hold a grounds workday on **Saturday, March 19** from **9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**. For more details, contact **Barbara Buckley** at bjbuckley1@frontier.com or 919-402-8551.

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A TOUR OF SCOTLAND

September 6-17, 2016

led by **Carlisle and Joe Harvard**

We will visit historical sites and churches, meet local pastors and congregations, and attend educational lectures at the University of Edinburgh's New College. A day visit to the Isle of Iona will be a highlight, visiting the Abbey and meeting with members of the Iona Community. For more information call **Carlisle Harvard** at 919-812 2632. **Reservation deadline is March 18.**

YOUTH LENTEN STUDY

"Christ's Ministry of Food"
Sunday during Lent

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.

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 this Sunday following worship!

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



EASTER LILIES will grace our sanctuary again this year. If you would like to honor someone or remember someone in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, fill out an Easter lily card (available in the bulletin this Sunday) and return it with your donation (any amount) to the Church office by Sunday, March 20. Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo: Lilies. Donations over and above the amount needed to purchase lilies will be given to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

"Wearing God"

Sundays, through March 13

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Croasdaile Village in Heritage Hall

Fridays through March 25

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon FPC, Room 205 (Childcare available, if requested)

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 Efland PC

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the home of **Andy and Cherrie Henry**

FLOWER DELIVERY MINISTRY

The **Pastoral Care Committee** is starting a new ministry to care for members who can no longer make it to Sunday services. One way FPC cares for the homebound is by bringing them the flowers from Sunday morning service. In the past, the Deacons have rotated flower delivery duty on Sundays. We would like to make this a more formal ministry that involves all members of the congregation. We will ask for a volunteer to deliver the flowers from Sunday service once a month. If you are interested in volunteering, please email **Lucie House** at Luciehouse@gmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS FPC!

Thanks to the church for supporting and sponsoring us, all the guys that played this year, and to the FPC I team for a dominating 44-29 victory over the Community Church team in Monday's finals of the Hope Valley Baptist Church league! – **Carl Rist**

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD . . .

(the now combined **Genesis Home and Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network**) has asked if First Presbyterian can help with meals and childcare during its evening program for families. They are asking us to help out four times a year by preparing a meal for 15-20 people and providing childcare for the younger children while the older children are in tutoring and the parents are in a meeting. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is over at 7:00 p.m. If you are willing to help by either preparing part of the meal or playing with the children, or both, please call or e-mail **Lea Bingham** at (919) 358-1774 or leabingham@gmail.com.

RACE FORWARD: ON THE MOVE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

5K and Solidarity Walk to Support Racial Justice Organizing in the Triangle

Downtown Durham will come alive with runners, walkers, musicians and community activists showing their commitment to racial justice on **Saturday, April 9** during the 5K Race Forward run/solidarity walk sponsored by Infinity Diamond Club's We Are 1 Conference. Partnering with E.K. Powe Elementary, the race's course will wind its way through Old West Durham, Walltown and Trinity Park, circling Duke East Campus and guiding runners and walkers through areas of the city tied to its racial history. Contact: Robin Criffield at 919-933-5505 or robincriffield@msn.com.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Faith,

Peace be with you and all your congregation. May God bless you for your thoughtful gift of peace and support



during this past Christmas season. Your gift was truly appreciated and deeply touched our hearts. From all of us at the **Northern Durham Islamic Association**, we would love to extend our thanks and gratitude to each individual that worked on the present we received from you. In today's world, it is so important for those of faith to help foster love, respect, and mutual understanding amongst the religious traditions. May God strengthen and support you in your efforts to work towards fostering an environment of cooperation, love, and peace. May efforts such as yours and other interfaith projects help to bridge the gap between the religious communities and aid in healing our world. We also would like to extend our support to you and would love to work together to help foster cooperation, understanding, and peace in our communities. May God bless you and all of your congregation.

Dr. Mohamed Othman,
 Chairman/Imam