

First Presbyterian Church

March 17, 2015



Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday in Lent
"Invite a Friend to Church" Sunday
*Thankfulness... Praise... Worship...
 Community... Healing...*

What are the feelings you experience when you worship at First Presbyterian Church? Have you thought about sharing this special time with a friend, a neighbor or a new colleague? Help others to share in these feelings. Sunday, March 22nd is this month's "Invite a Friend to Church" Sunday. Won't **YOU** invite a friend to join you for worship at FPC?

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

***** Announcements - 10:55 a.m. *****

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

The **Hunger for Change Offering** will be received during worship.

Sermon: "Crown of Glory"
Marilyn Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

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| Old Testament | Jeremiah 31:31-34 |
| Psalm Lesson | Psalm 51:1-12 |
| Epistle Lesson | Hebrews 5:5-10 |
| Gospel Lesson | John 12:20-33 |

Acolytes: **Anna Kasibhatla, Sydney Curtis**
 Crucifer: **Gwen Dilworth**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez, Elizabeth High**

After Worship Greeters:

Laura Hanson (rear/narthex)

Dan Hudgins (side/font)

Ushers:**TBD** (head), **Jo Bernhardt** (flowers),
Miriam Morey, Michael Honeycutt, Mary Ann Compton, Sharon Hirsch

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

This week we welcome **Sharon Hirsch** who will lead a discussion of upcoming plans for Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods). Sharon needs FPC's input to pass along to organizers in order to formulate CAN's future platform for constructive change in the community. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

Lectionary Class

What do you do when what you've always done doesn't work anymore? It can be frightening to abandon the old ways -- old structures, old covenants -- and try something very new, but the rewards can be wonderful. As Jesus said, bury the old seed and it will grow into a new plant. Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Come explore Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that addresses divisions within the church and the meaning of Christ's crucifixion. Newcomers are encouraged to join the discussion. Class meets at 9:45 in our second floor classroom.

Scratch Class

Young adults are studying from the lectionary-based online resource, **Faith Element**. Join us at 9:45 in our lower level classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Getting ready for Easter" (Seamless Faith, Chapter 2, p. 35) 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 in a lower level classroom.

Sunday, March 22

Walkers, please meet **Rebecca Harvard Barnes** in front of Duke Chapel about 2:15 p.m. Remember to wear your t-shirt. For more info, go to: www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc



NC Council of Churches

FAITH AND IMMIGRATION SUMMIT

Saturday, March 21 at FPC
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

FOCUS: issues affecting children and youth coming to NC from Central America.

Free; donations for lunch appreciated.

Contact **Jennie Wilburn** for more info: jennie@ncchurches.org or 919-828-6501

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Officers' Nomination forms (with instructions) are enclosed with today's newsletter mailing. Please give prayerful consideration to who should serve in the **Class of 2018** (ruling elders and deacons). Place your completed form in the offering plate or return it to the church office by the March 29th deadline.



EASTER LILIES

will grace our sanctuary again on Easter Sunday. If you would like to honor someone or remember someone in the Easter worship bulletin, fill out the enclosed lily card and return it with your donation (any amount) to the Church office by Sunday, March 29. 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.



NEW PARKING DECK?

Durham County plans to develop the lot between our church and St. Phillips into a parking deck. We're meeting with friends at St. Phillips on **Sunday, March 22 at 12:30 p.m.** to hear the County's plans and see how we can influence the plans for that property and others near us. This is part of our work with Durham CAN. Join us! Questions? Ask **Susan Dunlap, Jancy Strauman, Tom Bacon, Kate Busa, Lea Bingham** or **Sharon Hirsch**.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will be traveling to the Sikh Gurderwara on Roxboro Road this Sunday to experience worship there. We will leave from FPC's parking lot at 11:15 a.m. and return to the church at 2:15 after having lunch with our Sikh friends. Mentors are invited to join us, but **Marilyn Hedgpeth** needs to know exactly how many will be attending to plan for meals and rides.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Last week I saw the new Cindy Lauper musical *Kinky Boots* at DPAC. It is overtly quirky, yet based upon a true story about a shoe factory in England that, when faced with closing, had the choice of either dying or changing. It chose to change.

I enjoyed the musical for the talented singers and dancers, obviously. But I also enjoyed it for what it has to say to us about good community. *Kinky Boots* has a great story-line about accepting people as they are, which in church life, we refer to as radical hospitality and inclusivity. There is always a tendency in any community, be it a shoe factory or a church, to become homogenous; to become a community of insiders vs. outsiders; we vs. them. *Kinky Boots* reminds

factories/communities/churches to stay open to the alternative concept of "us," in all of our economic, class, education, race, and gender diversity. It also has a great story-line about change. We can either die in our same old shoes, or we can don new shoes and become a new creation, as suggested in 2 Corinthians 5:17. It's a great message for FPC, in our transition between pastors, to take to heart.

Sunday's "State of the Church" Annual Meeting was a fun celebration of the health of our church at this time. **Barbara Gerwe, Paul Baldasare, and Michael Shultz** did an outstanding job of pointing out where we have been, where we are, and where we are trying to go, in God's good grace.

Shalom,
Marilyn

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for **Juliet Bethune** on Sunday during worship. Juliet is the daughter of **Alec and Rachel Bethune** and sister to **Colin**.

THANK YOU!
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Many thanks to **Brianna Honea** for stretching us in new ways with her yoga class on Wednesday night. And we are grateful to **Judy and David Smith** for expanding our global awareness of birds.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The Deacons are recruiting members of the congregation who are willing to volunteer for various needs around the congregation. Volunteers may serve on a one time-basis, or as much as they would like. Currently, the church needs help with the following:

- **Congregational lunches** (set-up, clean-up, etc.);
- **Drivers to and from church** for members who cannot drive.

If you are interested in volunteering with congregation lunches or as a driver, please email **Lucie House** luciehouse@gmail.com or email **Johanna Bernhardt**. Johanna.bernhardt@gmail.com.



Sunday, March 29

Palm / Passion Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt
on the FPC playground
for families with young children

9:45 a.m. – Hot Cross Buns / Coffee
in Watts-Hill Hall for ALL
(provided by the CE Committee)

10:15 a.m. – Palms Parade
with our downtown neighbors
(Trinity UMC, St. Philips Episcopal, FPC)
Parade begins in the FPC parking lot at 10:15!
11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday/Passion Worship

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion
Susan Dunlap, preaching
A light supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.
RSVP to the church (919-682-5511)
if you plan to eat with us.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
(Begins at St. Phillips Episcopal Church)
The Stations of the Cross is a liturgical way to
reenact Christ's journey to the cross.

Sunday, April 5

Easter / Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(FPC Memorial Garden)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**
will be received. Your generous gifts to this
offering provide relief to those affected by
natural disasters, provide food to the hungry
and help empower the poor and oppressed.

VCS AND MUSIC CAMP

REGISTER NOW!

Registration forms are now available for
VCS at Camp New Hope, **June 15-19** from
8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m., and for Music Camp
for FPC members only, June 15-19 at the
church from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Forms are
available on the FPC website, in the church
foyer, and also will be mailed out to
parents.

PRIMETIMERS / SCRATCH

Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, March 21

6:30 p.m. at the home of
Jean and Chuck Wilson

Remember to RSVP: 919-403-7333

Please let Jean know what you will bring.
Carpooling recommended. If your favorite
local basketball team is playing in the NCAA
tournament that evening, there will be a TV
available to check on scores.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation
is extended to:

. . . **Beth and Vernon Neece** on the
death of Beth's cousin **David Frisbee** on
March 11th in Ohio;

. . . **Beverly Segee** on the death of her
brother **John Segee** on March 7th in
Mebane, NC.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Sara and Aaron Neece-
Silletto** on the birth of a son. **Daniel
Antonin Silletto** was born on March 16th in
Louisville, KY. The happy first-time
grandparents are **Vernon and Beth Neece**
and now uncle, **Ben Neece**.

Added this week:

Patricia Adcock,
mother of Catherine Admay

Dewey Lawson, in rehab at Duke Regional

Nowell Creadick **Edward Kwon**
Mercy Ndambiri

Ann Prospero **Jacque Robins**

Carolina House (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Clare Bridge (CPHL): **Helen Garrison**

Coasdaile Village:

Pavilion:

Anne Davis, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren
Friendship Hall:
Bob Keever

Hillcrest: **Randall McLeod**

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**
Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
- **Anne Lawson**, mother of Dewey Lawson
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Tshiek family**, friends of the Fricks

REAL DURHAM

Mel Williams, retired pastor of Watts
Street Baptist Church, has invited FPC
members to volunteer with **REAL
Durham**, a collaboration between End
Poverty Durham, Durham Congregations
in Action, East Durham Children's
Initiative, Healthy Families Durham, and
Durham Economic Resource Center. They
are looking for volunteers to participate in
their Circles program, which matches a
family in need of support with a group of
four volunteers who meet weekly with the
family for 18 months. If you're interested,
contact **Camryn Smith**, Coordinator, at
camrynrealdurham@gmail.com
(910.978.8018) or **Aidil Hill**, Interim
Coach at coach.realdurham@gmail.com.

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING
TO WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!**

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The high school youth spent a fun
night together this past weekend for the
High School lock-in. A huge thanks to
**Lenore Champion, Brent Curtis,
Sharron Johnson, and Jancy Strauman**
for staying overnight with me and 14 of our
high school youth!

The middle school also met this past
weekend for a time of fellowship and
games! Thanks to the **Champion/Bucks**
for providing our meal!

This weekend the youth look forward
to continuing our Lenten practice of service
by participating in the annual Crop Walk for
hunger. Please contact any of our youth if
you would like to sponsor them for this
walk!

Blessings,
Sarah

Join us for the next

Daytimers' Luncheon

Tuesday, March 24

11:30 a.m. at Neo China

4015 University Drive

Hosted by Carol McKnight

RSVP to Carol: 919-419-0670

SCRATCH / YOUTH ADULTS

WEEKLY GATHERING

7:30 PM on Tuesdays

at Social Games and Brew

PALM CROSSES PROJECT

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – 10:00 A.M.

Cherrie Henry's home (1407 Arbor St)
Come fold palms into crosses (origami) to
give out on Palm Sunday. Coffee and tea
provided. Bring a snack to share (optional).

DAY HIKE TO HANGING ROCK

SATURDAY, MAY 23

***** NOTE DATE HAS CHANGED *****

8:00 a.m. 'til early evening

Will you need a ride? Let **Cherrie Henry**
or **David Lorimer** know and they will
investigate the rental of a van.

FPC MEN OF FAITH

Annual Men's Retreat

April 17 – 18

6:00 p.m. Friday – 2:00 p.m. Saturday

Avila Retreat Center, Durham

Homer Ashby is leading this retreat

Cost: \$75.00

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

2015 CONVENTION

Saturday, March 28 from 8:30-3:00

Highlands United Methodist Church, Raleigh

Registration \$25, includes lunch
Speakers, including **Gene Nichol**, will speak
on advocacy for hunger and poverty. Contact
PMTONEILL@aol.com for registration info.

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