

First Presbyterian News

APRIL 19, 2011



So we come in our bewilderment and wonderment,
deeply trusting, almost afraid to trust much,
passionately insisting, too timid to insist much,
fervently hoping, exhausted for hoping too much.
Look upon us in our deep need. . . .
You defeater of death, whose power could not hold you,
come in your Easter,
come in your sweeping victory,
come in your glorious new life. . . .
Hear our thankful, grateful, unashamed Hallelujah! Amen.

Walter Brueggemann - Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Easter / Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Communion Service
(in the Memorial Garden)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion
(The *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*
and the *Pennies for Hunger Offering* will
be received during worship. See the enclosed
brochure for more information on the One
Great Hour of Sharing offering.)
Sermon:
"When Fear and Great Joy Meet"
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

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| Old Testament | Isaiah 25:6-9 |
| Epistle Lesson | 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 |
| Gospel Lesson | Matthew 28:1-10 |

Acolytes: **Jackson and Benjamin Brigman**
Crucifer: **Jackson Buck**
Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**
After Worship Greeters: **Peter Fish** (font)
Phyllis Verhey (Narthex)
Ushers: **Delia Kwon** (head usher), **George Kirschmann** (flowers), **John Kelley**,
Susan Seahorn, **Miriam Morey**, **Joy Kerner**
Communion Servers:
Bread: **Mac McCorkle**, **Margaret Rubiera**, **Phyllis Verhey** (Process),
Leslie Strohm, **Lea Bingham**
Cup: **Henry Njoroge**, **Jean Wilson**,
Joseph Ngumi, **Carl Rist** (head elder),
Andy Henry
Replenish elements: **Diane Standaert**,
Dawn Carsey
Shepherds: **Jane Wettach**, **Peter Fish**,
Guy Cecelski, **Scottie Seawell**,
Sharon Hirsch

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class "Why Jesus Matters"

The story of Jesus' resurrection in Matthew is comparable to a Cecil B. DeMille production. It also has some very human emotions and responses. **Robert Brawley**, and **Jae Won Lee** of McCormick Theological Seminary, will lead the discussion. Please join us as we listen together to this old story with fresh ears. Join us at 9:45 a. m. in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

"Do not be afraid." Faced with the amazing events and discoveries of Easter morning, how could the witnesses not be afraid? But we have heard it all before. How can we recapture the feelings that overwhelmed them? "They left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

The Hand In Hand Class will meet for regular discussion.



H O L Y · W E E K

Wednesday, April 20

6:00 p.m. "Miracle of Love"

Easter Opera & Community Dinner Northgate Presbyterian Church 2504 N. Roxboro Street

Event sponsored by Iglesia Emanuel Hispanic Fellowship and the dinner is open to the community.

Thursday, April 21

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship and Communion

with St. Joseph's AME Church at FPC
(Dinner served at 6 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.)

Friday, April 22

Good Friday

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

(Beginning at St. Phillips Episcopal Church and ending at FPC)

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, the 4th Sunday of April, coincides with our designated "Invite a friend" Sunday. What a great opportunity for you to share the Easter message with a new friend, colleague or neighbor by inviting them to worship with you at FPC. Won't YOU share this special service of SONG and PRAISE with someone who may be looking for the good news found in the gospels!

FLOWERING THE CROSS

As part of our Easter tradition, everyone is invited to bring flowers or greenery to church on **EASTER SUNDAY** to decorate a cross outside the Memorial Garden. You may add your flora to the cross as you enter the glass doors on your way to worship or Sunday School. Since spring has come in force, we should have a beautiful display of God's creation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session is calling a Congregational meeting for **SUNDAY, MAY 1** for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee to elect Class of 2014 Elders and Deacons.

The picnic and Easter egg hunt on Sunday afternoon were a big success! Thanks to everyone who participated.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We are in the middle of Holy Week on our way to the cross and Easter. There is a great deal of emotion in the events of this last week of Lent. The feelings touch us all because we experience the same things in our lives. It is encouraging to know that whatever we face our Lord has been there.

On Sunday, we gather to celebrate God's victory over death in the resurrection of Jesus. It is the greatest day in the church year. The story in Matthew's Gospel account says the ones who were at the empty tomb "left quickly with fear and great joy." I hope we can discover together the place where our fear and great joy meet.

Speaking of joy, the theme for this year's **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is "Sharing Brings Joy."

In the wake of disastrous storms and earthquakes, we have an opportunity to contribute generously and experience the joy which comes from giving to aid victims of disaster and hunger. Easter promises to be a great day at FPC, and I am looking forward to celebrating with you.

Joe

SECOND EFFORT REPORT

So far there have been 92 second effort pledges for over \$27,000. If you would like to join the effort, please send your pledge to **Tom Bloom**. Your generous support of FPC is greatly appreciated.

NOTES

- Thanks to everyone who joined us in the **L.E.N.T.** (Love Earth Not Trash) Project as a spiritual discipline. We hope you found the experience rewarding and will consider continuing, post Lent, with the conscientious efforts of making God's creation a healthier place. With appreciation, **the FPC youth**.
- After the storm, the **PrimeTimers** and **First Friends** had a great evening at the **McCorkles**.
- I brought someone else's serving spoon home from the Saturday potluck. It is Farberware and the bowl has a kind of "shell" pattern. My serving spoon had a plain bowl. If we need to swap please let me know who you are! - **Margaret Keller**

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to the family of **Doris Smith** who died on April 19th. Arrangements for celebrating her life are incomplete.

"Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

OUR CONCERNS

Gladys Gathu *Tom Howerton*
Carol Johnson *Florence McDow*
Ann McKown *David Parkins*
Joe Robinson *Sarah Todd*
Allen Verhey

Mike Atkins, friend of Rebecca Leonard
Chester Bissette, grandfather of Abi Bissette
George Cox, son of Sarah Cox
Donald Davis, brother of Lorraine Davis
Denise Duffy, sister of Andy Henry
Jim Goff, father of Leslie McDow
Jesse D. Smith, Jr., son of Doris Smith
Raymond Spivey, brother-in-law of Dorothy Graham

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 26

11:30 a.m. at

Pomodoro Italian Kitchen

1811 Hillandale Road, Durham

RSVP to *Sydnor Patrick* (493-7031)
or the church office: 682-5511.

Hosted by *Sydnor Patrick*
and *Maxie Honeycutt*

FPC MEN OF FAITH

FPC men are invited to Nosh's Café on **FRIDAY, APRIL 29** at 7:45 a.m. for coffee and/or breakfast and a time of fellowship. New faces are always welcome!

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,
Join me, this Holy week, for the Maundy Thursday worship service at FPC and the Good Friday Stations of the Cross at St. Phillips Episcopal Church. These services have proven to be very meaningful for me over the years as I've begun to better understand what I believe it means that Christ died for our sins. I think if you come, you'll be glad you did.

I also want to say that I'm excited to get to celebrate Easter with you on Sunday! Sadly, we will not have youth group on Sunday evening but it's so you can spend the Easter holiday with your family! Have fun!

Love you.

Rebecca Leonard

BOOK GROUP

The *Things That Matter Book Group* will meet on **Tuesday, May 10** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of *Sally Ensor*, 12 Sweetbriar Lane, Chapel Hill. *Lee Courtland* will lead a discussion of *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. RSVP to Sally at densor1736@aol.com. Newcomers and occasional participants are welcome!

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, April 25 in observance of the Easter holiday.

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 SENIORS SPRING LUNCHEON

More details forthcoming

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL NEEDS ADULT VOLUNTEERS

We have two great problems on our hands. VCS at Camp New Hope, June 20-24 is full to overflowing, with 169 campers signed up to attend from the six participating churches. But with so many children involved, we are in desperate need of adult volunteers. If you can give two or three days of your time, from 9-2, to work directly with children, please contact

Marilyn Hedgpeth.

Also as good news, we have 30 participants from Iglesia Emanuel this year who now need financial assistance. If you would like to sponsor a child from Iglesia Emanuel for the week for \$50, please let Marilyn know. A check to FPC for \$50, earmarked VCS scholarship, would be wonderful.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received on **Easter**.

Remember to bring your **Pennies for Hunger offering**, too!

PLEASE WELCOME THE HALL FAMILY WHO JOINED FPC ON SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011:

Lorraine and David Hall, 1062 W. Forest Hills Boulevard, 27707, 294-9720; RDavidHall@gmail.com; LPS1077@gmail.com, have been living in Durham about for two years. *David* is a native of Belmont, NC. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University (B.S. in Computer Science) and earned a Ph.D. in Computational Biology from the University of Georgia. David works at Syngenta. *Lorraine* was born on Long Island, NY. She received her undergraduate degree from Hofstra University and continued her education in the Horticulture graduate program at NCSU. David and Lorraine are the parents of Mary Louise, age 4 years old. The family is friends of Laura, John and Charlie Kelley. They both enjoy gardening and attending the Durham Bulls games. David is joining FPC by transfer of his membership from FPC in Belmont, NC; Lorraine is joining by reaffirmation of faith.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED FPC ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011:

Meredith and Chris Brown, 5421 Loyal Place, 27713, 251-8747; meredith.v.brown@gmail.com; jamesbro@gmail.com, moved to Durham in July of 2008. *Meredith* was raised in Cary, NC, attended Lenoir-Rhyne where she received a B.S. in Biology and completed her education at Vanderbilt University, earning a Ph.D. in Cancer Biology. She is a Research Scientist with Metabolon, Inc. *Chris* hails from Midland, TX. He majored in Personal Financial Planning at Texas Tech University and received his Certified Personal Planner designation in May, 2007. Meredith is joining FPC by transfer from the Kirk of Kildare in Cary, NC. Chris is joining by reaffirmation of faith.

Jen McGonigle and Jeremy Ramont, 1218 Broad Street, 27705, 286-0360; jeremy_ramont@merck.com; jennifer_mcgonigle@merck.com, have been living in Durham for the past two years. Jen is a native of Pottstown, PA and Jeremy grew up in nearby Haddon Heights, NJ. *Jen* studied Biology (B.A.) at Susquehanna University followed by earning a Certificate in Cytogenetics from the University of Connecticut. Her spare time activities include running, basketball and lifting. *Jeremy* received a degree in Chemical Engineering (B.S.) from Virginia Tech. He enjoys reading, home improvement projects, gardening and playing board games. Jen and Jeremy are the parents of Mattie, age 6 years old. They are both employed by Merck – Jen in inventory management and Jeremy as plant manager. The family is friends of Laura, John and Charlie Kelley. Jen is transferring her membership from Grace Lutheran Church in Norristown, PA. Jeremy is joining by reaffirmation of faith.

Brandy Salmon and Nate Pienkowski, 1004 Demerius Street, 27701, 593-5974; brandy.salmon@gmail.com; npienkowski@hotmail.com, were raised in Blacksburg, VA. *Brandy* attended the University of Virginia as an undergraduate and continued her studies at Cornell University (Ph.D.) and Duke University Fuqua School of Business (M.B.A.). She is a Director at the Fuqua School. *Nate* completed all his higher education at Virginia Tech, earning a B.A. in Communications, and both a Masters and a Ph.D. in Instructional Design. He is Director of Instructional Design at The Pharmaceutical Institute. Brandy and Nate are the parents of two daughters: Riley, age 7 years, and Nataleigh, age 5 years. Nate lists bluegrass guitar as a special interest. Brandy joined FPC by profession of faith. Nate is transferring his membership from the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg, VA.

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