

First Presbyterian News

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On at least three occasions, Jesus predicts his own resurrection. In Mark 8:31, he proclaims that he will “be killed, and after three days rise again”... and that the Son of Man will be betrayed and killed, “and three days after being killed, he will rise again” (Mark 9:31). The same sort of sequence—betrayal, condemnation, death and resurrection after three days—is predicted once again in Mark 10:33–34. The expectation of resurrection on the third day again harkens back to the Hebrew scriptures. We read in Hosea, for example: “In two days He will make us whole again; On the third day He will raise us up, And we shall be whole by His favor” (Hosea 6:2). And in the book of Jonah, of course, Jonah rests within the great fish for three days (Jonah 2:1).

—Kevin Madigan and Jon Levenson, *Resurrection: The Power of God for Christians and Jews*

SUNDAY, MAY 1

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect Elders and Deacons will be held at the beginning of worship. There will also be a short report on the Second Effort Campaign. The confirmation class will be acknowledged during worship.

Sermon: “Make Disciples; Made Apostles”

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Acts of the Apostles	Acts 2:14a, 22–32
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 16
Epistle Lesson	1 Peter 1:3–9
Gospel Lesson	John 20:19-31

Acolytes: **Talitha Kwon, Colin Moore**

Crucifer: **Alex Buck**

Narthex Greeters: **Edward & Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

Scottie Seawell (side, font)

Sharon Hirsch (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Christyn Klinck** (head usher),

Lin Bentel, George Bernhardt (flowers),

Nancy Kost, Kate Strauman, Keith

Merritt, Leslie Shaw

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

A Report on Habitat Trips to Honduras
Miguel and Margaret Rubiera led two Habitat mission trips to Honduras this past winter, accompanied by several FPC members. They will discuss their trips this Sunday. Please join us for what promises to be an interesting class at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

The disciples saw the risen Jesus with their own eyes, and they believed. But now the gospel story is our story. Can our faith, received through the testimony of others, be as strong as theirs? And can we pass that faith on to those who come after us? “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Hand In Hand Class

We are currently studying John Timmer’s *Four-Dimensional Jesus*. Please join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will reflect on a variety of scripture readings and short theological topics to round out the Sunday School year.

Women’s Spiritual Formation

Join us at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom for a discussion of spiritual formation topics. **Susan Dunlap** leads the discussion.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON



SUNDAY, MAY 8

Give mom a break, avoid long restaurant lines, and **join us for lunch following worship on Mother’s Day**. To reserve a space for your family, please call the church: 682-5511. The menu will include items for younger appetites. The cost per family will not exceed \$20.00.

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.

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS

Have you wondered where the choir practices, where the children’s Sunday school classes meet, where the Chapel is located? You are invited to participate in a guided tour of the church property this coming **Sunday morning, May 1**. Please meet **Shirley Frederick in the church foyer (located as you enter the church from the rear parking lot) by 10:10 am**. The tour will last about 30 minutes in time for everyone to attend the 11 am worship service.

APRIL’S

“LEARN BY HEART”

The Great Commission

(Matthew 28:19-20)

Test your memory.

Fill in the missing words.

Go _____ and make _____ of all nations, _____ them in the _____ of the _____ and of the _____ and of the _____, and _____ them to obey everything that I have _____ you. And remember, I am with you _____, to the end of the _____.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

In our Presbyterian tradition, we celebrate two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. We celebrate these as “invisible signs of invisible grace”; as sacred actions instituted by Jesus and the early church for the identity, nurture, and building up of the body of Christ. And then we also practice rites of the church, which are sacramental in nature and very sacred, but which we do not denote as sacraments, per se.

Marriage falls under this category, as does Confirmation, the invitation to our young adults to make a public profession of faith, following a period of instruction and mentoring. Our church has chosen to offer Confirmation instruction to our eighth and ninth graders, feeling that they are old enough to think critically for themselves and to understand the complexity of theological issues, and how we practice what we say we believe. In doing this, we also allow for variance of opinion and life choices in our young adults. To be confirmed or not to be confirmed: it is their choice, not ours. And we honor their decision either way and continue to love them as children of the covenant. If it were our choice for them, we’d confirm all of them. But that is not the point of Confirmation.

So, this Sunday, we proudly will affirm all the youth who have gone through the Confirmation process this year, along with their mentors. And we will reaffirm our baptismal vows to all of them as precious children of the covenant. And we proudly will receive into full membership those in the group who have chosen to be confirmed as well. I hope you will join me in worship for the culmination and commencement of a very wonderful journey for these fine young people.

Blessings,

Marilyn

P.S.: A congregational reception honoring all the Confirmands will follow worship in Watts-Hill Hall, featuring all their favorite candy!

NOTES

- Thanks to all those who worked to make our Holy Week and Easter services so meaningful.
- Congratulations to **Ellery Wiebe**, daughter of **Cynthia Shimer** and **Eric Wiebe**, who was recently inducted into the Connecticut College chapter of the Psi Chi, the National Honor Society of Psychology.

OUR CONCERNS

Bob Adams had surgery at UNC Hospital today.

Florence McDow, patient at Duke Hospital
Ann Prospero, undergoing a new treatment

Gladys Gathu
Carol Johnson
Sarah Todd

Tom Howerton
David Parkins
Allen Verhey

Mike Atkins, friend of Rebecca Leonard
Chester Bisette, grandfather of Abi Bisette

Sarah McCracken Cobb, sister of Mary Ann Compton

George Cox, son of Sarah Cox

Donald Davis, brother of Lorraine Davis

Denise Duffy, sister of Andy Henry

Jim Goff, father of Leslie McDow

Frances Kennedy, mother of Emily Wilkins, recovering from shoulder surgery.

Jesse D. Smith, Jr., son of Doris Smith

Raymond Spivey, brother-in-law of Dorothy Graham

FAREWELLS . . .

My eldest son, Lanier, has invited me to come to his hometown of Albert Lea, MN, and to invest in that community and help him with his business. After much thought and prayer and after consulting with my family, friends, and ministers, I have decided that I should go to be with my son. I will miss my friends, connections, church, and work here, but feel that the greater service I can render is with him. I am planning to move by the end of this month and to go into a temporary apartment in MN until I can acquire and renovate a duplex property there. I will miss the work we do and my family at First Pres more than I can adequately express. You are my heart's home, and I look to the day when we are reunited again. I will stay in touch and hope that you will call on me should there ever be any way that I can be of service.

Blessings and Peace to you all,
Lanny Pratt



FPC is losing a beloved affiliate family this week. **Young Shik Joo** and **Juhee Maeng** and their daughter, **Eunsong** (age 4), will be leaving us to return to their home in Korea. Young Shik is completing his graduate degree at Duke and will enter a PhD program in Theology in Toronto in the fall. Juhee and Eunsong will join him in Toronto then. You may remember Eunsong as the beautiful little girl who wandered up to the communion table when we were welcoming the second and third graders to their first communion. It was a joy to include her, as well, for her first communion. Juhee has been a faithful participant in the Friday morning Bible study. We wish this family well as they continue their journey of faith.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! What a wonderful Easter Sunday we shared! Jesus' resurrection brings us joy, forgiveness, and hope! Hope that all things can be made new! Hallelujah!

This Sunday we will not have regular evening youth group, but instead, we will go on a field trip after worship. Bring your walking shoes (and a change of clothes if you like) 'cause we're heading to the DPR Earth Day celebration at Central Park. We will spend the afternoon at the celebration of God's creation and return to FPC for pick-up at 5 pm. Please bring a little cash for your lunch at the festival. Hope to see you Sunday!

Peace, y'all,

Rebecca Leonard

P.S.: Remember that on Saturday, May 7th, from 3–5 pm is a **mandatory** practice for **Youth Sunday, May 8th**.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

A new, short-term Bible study will look at the book of Jonah, which is the subject of this year's Vacation Church School.

Jonah, as you know, is often considered "the reluctant prophet"; the one who hears God's call but who turns and runs in the other direction as fast as he can. Can we identify with that response? Our only curriculum will be our bibles this time, so come prepared to dig into the text.

Remarkable things happen when people place themselves under the guidance of God's Word. The Friday morning class will meet from 10:30–noon, beginning on May 13, and run through June 3. Childcare can be arranged for the Friday class if you will let me know. The Sunday class at Croasdalle will meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:30–5:00, beginning May 22–June 10. All are invited.

FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

at Nosh's Café

2812 Erwin Road, Durham

Friday, April 29

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Drop by and stay as long as you can.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Monday, May 2

Circle Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

followed by lunch in Watts-Hill Hall. A suggested donation of \$6 to help defray the cost of the lunch will be accepted.

FLOWER DONORS

are needed for worship on the following Sundays:

May 1, May 15 and May

23. Contact **Susan**

Thompson for more

information: 477-0425 or

361-8868 ext 292.



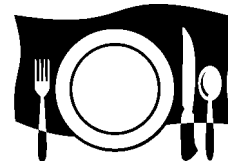
SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

11:30 A.M. – RECEPTION

12 NOON – LUNCHEON

SENIORS SPRING LUNCHEON



Speaker TBA



Graduation

Students known to be graduating from high school or an undergraduate or graduate degree program in 2011 will be acknowledged during worship on

Sunday, June 5. Please provide the student's name, school, and degree earned to **Valerie McMillian** or **Shirley Frederick** in the church office by Friday, May 27. You may also email the info to: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

Durham's Early Childhood Faith Initiative's Lunch and Learn Series

Tuesday, May 10

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Duke Memorial UMC

504 W. Chapel Hill Street

Anna Berkeley,

Inclusion Consultant,

Durham Inclusion Support Services

presents

"Welcoming Autistic Children to Faith Classrooms"

Remember to bring your lunch.

Beverages provided.

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!

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