

# First Presbyterian Church



September 15, 2015

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## Sunday, September 20

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Some Kind of Wonderful"  
*Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching*

Following worship, everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall for a fellowship lunch. *Cris Rivera* will be preparing the meal. Donations will be received to offset costs.

Children's Choir and Youth Handbells will practice following worship. Children and youth should **EAT FIRST** then come to the choir rooms for rehearsal.

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 1
Epistle Lesson	James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a
Gospel Lesson	Mark 9:30-37

Croasdaile Driver: *Miriam Morey*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters:

*Miriam Morey* (rear/narthex)

*Kristin Meade* (side/ font)

Ushers: *Nate Pienkowski* (head), **TBD** (flower delivery), *Dick Boulden, Chris Brown, Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL God's Great Garden (Grades 3-5)

*Poison Ivy; Share the Well; Bring Me Little Water, Sylvie; Big, Big House; Here Comes the Sun; Follow Me.* ... Come and join us for music and movement in Sunday School at 9:45, second floor, CE building!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Faith and Community Class

Following up on last week's discussion, we welcome *Jennie (Wilburn) Belle* from the NC Council of Churches, who will lead a discussion about the EU immigration crisis, and what is happening to meet the great needs on a state level, especially in the Triad area. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall and all are welcome.

### Lectionary Class

Is there a difference between wisdom and knowledge, or between wisdom and scholarship? How does a wise person act? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

Journeys will continue discussing and reading Proverbs. All are welcome to join the discussion. We meet at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building, classroom at the end of hall.

### SCRATCH/Young Adults Class

Join us as we discuss the theology of place and what it means to be a disciple of Christ at the corner of Roxboro and Main. *Alex Stayer Brewington* will lead the discussions. We meet at 9:45 in a basement classroom.

### Family Matters Class

Parents of elementary age and younger children, join us for a low-key class where we share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture (stand-alone lessons). We meet at 9:45 in the CE building, room 203.

### Spiritual Formation

*Susan Dunlap* leads this class for women in a discussion on spiritual formation. Class meets at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

### VISITORS / NEWCOMERS

The first in this fall series of classes for visitors/newcomers to First Presbyterian who want to learn more about the ministry and mission of our congregation will be held this **Sunday, September 20** following the morning worship service in the East Parlor. Subsequent classes will be held in the Wilson Parlor at 9:45 a.m. on the following three **Sundays, September 27, and October 4 and 11** during the Sunday School hour. If you are interested in joining the class or would like more information, please contact *Shirley Frederick*, Membership Coordinator, at 919-682-5511 or [s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org).

### PEACEMAKER TO VISIT

2015 PCUSA International Peacemaker, the *Reverend Saman Perera*, from Sri Lanka will be in Durham and at FPC on next weekend, September 26-27. He will be hosted by *Larry and Beth Brockman* on Saturday evening, and will lead the discussion in the Faith and Community Class on Sunday at 9:45 a.m., as well as participate in our worship. The Brockmans will have a Sri Lankan meal at their home on Saturday evening. If you would like to share in the meal and conversation, please contact *Larry Brockman* by email at: [l.brockman@gmail.com](mailto:l.brockman@gmail.com).

### READ SCRIPTURE EFFECTIVELY

Are you interested in Scripture reading training? What are your preferred times for six sessions, Sunday morning or Monday evening? To sign up, please contact the church office (919-682-5511) or *Steve Rimmer* at 919-529-2235 or [csrimmer@nc.rr.com](mailto:csrimmer@nc.rr.com).

### HELP FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is supporting our European partners as they minister to the needs of the many Syrian refugees. To donate online to PDA, go to: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/syria/> and click on Give Now (DR000081).

### COMMUNITY INVITATION

FPC member and Duke Public Policy Professor *Mac McCorkle* will discuss how faith informs political decision-making with Michael Gerson, former speechwriter and senior policy advisor for President George W. Bush and current columnist for *The Washington Post*, on **Thursday, September 17 from 12:20 – 1:15 p.m. at Duke Divinity School (Room 0012 Westbrook)**.



**FALL DAY OF  
SERVICE  
October 31<sup>st</sup>**

More Details forthcoming!

### FROM THE

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Two church study groups are taking a look at David Brook's new book, *The Road to Character*. I see his book as a lament over a value system lost to modern culture that aspires to success more than substance, or as he terms it, to the external Adam I over the internal Adam II. "Adam II," he says, "lives by an inverse logic, not an economic one. You have to give to receive. You have to surrender to something outside yourself to gain strength within yourself. You have to conquer your desire to get what you crave. . . . In order to fulfill yourself, you have to forget yourself. In order to find yourself, you have to lose yourself." (Brooks, p. xii)

Hmmm . . . I think we've heard this before. In this Sunday's Gospel lesson, Jesus' disciples are arguing with one another about how to be the greatest. And Jesus tells them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." And then he shows them as much by embracing a little, powerless child. (Mark 9:30-37)

I might argue that David Brook's lament is about the loss of the church's moral influence over our culture. The Bible has always proclaimed the strange paradox of losing ourselves and surrendering ourselves to something larger (God) in order to find ourselves. Maybe our culture is ready to hear and embrace that message once again. And maybe it's time for the church to open our doors more, to tweet and text and blog more, and to go out into the neighborhood more, to share the Good News that our culture just might be ready to receive. Thank you, David Brooks, for voicing your lament.

In Christ,

*Marilyn*

### NOTES

- ◆ FPC's *Bob Yoder* wrote this week's (September 13-19) devotional messages in "These Days Daily Devotions for Living with Faith." Don't miss them!
- ◆ On August 20, *Sam Miglarese* celebrated his ninth anniversary as Associate Pastor at FPC; and on September 1, *Sarah Finbow* celebrated her third anniversary as Minister of Youth. Congratulations!
- ◆ On Monday, *Kathy Parkins* and *Marilyn Hedgpeth* led a worship service (which included lots of singing) in the memory-care unit at Croasdaile Village, commemorating National Assisted Living Week.

### DURHAM'S GAY PRIDE PARADE Saturday, September 26, 1:00 p.m.

FPC's youth will be participating!  
Contact *Sarah Finbow* for details:  
[s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org).

## OUR CONCERNS

**Christyn Klinck**, recovering from knee surgery at Duke Regional Hospital

**Sue Fricks**, recovering from knee surgery at Duke Hospital

**Jean Moore**, recovering in the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village (room 120)

**Minnie Cameron**                      **Gwen Cleary**  
**Nowell Creadick**                      **Paul Cornsweet**  
**Dewey Lawson**

**Brookdale Senior Living**  
**Julian Boswell**

**Brookdale of Chapel Hill**  
**Helen Garrison**

**Croasdaile Village**  
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**  
Pavilion: **Anne Davis**,  
**Bob Rankin**, **Jerry Tyren**

**Hillcrest:**  
**Randall McLeod**

**The Forest at Duke**  
**Fran Bryant**  
**Joan Englund**  
**Ken Goldner**  
**Peaches McPherson**

- **Chris Anglin**, friend of FPC
- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglaresse
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Roger Durham**, father of Emily Durham
- **Richard Hays**, friend of FPC
- **Howard Knickerbocker** and family, brother-in-law of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Edward Robinson**, brother of Joe Robinson
- **Jean Robinson**, mother of John Robinson
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht

## CD PLAYERS NEEDED

Do you have a CD player that you no longer use or want that still works? If so, children's Sunday School could use it on Sunday mornings for classroom music. Please drop off working players in the volunteer's office or in the Sunday School resource room on the second floor of the CE building. **Kathy Parkins** and the children thank you for supporting and enriching their Sunday School experience with music!



## HELP IS NEEDED WITH THE YOUTH WORSHIP BULLETIN

We are in need of someone who is willing to create the youth worship bulletin each week. The task is NOT creating the bulletin from scratch. It is a matter of re-formatting a Microsoft Word document and copy/pasting some links from a website that has already designed puzzles that go with the lectionary each week. The task takes about 30 minutes, and is done on Wednesday or Thursday with a firm deadline of Friday morning. Training and support available! Please contact **Dawn Carsey** by email if you have interest: [dailybread88@hotmail.com](mailto:dailybread88@hotmail.com).

## YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

It was so wonderful to have 29 youth together again this past Sunday night! I am so happy to have some new faces in our group and excited for all we will experience together this year! We will begin our regular meeting times this week with middle schoolers from 5:00-6:30 and high schoolers from 6:00-8:00! Hope to see you all there! Blessings,

*Sarah*

## SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS PICNIC POTLUCK

**Sunday, September 20**  
**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**at Historic Stagville and the Eno**  
hosted by

**Alex and Caroline Stayer Brewington**

We will meet at FPC and caravan/carpool out to Stagville, a historic site north of Durham. We'll go on a short walk around Stagville followed with a picnic at a nearby spot on the Eno. **Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Bring a favorite picnic dish to share, blankets, pets, frisbees, bug spray, and any other outdoor items you think might be fun to include.** Call Alex for more details: 910-524-5544. Let us know you will join us by responding to the EVITE.

## SACRED VISITATIONS

Join faith communities around Durham for a week of interfaith hospitality and learning. Experience the spiritual practices of your neighbors with time for questions and conversation! RSVP required for each separate event. For details and to register to attend an event, go to this webpage: <http://www.dcia.org/sacred-visitations-fall2015/>

**Monday, Sept. 28 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon**  
Sukkot Service at Beth El Synagogue

**Wednesday, Sept. 30 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**  
Bible Study at Mount Gilead Baptist Church

**Thursday, October 1 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
Meditation at Shambhala Buddhist Center

**Friday, October 2 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**  
Jumah Prayer Service at  
W. Deen Mohammed Islamic Center

**Friday, October 2 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**  
Shabbat service at Judea Reform Congregation

**Saturday, October 3 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**  
Blessing of Animals by Franciscan Friars at  
Immaculata Catholic School playground

**Saturday, October 3 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Program at Sikh Gurudwara of NC

**Sunday, October 4 9:45 a.m. – 12 Noon**  
Worship at the Durham Friends Meeting

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Did you know . . .**

Your annual pledge of \$500 helps support a year of youth programs at Iglesia Emanuel?

## WALK-IN MINISTRY

The following are needed at this time:

### For Blessing Bags

Snack crackers (filled with peanut butter or cheese), small packages of fruit or applesauce squeeze pouches

### For Toiletry Bags

Travel sizes of toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, hand lotion

Your continued generosity is appreciated.

## KIDS CLOTHING NEEDED

A single mother of four with two school-aged children needs help with back-to-school (fall) clothes and shoes for a **boy** and **girl**. **Sizes needed are 6x, 6 regular or 7 slim in jeans, and size 13 or 13 1/2 in shoes.** Boy sneakers are especially needed. New or gently used items are appreciated. Feel free to bring donations to the church. Please label your donation packages as "Kids clothing." Thank you.

## HABITAT MISSION TRIPS

**Miguel and Margaret Rubiera** will be leading two 10-day trips with Habitat for Humanity to Honduras in early 2016. We will work hard building houses but also have multiple opportunities to visit orphanages, a home for the elderly, and a family-owned coffee farm. Dates: **January 22 – 31** and **February 5 – 14**. All-inclusive price: \$1,800. Contact Margaret for more information at [margaretmr29@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com).

## TRAVEL SEMINAR TO EASTERN EUROPE

A Look Behind and Beyond the Iron Curtain  
**April 28 - May 12, 2016**  
Visit with Christians in major cities in Poland, Hungary, Serbia, and Bulgaria. **Dr. Bruce Rigdon**, a Church Historian and Presbyterian Minister, will lead the seminar assisted by **Carlisle Harvard**. For more information contact Carlisle at [ccharvard@gmail.com](mailto:ccharvard@gmail.com)

## THE HYMNS OF CHARLES WESLEY

sung by the **Choral Arts Society of Washington's Chamber Singers**, performed in Spanish and English

**Saturday, September 26, 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, September 27, 3 p.m.**  
**at Duke Memorial UMC**  
504 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham  
Suggested donation: \$10

*Heather Marie Wallace and Michael Aaron Schultz*  
*request the honor of your presence at the celebration of their marriage*

*First Presbyterian Church, Durham,*

*Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Dessert reception to follow*

*Please RSVP by September 20 at: [fwms1010.com](http://fwms1010.com) (passcode: durham)  
or call Heather at (919) 308-7054.*

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