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In the New Testament, Jesus inspires love, hatred, and fear but never boredom. The political and religious authorities conspire to kill him. He challenged some of his contemporaries' most basic assumptions about God and how to live one's life, and he continues to challenge many of the most pervasive assumptions of our culture. He particularly welcomed the outcasts and oppressed of his society into his company. He calls on those who would follow him to take risks. Many imagine the Bible a conservative book that comforts those who want to preserve the status quo. But the Jesus it presents shook up his society and would shake up ours.

— William Placher, *Jesus the Savior*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

28th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism

Sermon: *"Does It Matter How We Dress?"*
Joseph S. Harvard, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm Lesson	Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23
Epistle Lesson	Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22:1-14

Acolytes: **Parker Klinck, Caleb Conner**

Crucifer: **Benjamin Conner**

Croasdaile Driver: **Dan Hudgins**

Narthex Greeter: **Elizabeth High
Hilda Bradshaw**

After Worship Greeters:

Jean Wilson (rear / narthex)

Lea Bingham (side, front)

Ushers: **Cris Rivera** (head), **Pat Dillon**
(flowers), **Julie Maxwell, Amy Sanchez,
Jon Abels**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"Issues Before the Church"

What is happening in the Presbyterian Church, USA? You may have read about conflict in our denomination over ordination of gays and lesbians. You may also have heard that FPC is hosting a conference for the Covenant Network. **Sam Miglarese** and **Joe Harvard** will try to help clarify what is going on. The class will meet at 9:45 am in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

How would you respond to an invitation to a lavish banquet? Would you ignore it or make excuses? Even worse, would you publicly insult the host and everything he stood for? What were they thinking? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Adult Discussion Class

Have you wondered how the Bible hangs together, or how to make sense of it all? The Bible isn't a set of separate books: it's a compelling drama that unfolds from beginning to end. We are currently studying *The True Story of the Whole World: Finding Your Place in the Biblical Drama* by Craig G. Bartholomew and Michael W. Goheen. This book unfolds Scripture in six "acts" from the establishment of God's kingdom to the "return of the King." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

Women's Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class on spiritual formation on Sundays at 9:45 in the Middle School classroom located below the sanctuary. New faces always welcome!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Torrell and Laura Armstrong** on the birth of a son. **David Torrell Armstrong** was born on September 27th. Mom and baby are home and doing well. David joins big sister Vanessa.

FPC TO CELEBRATE

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

On **Sunday, October 16**, we will join the celebration of National Children's Sabbath, an initiative of the Children's Defense Fund. The goal of Children's Sabbath is to celebrate children as sacred gifts of God and remind us all of our responsibility to care, protect, and advocate for all children. To that end, FPC will:

- Present GREEN Bibles to our 3rd and 4th graders during worship;
- Hold a congregational picnic on the lawn following worship;
- Sponsor a cake walk fundraiser at the picnic for youth summer scholarships;
- Receive donations of BEANS and RICE for the food pantry that serves the neighborhood near Iglesia Emanuel.

Please plan to join us that Sunday for worship, which will involve children and youth, and for the picnic, cake walk, and service project.

DURHAM CAN AT BULL CITY

OPEN STREETS

Sunday, October 9,

1 - 4 p.m.

Durham Central Park

Come enjoy the open streets with dance and yoga demonstrations, fitness classes, dance lessons, and more! The event will begin at 1 pm with an impromptu human-powered parade. Everyone is welcome to participate! For more information, contact bullcitystreets@gmail.com or Ninna Gagnon at 919-622-1309.

VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES

COVENANT NETWORK CONFERENCE

Thursday - Saturday, November 3-5

FPC is hosting the annual conference for the Covenant Network for Presbyterians. We need registration table, greeters, and ushers for worship on all three days as well as helpers for the Thursday and Friday dinners. We are also looking for folks to be on-call for medical assistance if necessary. Also pre-conference volunteers are needed from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday to prepare the conference packets and set-up rooms. Contact **Cris Rivera**: 382-5520 or email: m.cris.rivera@alumni.duke.edu. You can also sign up after worship.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Berniece Daddario** on the death of her husband, **Frank**, on Sunday, October 2. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 5 at 3 pm at Croasdaile Village.

"Jesus said,

"I am the resurrection and the life."

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The Jewish students, who were our guests last Sunday, were interested in where we got the name *Presbyterian*. Good question! You may know that our name comes from the Bible. It is a Greek word for *elder*, so it refers to our way of governing. Our decisions are made by elders chosen by the congregation.

We are members of the **Presbyterian Church, USA**, which is a denomination in the Reformed Tradition. This means we grew out of the Reformation in the 16th century led by **Martin Luther** and **John Calvin**.

There is tension among Presbyterians right now around the question of who is eligible for ordination. Our congregation will host a national conference on November 3-5, sponsored by the Covenant Network. The Covenant Network is an organization created to work for greater inclusion and for unity in our denomination. If you would like to learn more about the issues before the conference in November, I invite you to join **Sam Miglarese** and me in the Faith and Community Class on Sunday. I hope to see you.

Joe

NOTES

- Kudos to **Rebecca Leonard** and to FPC's youth for the World Communion Sunday bulletin and the explanation of how the youth envision Holy Communion.
- It was good to have the Jewish confirmation class and their leaders with us for worship and lunch on Sunday.
- Thanks to **Marcia Owen** for the excellent discussion in the Faith and Community Class on Sunday.
- Many thanks to **Kate Busa** and the Property Committee for the beautiful and functional new railing in the sanctuary balcony. Now everyone can breathe a little easier when children, youth, or tall people are in the balcony!
- FPC's Kenyan community and the world community were saddened last week to learn of the death of Kenyan **Wangari Maathai**, the 2004 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and the first African woman to win this award. Maathai worked for the advancement of the Kenyan people by teaching village women to plant trees, which evolved into the Green Belt movement, a national grassroots organization that has planted thirty million trees in Kenya since 1976. Her presence will be sorely missed. *Thayu nyumba—Peace, my people.*
- **Joe Harvard** is attending a Board of Trustees meeting at Columbia Theological Seminary on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

OUR CONCERNS

Don Jenkins is at the Pavilion in Croasdaile.

Margaret Boswell

Sue Fricks

Tom Howerton

Carol Johnson

Florence McDow

David Parkins

Mozette Rollins

Jerry Tyren

- *Chester Bissette*, grandfather of Abi Bissette
- *Mary Causey*, sister of Ellen Bacon
- *Sarah McCracken Cobb*, sister of Mary Ann Compton
- *Val Cottle* (and family), cousin of Brent Curtis
- *Kate Crockett*, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett
- *Donald Davis*, brother of Lorraine Davis
- *Jim Goff*, father of Leslie McDow
- *Murphy family*, friends of the Brown family
- *Rolf Olsen*, friend of Bob and Lina Yoder
- *Mary Russell Roberson*, daughter of Ruth and Russell Roberson
- *Karen Wolcott*, cousin of Jean Wilson
- *Kemper Foy Zeigler*, friend of Joe and Carlisle Harvard

CROASDAILE VILLAGE

The following persons have agreed to provide Sunday transportation to and from worship for members at Croasdaile.

October 9 *Dan Hudgins*
October 16 *Miriam Morey*
October 23 *Miriam Morey*
October 30 *Dan Hudgins*

FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

Donors are needed for **Sundays in October**. Call *Susan Thompson* at 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext. 292 (work) for more information on which Sundays are available for the remainder of the year.

The LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING



COMMITTEE invites you

to a workday on **Saturday, October 22 from 9 a.m. till noon**. Please bring tools for weeding and pruning. Contact *Barbara Buckley* (bjbuckley1@frontier.com) or *Kate Busa* (katebusa@gmail.com) for more info.

LIVING WITHOUT ENEMIES

STILL AVAILABLE

Copies of Marcia Owen and Sam Wells' book, *Living Without Enemies*, are still available in the church office for \$13.00 each. **Please call Lyn at 682-5511 if you want to purchase a copy.**

STARTING FROM SCRATCH

Join us on Sunday, October 16, at 9:45 am to explore the possibility of a new young adult discussion group. We will meet at Scratch Bakery on Orange Street. Please arrive promptly to ensure we have adequate seating. Questions? Contact *Candice* at candice.provey@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This Saturday, October 8, is our annual **Yam Jam**. We (FPC, TAPC, and WPC) will meet in the parking lot at Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church and be ready to head out at 8:30 am. We will glean sweet potatoes somewhere in Eastern NC (place TBD—maps and directions to be provided Saturday) and then head to Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q for our annual post-gleaning lunch. So bring some \$\$\$, some work gloves, some H₂O, and wear something you can get dirty! Parents, anyone who is willing to drive and participate is welcome. We will need help getting there.

Because of this wonderful opportunity, there will be no regular youth group meeting on Sunday evening; however, if you feel so inclined, organize yourselves and get together for fun and fellowship.

We need cake bakers for our cake walk on Sunday, October 16. We will also need cupcakes and other small items to share.

Peace, y'all,

Rebecca

CAKE WALK DONATIONS NEEDED

On Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 16, the youth will be hosting a Cake Walk after worship and during the picnic. We will graciously accept any donations of cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. to raise scholarship money for the youth of FPC and Iglesia Emanuel to attend retreats and conference. Thank you!

DAY SCHOOL OPENINGS

FPC's Day School currently has openings in the 2's, 3's, and 4's classrooms. If you know of anyone with a child who would benefit from full-day, five-star childcare, please contact *Katharine Smith*, Day School Director, at 688-8685.

Habitat for Humanity Halloween Bike Ride October 29, 9:00 a.m.

This is a fundraiser. A registration fee is required. For more information go to Habitat for Humanity's website: www.durhambabitat.org/colunteer/bike.html

HABITAT BUILDING TRIP TO HONDURAS If you are looking for an unforgettable, challenging way to share God's love, consider joining Habitat for Humanity for a 10-day building trip in Honduras. While there, we will provide tangible, hands-on help for our Honduran brothers and sisters, while developing amazing relationships that transcend cultural and language barriers. As you labor and serve, you may just find that the life being changed is yours.

Dates of 2012 trips

January 27 – February 5 (led by *Miguel and Margaret Rubiera*)

March 2 – 11 (led by *David and Jessie Larkins*)

Cost: \$1,900 (includes air fare, transportation, meals, and lodging within Honduras)

For more information, contact Margaret at: mrubiera@triad.rr.com, or 425-1413.

PRIMETIMERS POTLUCK

**Saturday, October 15
at 6:30 p.m.**

at the home of *Eugene & Signe Brown*
410 North Buchanan Blvd.

RSVP to Signe: 688-5954
and let her know what you will bring.

Wednesday, October 19

SENIORS FALL LUNCHEON

**11:30 a.m. – Reception in East Parlor
12 Noon - Lunch in Watts-Hill Hall**

Program: *Joe and Carlisle Harvard*
will report on their trip to Turkey.

RSVP to the church office: 682-5511

Save the Date

Thursday, October 20 Try Something New Night

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

This event will be held in conjunction with Children's Sabbath Week. Honoring our focus on welcoming ALL children to FPC, Christian Education will host a dinner for 'picky eaters,' followed by a facilitated discussion with the parents of some of our most special children. The discussion will center around how we can nurture the spirituality of children and how we can support parents and families as well. Since one of FPC's core values is Diversity and Inclusivity, we are seeking to honor baptism's claim upon ALL children of God's family. Childcare will be provided during the discussion. To make reservations, call the church at 682-5511.

SALUTING A SENIOR

Don Jenkins celebrated his 93rd birthday on September 26. A native of Ohio, he served 30 years in the US Army, seeing action in World War II and the Korean War, rising to the rank of colonel. Don was in business for several years thereafter. He and his late wife, *Margie*, moved to Durham and were among the earliest residents of Croasdaile Village. Both Don and Margie became very active in FPC, serving as Elder and also chairing several committees, including Property and Fellowship Committees. For many years, he and Margie organized FPC's Fellowship dinners.

A belated Happy Birthday to Don Jenkins, a significant contributor to the life of FPC!

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