

# First Presbyterian News

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The two primary words that John uses to bring us into a willing and obedient participation in creation, so that we are not mere spectators to it, whether appreciative or disgruntled, are "believe" and "love". Both verbs involve us in a reality that is more and other than ourselves. No Gospel writer has used the two verbs to great effect in getting us in on the work of Creator and creation. - *Eugene Peterson, Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

*29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time*

**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School

**11:00 a.m.** Worship

Join us for a picnic on the lawn after worship.

Sermon: "In Whose Image?"

(A sermon in 3 parts)

*Marilyn T. Hedgpeth*, preaching

### Worship Texts

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|---------------|------------------|
| Old Testament | Exodus 33:12-23  |
| Psalm Lesson  | Psalm 99         |
| Gospel Lesson | Matthew 22:15-22 |

Acolytes: *Jack and Benjamin Brigman*

Crucifer: *Graeme Peterson*

Crossdaile Driver: *Miriam Morey*

Narthex Greeter: *Minnie Cameron*

*Hilda Bradshaw*

After Worship Greeters:

*Leslie Strohm* (rear / narthex)

*Lisa Rist* (side, font)

Ushers: *Cris Rivera* (head), *Christyn Klinck* (flowers), *Michael Bacon*, *Susan Seahorn*, *Mary-Jo Keenan*, *Yao Kudadze*

### Attention Children's Sunday School Teachers

Those participating in the Children's Sabbath worship service on Sunday (ages 3 and up) are asked to come to the sanctuary at 10 a.m. to practice the processional. Youth are asked to come to the sanctuary at 10:20 to practice the Lord's Prayer.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Faith and Community Class "For the Sake of the Children"

On Sunday we will consider the plight of our children in Durham as part of our observance of Children's Sabbath. Our guest will be *Ted Whiteside*, MSW, who is on the staff of Durham's Partnership for Children. Ted is extremely knowledgeable about the challenges and opportunities facing our children. *Sharon Hirsch* will be a conversation partner. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

### Lectionary Class

To whom do you owe honor and allegiance? To the business that pays your salary? To the government to whom you pay your taxes? Where does God fit in? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Adult Discussion Class

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!

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 on Sunday for worship, which will involve children and youth, and for the picnic, cake walk, and service project.

### CAKE WALK DONATIONS NEEDED

FPC's youth are hosting a Cake Walk after worship this Sunday. We will graciously accept donations of cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. to raise scholarship money for the youth of FPC and Iglesia Emanuel to attend retreats and conferences. Please help with this scholarship fundraiser by bringing in baked goods to donate!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COVENANT NETWORK CONFERENCE

**Thursday - Saturday, November 3-5**

FPC is hosting the annual conference for the Covenant Network for Presbyterians. We need registrars, 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](mailto:m.cris.rivera@alumni.duke.edu). You can also sign up after worship.

## STARTING FROM SCRATCH

All young adults are invited to join us this **Sunday, October 16**, at 9:45 a.m. as we 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](mailto:candice.provey@gmail.com)

## THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING

received on October 2 totaled:

**\$1558.00**

The offering is used to work for peace in Durham and around the world. If you would like to make a contribution, please bring or mail it to the church office marked: "Peacemaking Offering." Thanks for your support.

## FROM THE

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

This Sunday we have the privilege of celebrating the National Children's Sabbath. We celebrate here because FPC is one of the fortunate churches that hustles and bustles with children and youth - over 150 of them. They grace the front of our bulletin covers; they unsettle us as they run past us in the hallways; they bring laughter to our solemn assemblies; they bring tears to us when they are shine through their illnesses; they challenge us to retain our sense of wonder; they model kingdom living for us in their dependence and trust. And they point us to other children outside of our congregation who are hungry, who are homeless, who suffer abuse and neglect. As one of our parents, *Leslie McDow*, said so eloquently in her blog this week after spending more anxious days in the hospital with her daughter, *Florence*, "Faith enters my mind a lot. Believing. I whisper to her when she doesn't feel good, that she is the strongest person I know."

"Believe" and "love" are the two verbs that point us to reality that is more and other than ourselves, Eugene Peterson notes. This Sunday we will celebrate this reality as it pertains to all children. Our children and youth will lead us in worship. They have asked us to bring beans and rice, to show our belief and love for other children, too. An old fashioned cakewalk will be held after worship to embody our belief and love for the spiritual nurture of our youth. Please join us Sunday as we celebrate the gift of faith to our children and our children's children.

Blessings,

*Marilyn*

## NOTES

- The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for *Sydney Noelle O'Neill* on Sunday during worship. Sydney is the daughter of *Scott and Margot O'Neill* and sister of *Conner and Mannix*.
- It was great to see *Sue Fricks* back in worship on Sunday, and to have *Mary Kay Robinson* back in town for a brief visit.
- The upstairs carpeting in the Christian education building will be replaced on Monday and Tuesday, October 17-18.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Barrett Gunter* and family on the death of his mother, *Betty Gail Gunter*, who passed away on October 6. Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church and the McGill-Scarborough Chapel at Lanier Village Estates in Gainesville, Georgia on October 15.

"Jesus said,

*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

## OUR CONCERNS

**Susan Thompson** is recovering at home following knee surgery on Monday at NC Specialty Hospital.

**Florence McDow** is home after a brief hospital stay.

**Margaret Boswell**  
**Don Jenkins**  
**Carol McKnight**  
**Mozette Rollins**

**Tom Howerton**  
**Carol Johnson**  
**David Parkins**  
**Jerry Tyren**

- **Chester Bissette**, grandfather of Abi Bissette
- **Mary Causey**, sister of Ellen Bacon
- **Sarah McCracken Cobb**, sister of Mary Ann Compton
- **Kate Crockett**, granddaughter of Alex and Becky Crockett
- **Donald Davis**, brother of Lorraine Davis
- **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

### 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: **Will and Leslie McDow, John and LaTasha Cowden, Will and Mary Ann Compton, and Marcia Lorimer**. 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.

The LANDSCAPING  
AND GARDENING  
COMMITTEE invites  
you to a workday on



**Saturday, October 22 from 9 a.m. till 12 noon.** Please bring tools for weeding and pruning. Contact **Barbara Buckley** ([bjbuckley1@frontier.com](mailto:bjbuckley1@frontier.com)) or **Kate Busa** ([katebusa@gmail.com](mailto:katebusa@gmail.com)) for more info.

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

Join me this Thursday night (October 13) from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC for Habitat's Youth United general meeting! Then, on Saturday at 12:00 noon, come to "Youth United's Got Talent" show at Motorco in downtown Durham. Bring all your friends to this awesome event!!!

Sunday is Children's Sabbath and we are hosting a CAKE WALK after church during the luncheon. I need you to bake up a storm and bring in cakes, cupcakes, brownies, whatever, for Sunday. I will also need help facilitating this fun activity. Senior highs, remember to wear ALL BLACK for worship and we will gather in the sanctuary at 10:20 a.m. for practice.

Despite all these happenings we will also have regular youth group Sunday night from 5-8 p.m. See you then!!!!

**Rebecca**

## THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff at Durham's Partnership for Children, please accept our sincere thanks for your generous donation of \$322.08 to the Partnership to support Durham County's Early Childhood Faith Initiative. With the support of generous donors like you giving to the Durham community in a time of great need, we will continue to provide additional efforts for a brighter future for our young children.

**Laura J.S. Benson**  
Executive Director,  
Durham's Partnership for Children

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Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you for your contribution of \$1446 to the Joy Offering. We are grateful for generosity. The birth of Jesus ushered in a new realm of God's love at work in the world. This love compels us to reach out with charity, justice, and grace. Half of the gifts to the Joy Offering keep faith with those who have spent their lives in returning God's gifts through services to the church, and the other half enables students at racial ethnic schools and colleges to discern what gifts they have to offer. We thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity. May the Spirit of thanksgiving with which you gave continue to overflow abundantly within both your own lives and the life of your congregation.

**Margaret H. Boone**  
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## PRIMETIMERS POTLUCK

**Saturday, October 15**

**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**

## FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

**Autumn Deck Party**

**Friday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

at the home of **Kim and Jon Abels**

8 Chimney Top Ct. (in Loch N'ora)

Grilled entree provided; please bring salad, side, or dessert. Kids welcome.

RSVP to Kim: [kabels@unc.edu](mailto:kabels@unc.edu) or 493-3546

## FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Durham Community Concert Band (including our own members **George Bernhardt, Brent Curtis, and David Smith**) will present a concert on **Saturday, October 22**, at 4:30 p.m. in the Durham Central Park Pavilion, 501 S. Foster St. In addition to marches, show tunes, and jazz, there will be food and drink, thanks to some great Durham food trucks. This concert is a benefit for Habitat for Humanity of Durham, in partnership with Youth United; donations will be accepted.

## DURHAM C.A.N.

**FALL DELEGATES ASSEMBLY**

**Thursday, October 27**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Nehemiah Christian Center

415 N. Mangum St.

For more information contact: **Ivan Parra** at 919-225-1673 [kmparra@aol.com](mailto:kmparra@aol.com) or the C.A.N. office at 919-403-7082.

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Halloween Bike Ride**

**Saturday, 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/volunteer/bike.html](http://www.durhambabitat.org/volunteer/bike.html).

## FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

Donors are needed for the following Sundays: **November 6, November 13** and **November 20**. Please call **Susan Thompson** at 477-0425 (home) if you would like to donate flowers for worship.

**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. 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](mailto:mrubiera@triad.rr.com), or 425-1413.

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