

First Presbyterian News

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ESTABLISHED 1871

"We are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." (Ephesians 2:19) Do you remember our first quarrel in the church? It was the issue of whether or not those who were Gentile Christians, coming into what at first was a largely Jewish Christian community, would have to become culturally Jewish in order to participate fully in the life of the community, especially, to be together at the Table of the Lord, where Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians were to break bread and drink together from a common cup. The resolution of that problem was an extremely important one for the history of the church. It made it clear that forever, men, women and children from all of the world's national and ethnic communities, from all racial groups and economic groups are invited to that Table by faith to become this new family of God.

- **V. Bruce Rigdon**, "No Longer Strangers"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

The **Hunger for Change Offering** will be received during worship.

Sermon: "**The Toughest Commandment**"
V. Bruce Rigdon, preaching

Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Epistle Lesson	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22:34-46

Acolytes: **Catie Brockman**
Jenna Leonard

Crucifer: **Jackson Buck**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex: **Sarah Todd, Linn Lopez**

After Worship Greeters:

Andy Henry (rear / narthex)

Andy Widmark (side, font)

Ushers: **Cris Rivera** (head), **Nancy Kost**,
Mary-Jo Keenan, **Leslie Shaw**, **Miriam Morey**

Flower delivery: **unassigned**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

"When East and West Meet:

What We Can Learn from our

Orthodox Brothers and Sisters in Christ"

On Sunday, **Dr. Bruce Rigdon**, a professor of church history and leading interpreter of the orthodox tradition to U. S. Christians, will be our guest. He will share insights gained during years of meetings and conversation with members of churches in Eastern Europe and Russia. Looking through the lens provided by the Orthodox tradition enriches our faith. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

What is greatness, and what are its rewards? Moses was unequaled as a prophet, but he did not live to enter the Promised Land. Paul was unsurpassed as an apostle, but he endured mistreatment, torture, and false accusations from his opponents. Are you ready for greatness? 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!

TRY SOMETHING NEW NIGHT

Thursday, October 20

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Honoring our focus on welcoming ALL children to FPC, Christian Education will host a dinner for "picky eaters," followed by a facilitated discussion with parents of special children. Childcare will be provided during the discussion. To make reservations, call the church at 682-5511.

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

The Membership Committee enlists your support in the **Invite a Friend to Church** initiative. Evidence shows that a personal invitation is the primary way people join a congregation. Visitors are always welcome, but the 4th Sunday of every month has been selected for special emphasis for inviting friends, neighbors and colleagues to visit First Presbyterian Church. This coming **Sunday, October 23**, won't YOU invite or bring a friend to worship at FPC?

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

New members will be received into the membership of FPC on **Sunday, October 30** during the morning worship service. If you are interested in uniting with this faith community please contact **Shirley Frederick** in the church office (682-5511) prior to Friday, October 28.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COVENANT NETWORK CONFERENCE

November 3-5

Contact **Cris Rivera**: 382-5520 or email: m.cris.rivera@alumni.duke.edu if you are available to serve. You can also sign up after worship.

INTERFAITH SERVICE TO CELEBRATE CHILDREN

A community interfaith Children's Sabbath service will be held on Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m. at the Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace Church (2722 E. Main St., Durham). **Laura J. S. Benson**, Executive Director of Durham's Partnership for Children will deliver the message with a team of diverse faith representatives presenting other parts of the service. The **KidZnotes** and the children's choir from Greater Emmanuel will also perform.

PERFORMANCE PLANNED

Rebecca Telford-Marx, a student at Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, will perform with the Raleigh Symphony on **October 30** at Jones Auditorium, Meredith College in Raleigh. (See news release on foyer bulletin board for more information).

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

There is much concern these days about the future of the church. It is not clear where God is leading us. I must confess that I have experienced some anxiety about what lies ahead.

This past weekend I had two experiences in worship that spoke to my anxious spirit. At the Presbytery meeting on Saturday in Greenville, we were led in worship by campus ministers and students from our Presbytery. It was a worship experience I shall not soon forget and it fed my soul. We also approved three excellent young candidates for ordination to serve churches in our Presbytery.

Then on Sunday morning, I was in worship at FPC on Children's Sabbath. The worship service was amazing, led by **Marilyn, Rebecca, Kathy**, and our young people. The liturgical dance of *The Lord's Prayer* was inspiring. Through these worship experiences, it was like God was saying to me: "Let not your heart be troubled. My church is in good hands." Thanks be to God!

This Sunday, Carlisle and I encourage you to join us in welcoming a dear friend, **Bruce Rigdon**, to FPC. Bruce has served the church as a pastor, professor of church history and seminary president. Carlisle and Bruce had worked together on travel seminars for over 20 years. His deep faith and insights are inspirational. Please join me on Sunday for what promises to be another good day at FPC.

Joe

NOTES

- Many thanks to all who played a part in our celebration of **National Children's Sabbath** this past Sunday: cake bakers, buyers of baked goods, beans and rice contributors, sandwich makers, shoppers, worship planners, leaders, and young people who made a joyful sound to the Lord in both noisy and silent ways (i.e.: *The Lord's Prayer*). Attendance was good, our youngest members contributed with gusto, and the adult choir was fabulous as back-up singers – lending much-needed support. FPC's commemoration of National Children's Sabbath continues this week with dinner and discussion on Thursday night. Please also remember to bring beans and rice through the end of the month for the food pantry at Iglesia Emanuel.
- Thanks to **Eugene and Signe Brown** for their hospitality on Saturday night. **Primetimes** had an enjoyable evening.

Remember to bring your **Hunger for Change Offering** on Sunday.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to:

- **BJ and Parker Morton**, upon the recent death of BJ's sister, **Mabel Farrington**, on October 10th in Mooresville, NC; and
- the family of **Jane Bolmeier**, daughter of the late **Edward and Hazel Bolmeier**, who died in NYC on July 11th.

OUR CONCERNS

Rob and Amy Harkey leave this week for Uganda where they will receive their adopted daughter.

Margaret Boswell **Brent Curtis**
Tom Howerton **Don Jenkins**
Carol Johnson **Florence McDow**
Carol McKnight **David Parkins**
Mozette Rollins **Susan Thompson**
 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

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 or 493-3546

WORKDAY PLANNED

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.

FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION

at Nosh's Café - 2812 Erwin Road

Friday, October 28

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Drop by and stay as long as you can.

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of **Dale Gaddis**, 912 Urban Avenue, to discuss Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy, 1896-1920, by Glenda Gilmore. **Delia Kwon** will lead the discussion. Please RSVP to Dale at 687-4324 or dale.w.gaddis@gmail.com. Newcomers and drop-ins are always welcome.

YOUTH NEWS

WOW! Yesterday was an amazing day! Worship went swimmingly, the cake walk was a tremendous success and youth group last night was fun and productive! Thanks to everyone who helped make it all happen.

This weekend, the Middle School youth will be traveling to Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe, NC for the Presbytery-wide retreat "**Who is I am?**" Nineteen of us will be leaving FPC at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Please bring \$ for dinner and lunch on our trips over and back. The plan is to return about 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Don't forget to bring a sleeping bag and pillow for cabin living! A reminder email about schedule and what to bring will come later in the week. There is a chance the Senior High's will gather Sunday evening with Lenore and Jancy. Leaders will communicate via email as to when and if this is happening! Thanks everyone and have a great week!

Love,

Rebecca

PS: Saturday, October 29, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. is set up for haunted house!

CAKE WALK FUNDRAISER

Thank you for an amazingly successful (shall we call it the 1st annual) Children's Sabbath Cake Walk! Thanks to everyone who donated delicious and lovingly crafted cakes, cookies and treats—and thank you to everyone who participated in the fun. All together we raised **\$412.94** to help FPC support our older children and youth as they travel to extremely formative retreats and conferences! Thank you so much.
– the FPC Youth

FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Durham Community Concert Band (including 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 of Durham, in partnership with Youth United; donations will be accepted.

JOINT OFFICER MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:00 PM Diaconate

6:30 PM Joint Officers' Supper

7:00 PM Joint Officers

7:30 PM Session

SAVE THE DATE!

GHOSTS AND GOBLINS

You are all invited to our **Spook-tacular Haunted House**, Sunday, October 29 between the bewitching hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at FPC. Your ghostly hosts: the youth of FPC. Please bring a canned food item to donate to Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry and some treats to share. See you there, if you dare!

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
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.durhamhabitat.org/volunteer/bike.html.

HONDURAS HABITAT BUILDING TRIP

Are 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.

January 27 – February 5, 2012

(led by **Miguel and Margaret Rubiera**)

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.

Dear Family and Friends,

We have been in Brazil now for two months. We have enjoyed the adjustment period thus far and are particularly grateful for the friends we have met here. We live in Rudge Ramos, a neighborhood located between Sao Paulo and Sao Bernardo Do Campo. Very few people speak or understand English [here]. Even so, we are able to navigate daily life through the use of pocket dictionaries and our limited, but growing, Portuguese vocabulary. Mahalia (3) is adapting wonderfully. She is loved everywhere we go: the parks, the store, the market, church, her school, the street. Because of Mahalia, we have come to understand the phrase, "Que linda (How cute)!" We have come to appreciate the kindness of people here, especially in their interactions with Mahalia. We are learning that, more than anything else, kindness transcends language – an important lesson for us to learn and to teach Mahalia.

Josh, Kim and Mahalia Vis

Follow the Vis family in Brazil via their blog: <http://jkminbrazil.wordpress.com>. FPC is invited to support their work through prayers, personal letters, email and financial gifts. Donations can be made through www.pcusa.org/give, or mailed to Presbyterian World Mission, P.O. Box 6437000, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. On the memo line, please write "Josh & Kim Vis" and ECO # E200467 (individual giving) or DMS number, D507549 (church giving).



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