

# First Presbyterian News

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Built on the rock the Church doth stand,  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in every land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

~ Old Lutheran Hymn ~

We are God's house of living stones,  
Builded for His habitation;  
He through baptismal grace us owns,  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,  
With all His grace and His favor.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "A Grace You Can See"  
Phyllis H. Kort, preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 147:1-5, 7-11
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22:34-40
Gospel Lesson	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Acolytes: **Benjamin Conner,**  
**Jenna Leonard**

Crucifer: **Jackson Buck**

Greeters: **Sarah Todd, Judy Pidcock**  
After Worship Greeters:

**Jean Wilson** (side, font)

**Joseph Ngumi** (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Jon Kimball** (head), **Christyn  
Klinck** (flowers), **Margot Johnson,**  
**Linda Dobson, Anthony Kamau**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class  
Faith Seeking Understanding:  
"Reformed Accents"

What are the characteristics of the Reformed Tradition? We do not all speak with a Scottish brogue but we do have a distinctive perspective on the life of faith. Please join **Sam Miglarese** and **Joe Harvard** as they "speak reformed" on Sunday. We will meet in the **chapel** at 9:45 a.m.

### Lectionary Class

What does it mean to be righteous? Is it measured in the things we do, or in the things we believe? Do we know we are righteous because of the rewards we have received? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

Abraham forms the nexus of three of the world's major religions – Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Join Journeys as they continue their discussion of Abraham's life and his covenant with God. We meet at 9:45 on the second floor of the education building, classroom at the end of the hall.

### Hand in Hand/ Crossroads

We are discussing Becoming Bridges: The Theory and Practice of Diversity by Gary Commins, who writes about diversity as an intrinsic part of the life of faith and our calling to bridge the things that separate us. Join us at 9:45 in the Wilson Parlor.

### Women's Spiritual Formation

**Susan Dunlap** invites women to participate in this time of prayer, sharing our lives, and exploring the disciplines and practices of Christian spirituality at 9:45.



On Sunday, **Phyllis Kort** will be our preacher. After serving as our Parish Associate for about 10 years she has decided "to hang up her shoes." There will be a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following worship so you can express your gratitude to Phyllis.

## INVITE A FRIEND

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>**, won't **YOU** invite or bring a friend to worship at FPC.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FPC youth **HAUNTED HOUSE** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 30 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** All are welcome! Admittance to this year's Victorian-themed haunted house (which the youth will happily modify for younger participants) is a canned food item for the Iglesia Emanuel Food Bank. Tricks and treats will be provided. Hope to see you there!



## Seniors Fall Luncheon Wednesday, November 3

11:30 a.m. Reception (East Parlor)

12 Noon Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)

Speaker: **Gina Upchurch,**

Executive Director of Senior PharmAssist  
Suggested donation for the meal: \$7.00.

**Please RSVP to the church office:  
682-5511. Please also let us know  
if you will need transportation.**

### Save the Date!

Monday, November 15

## Annual Congregational Dinner

6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church

Speaker:

**The Reverend Mel Williams, pastor  
Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham**  
(Childcare provided)

**Pennies for Hunger** will be received this Sunday during worship!

## FROM THE

## PARISH ASSOCIATE

Dear Friends,

It is almost 10 years ago that **Joe Harvard** came to see me and asked me to come to work at First Presbyterian Church. It was a request I could not refuse. It is an honor and a privilege to be a pastor at this historic Durham church, and, as I found out, it is a joy as well.

I am deeply grateful that you received me as a pastor and allowed me to participate here in the midst of this strong and vibrant congregation.

Many things have happened and have changed over this decade. But I think of those changes mostly in terms of the people who have gone . . . and come during those years. In the beginning, **Louise Keir** was still greeting in the narthex and **Robinson Everett** was still sitting in the front row.

There are so many, dear to my heart, whom we have loved and lost awhile. And so many new members have been joined into this community:

Our wonderful Kenyan members who bring their depth and their sweetness, their hard work and their strong faith; we have new singers and cooks and committee members and officers and bell ringers and liturgists and . . . what Jesus calls friends.

And so, finally, God's church here at the corner of Roxboro and Main stands firm. It was a gift for me to have been able to do ministry here and for Wes and me to be part of this family of faith.

Affectionately,

**Phyllis**

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Mercy Ndambiri** on the death of her uncle, **Ngari Bundi**, who died on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Kenya, and to **Anthony Kamau** on the death of his brother, **John Thungu Kamau**, who died on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Elburgon, Kenya.

"Jesus said,

'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

## OFFICERS' MEETINGS

**Monday, October 25**

**Diaconate Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**

**Supper for Joint Officers - 6:30 p.m.**

**Joint Officers' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**

**Session Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

## NOTES

- **Congratulations** to *Beth Stringfield* and *Cris Rivera* on the blessing of their union on Saturday afternoon at FPC.
- Sunday's Children's Sabbath was a beautiful demonstration of God-family here at FPC. Many thanks to *Kathy Parkins, Li-Chen Chin, Rebecca Leonard* and those who played instruments (*Graeme Peterson, Sydney Curtis*) and sang (*Brent Curtis, Sam Henry*, and others), as well as to our young liturgists, *Corey Allen, Charlotte Maxwell, Sigfried Fullenkamp, Carter Momsen-Hudson, Kennedy Wilkins, Aurelia Klinck, Jackson Buck and Simon Carsey*. And kudos to *Dawn Carsey* and the CE Committee for a wonderful picnic lunch. We apologize that the food ran out, and will try to provide extra for future picnics. It was a beautiful day.
- Thank you to FPC for helping us raise **\$463.26** for Habitat for Humanity Youth United at our bake sale. We are so grateful for your loving support of us and this wonderful ministry in our community. - the **FPC youth**
- The **Membership Committee** sponsored a dinner for those visiting our church on Sunday night at the home of *Carlisle and Joe Harvard*.
- **Sam Milgarese** is in Hampton, SC this week (October 18-22) to celebrate his mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- **These Days** devotional booklets for October –December 2010 have finally arrived. Pick up a copy (regular or large print) on your next visit to the church.

## FPC Work Day

Saturday, November 6

The Landscaping and Gardening Committee invites you to participate in a Work Day on Saturday, November 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact *Kate Busa* ([katebusa@gmail.com](mailto:katebusa@gmail.com)) or *Barbara Buckley* ([bjbuckley1@verizon.net](mailto:bjbuckley1@verizon.net)) for further information.

## The Things That Matter

**Book Group** will meet again on **November 9 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Marila Stone* (111 Westside Drive, Chapel Hill) to discuss *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do* by Mickel Sandel.

## "LEARN BY HEART"

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia; Alleluia;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## OUR CONCERNS

*Carol McKnight* is recovering at home.  
*Jeanne Hervey* is recovering at home.

<i>Admay Family</i>	<i>Katherine Carr</i>
<i>Fricks Family</i>	<i>Jim Hawkins</i>
<i>Tom Howerton</i>	<i>Don Jenkins</i>
<i>Knauert Family</i>	<i>Florence McDow</i>
<i>Josh Stanek</i>	<i>Jerry Tyren</i>

### Added this week:

*Jeff Alderson*, friend of Patrick Osman  
*Helene Johnson*, mother of Jim Johnson

- ♦ *Frank Bradshaw*, brother of Hilda Bradshaw
- ♦ *George Cox*, son of Sarah Cox
- ♦ *Steele and Molly Dewey*, daughter and son-in-law of Peaches McPherson
- ♦ *Brad Holbrook*, father of Kerry Holbrook
- ♦ *Norma Johnstone*, stepmother of Jancy Strauman
- ♦ *Kris, Joe, Becca and Lauren Juarez*, Vernon Neece's niece and family
- ♦ *Anne Creadick Kennedy*, sister of Nowell Creadick
- ♦ *David Kilpatrick*, grandson of Elizabeth High, deployed in Iraq
- ♦ *Elizabeth Leathers*, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- ♦ *Bill Lorimer, Sr.*, father of Bill Lorimer
- ♦ *Anne Martin*, sister of Beth Neece
- ♦ *Machua Mbugua*, brother of Mary Gitata
- ♦ *Stephen McAllister*, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
- ♦ *Edward Mungai*, friend of Mercy Ndambiri
- ♦ *Jeanine Romines*, mother of Karen Romines
- ♦ *Nancy Sappenfield*, mother of David Sappenfield
- ♦ *Laura Tendler*, sister-in-law of Susan Spratt
- ♦ *Sharon Van Vechten*, friend of Ann Prospero
- ♦ *Samuel Watson*, father of Dale Gaddis
- ♦ *Reverend Bob Wells*, cousin of Bill Hendrickson
- ♦ *Karen Wolcott*, cousin of Jean Wilson

## NEW HYMNAL PROJECT

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has begun work on a new hymnal to replace *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, which was published in 1990. First Presbyterian Church was selected as one of the churches that will provide feedback on some of the proposed hymns for the new book. We have used four of them in worship already, and we received lots of good and thoughtful comments about them. There will be more new hymns in the coming months. If you would like a copy of the music for any of the trial hymns, or if you would like to read a summary of the survey comments for each one, please contact *David Smith* ([davidjudysmith@frontier.com](mailto:davidjudysmith@frontier.com)).

**Pennies for Hunger** will be received this Sunday during worship!

## First Friends, Crossroads, and the Hand-in-Hand Class

are invited for lunch at

## St. Philip's Community Garden Harvest Celebration

Saturday, October 23

12 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

corner of Main and Dillard Streets

*Bring a pie to share!*

Please RSVP to *Christyn Klinck* at [cfklinck@gmail.com](mailto:cfklinck@gmail.com) if you can attend.

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This Sunday, **both** youth groups, 'Iter' (the 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) and 'God Squad' (the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders) will gather from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for dinner (provided by the Miglareses and Harvards) and to go over final preparations for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual HAUNTED HOUSE- scheduled for **Saturday, October 30 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Everyone, please bring your decorations and supplies on Sunday so we can inventory what we've got and determine what we need to be fully prepared for the big event! Can't wait! See you Sunday.

*Rebecca*

**P.S. KUDOS** to all of you who brought in baked goods on Sunday.

ALL are welcome to spend an afternoon with *Mark Devries* author of *Sustainable Youth Ministry* on **Sunday, November 7 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.** and then to stay for a *David Lamotte* concert (\$10) from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at FPC of Raleigh. For more information or to sign up to attend, contact *Rebecca Leonard* at 682-5511 ext. 222 or [r.leonard@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:r.leonard@firstpres-durham.org).

## Try Something New . . .

Join us for supper at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 9** to hear local pastor and author, *Margot Starbuck*, discuss her new book *Unsqueeze: Springing Free From Skinny Jeans, Nose Jobs, Highlights and Stilettos*. Margot, with her fresh, humorous and theological perspective will invite us to think about being in a healthy relationship with our bodies - building up ourselves along with the body of Christ.

The PEACEMAKING OFFERING supports efforts of making peace locally and around the world. 25% of the offering will be used for the Music Academy at Iglesia Emanuel. Young people make music which leads to peace. Please consider making a generous contribution to this essential effort. Send your contributions to the church office.

"Jesus said,  
'Blessed are the peacemakers.'"

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