

# First Presbyterian News



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There has been from the very beginning, thankfully, a reforming impulse within Christianity. Beginning with Jesus himself, it has to do with humility and service instead of authority and power. It has to do with love and generosity instead of prestige and privilege. There is a sense in which the story of the church is the story of this reforming impulse emerging time and time again to call the church back to its best and original self. – **John M. Buchanan**, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time



9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism

New members received during worship.

Sermon:

“Still Presbyterians After All These Years”  
**Joseph S. Harvard**, preaching

### Lectionary Texts

Old Testament	Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Epistle Lesson	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 23:1-12

Acolytes: **Jane Carsey, Rosie Johnson**

Crucifer: **Caleb Conner**

Crossaile Driver: **Dan Hudgins**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt  
Hilda Bradshaw**

After Worship Greeters:

**Bill Hendrickson** (rear / narthex)

**Anthony Kamau** (side, front)

Ushers: **Cris Rivera** (head), **Joy Kerner**  
(flowers), **Mary Ann Compton, Jon  
Abels, Dale Gaddis, Michael Bacon**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

*Jesus Christ and the Religions of the World*

A question often raised by church members of all ages is: “What about people who do not believe in Jesus?” In our pluralistic culture, we live among people of other faith traditions. How do we live faith fully with those whose beliefs are different from ours? We will listen to what the Bible and our Reformed tradition say to us. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

### Lectionary Class

Do leaders have a responsibility to “practice what they preach?” Is their message more believable if they live with integrity? 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.

### Starting from Scratch

The *Starting from Scratch* series for young adults will continue to meet in room 203 at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. We will explore our Reformed heritage and take some tips on reading Scripture from our tradition’s top theologians.

### 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!

## STEWARDSHIP SEASON

As people of faith, stewardship is our grateful response to God’s grace. The theme of the stewardship campaign this year is “Building the Body of Christ Together” and is inspired by a passage in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 that reads in part: “For the body does not consist of one member but of many ... If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Here at First Presbyterian Church, we have a long tradition – 140 years of tradition – of being the body of Christ.

Stewardship season is a time for considering the way in which we are all called to serve God. Our contributions of time and talent are one way of doing this. As such, we will ask each of you to consider how you can contribute your unique gifts to keeping our church a thriving, dynamic and vibrant community. What’s more, our contributions of financial resources are also absolutely critical to building the body of Christ at First Presbyterian. And so, in the coming weeks, we will ask each of you to consider how you can contribute to the financial well-being of our church. We recognize that the continued economic downturn has taken its toll on households in this church and across our city. Please know that every gift, no matter its size, is truly cherished by this church and in the eyes of God.

We ask you to join with us in the coming weeks as we listen, read, pray, and reflect on what it is to be building the body of Christ together at the corner of Main and Roxboro.

*Lisa and Carl Rist*

## 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.

## GHOSTS AND GOBLINS

You are all invited to our Spook-tacular Haunted House, **Sunday, October 30** 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!

## HUNGER FOR CHANGE

Offering received on October 23:  
**\$452.60.**

Thank you for your generous giving!

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

A Core Value of First Presbyterian Church which we have identified and claimed as a congregation is “Diversity and Inclusivity.” We affirm that “as God has claimed us in the waters of baptism with our differences, we are called to invite and nurture a diverse and inclusive community.”

Next week on November 3 – 5, we will host the national conference of the Covenant Network. The Conference theme is: “**Reconciling: Voices, Visions, Vocations.**” The Network is made up of Presbyterian congregations and individuals from across the U.S. who have come together to work towards a church as generous and just as God’s grace. The Session of our church voted to be a member of the Network over 20 years ago.

**Cris Rivera** is chairing the Host Committee with good support from members of FPC and other Presbyterian congregations and members in our area. Your help would be greatly appreciated as a volunteer. Contact Cris at 382-5520 or by email: [m.cris.rivera@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:m.cris.rivera@alumni.duke.edu). You may also register for the conference. There will be excellent worship services on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. with communion, Friday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday morning, November 5 at 10:45 a.m. It is an honor for us to be the host church, and I encourage you to join in this special occasion.

*Joe*

## NOTES

- **Marilyn Hedgpeth** and **Kathy Parkins** are in Montreat this week attending the 2011 Montreat Institute for Church Leadership “Getting Unstuck” Conference.
- **Bruce Rigdon** has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home. He is grateful for our prayers.
- **First Friends** had a lovely evening at the **Abels’** on Saturday.
- **Rebecca Telford-Marx** 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).

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Gavin and Leann Jocius** on the birth of a daughter, **Lyra Amber Jocius**, on October 19<sup>th</sup>. **Andy and Ginny Widmark** are the proud grandparents.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COVENANT NETWORK CONFERENCE  
**November 3-5 at FPC**

If you are available to serve, you can sign up online using this link for volunteers:

## OUR CONCERNS

**Rob and Amy Harkey** are in 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

## FPC MEN OF FAITH

BREAKFAST / CONVERSATION  
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

**Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.**  
at the home of **Dale Gaddis**  
912 Urban Avenue

Discussion led by **Delia Kwon**: [Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy, 1896-1920](#), by Glenda Gilmore. RSVP to Dale at 687-4324 or [dale.w.gaddis@gmail.com](mailto:dale.w.gaddis@gmail.com).

## FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

**November 6      November 20**  
**December 4**

Please call **Susan Thompson** at 477-0425 (home) and let her know which Sunday you can donate flowers for worship.

*Save the Date!*



Tuesday, November 15

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

6:00 p.m. at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church Parish Hall  
403 E. Main Street, Durham

Speaker: **Reverend Chris Tuttle**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

We had a wonderful trip to Camp Don Lee on the coast of the Neuse River in Arapahoe, NC. We joined over 250 youth from all over New Hope Presbytery for a fun-filled retreat centered around discussions about "Who is the great I AM!" Thanks so much to **Marty Ramirez** and **Neal Wilkins** for their involvement as chaperones for this retreat. We were happy to have five members of Iglesia Emanuel joining us, along with 11 of our own Middle school youth! It was a blast! I hope you all will join us this Saturday, October 29 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. to plan for the annual FPC Haunted House, "The Haunted Hotel!" We will bring the haunted house to our church family and their friends on Sunday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We want to do everything we can to be ready for Sunday's party! Everyone, please bring all your Halloween stuff and costumes on Saturday, and then on Sunday, plan to bring a treat to share! Have a great week.

Love,

*Rebecca*

## LUNCH & LEARN SESSION

"REDUCING HOLIDAY STRESS"

**Tuesday, November 8**  
**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Soul Café, Duke Memorial UMC**

The upcoming holidays include lots of hustle and bustle, which generates an environment of stress for young children. Tasks such as shopping, family trips and relationships, decorating, and trying to manage the holiday budget create stress for families. **Winnie Morgan**, Early Childhood Faith Initiative Coordinator for Durham's Partnership for Children, will facilitate a discussion on "How Congregations can Reduce Holiday Stress for Families with Young Children."

This workshop is free and open to the public. Bring your lunch; beverages will be provided. Registration is encouraged by contacting Winnie Morgan at 732-1524, or [winniewmorgan@juno.com](mailto:winniewmorgan@juno.com).

## HOUSING FOR NEW HOPE

(Fundraising event)

"War and Peace"

**Sunday, October 30**

**3 p.m. at Durham's Carolina Theater**

A concert featuring the Durham Symphony.

Contact Eric Breit at (919) 489-6282 x 103 or [eric@housingfornewhope.org](mailto:eric@housingfornewhope.org) for tickets. Proceeds from this concert will be matched dollar for dollar by the Stewards Fund, a local foundation which has awarded Housing for New Hope a \$150,000 challenge grant.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

## INVITATIONS

A CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC  
featuring the internationally acclaimed

**Konevets Quartet**

of St. Petersburg, Russia

**Thursday, November 3**

7:30 p.m. at

St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church  
8306 NC Highway 751, Durham  
(½ mile south from I-40 exit 274)

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YO: DURHAM presents

Award-winning, multi-Grammy nominated,  
#1 Billboard Jazz recording artist,

**Boney James Live!**

A Benefit Concert for Disconnected Youth

**Saturday, November 5**

Durham's Carolina Theatre

7:00 p.m. Reception

8:00 p.m. Concert

**Tickets: \$50 each** - Only for sale at  
[www.yodurham.org](http://www.yodurham.org) or call 919-688-2036.

Friends,

We would like to extend our heartfelt  
thanks to **Marilyn** and the Christian  
Education Committee for planning and

hosting the "Try Something New Night"  
last Thursday, October 20th. We  
appreciated the opportunity to share  
information about our children so that the  
congregation can know them a little  
better. Thanks also to those who attended  
the gathering. We felt very supported.  
We are grateful to the FPC family for the  
love you have shown and will continue to  
show for our children.

Sincerely,

*Will and Leslie McDow  
John and La Tasha Cowden  
Will and Mary Ann Compton*

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Dear, dear friends,

How does a Christian say 'thanks?'  
Probably the best way is to pass the love  
along to others. I plan to be busy because  
you have blessed me deeply.

*Sue Fricks*

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