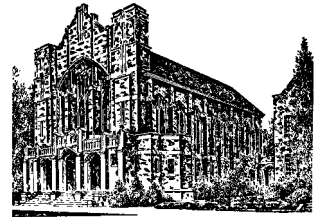


# First Presbyterian Church

June 23, 2015



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In appealing to the Corinthians, Paul begins by underscoring their abundance. They "excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you" (2 Corinthians 8:7). He now hopes their zeal to excel will translate into enthusiastic commitment to "this generous undertaking," for relief to the Jerusalem Church.

Preaching Through the Christian Year, Craddock, Hayes, Holladay, Tucker (p. 326)

## Sunday, June 28

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon Title: "**Soul Catching Up**"

Marilyn Hedgpeth preaching

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Gospel Lesson	Mark 5:21-43
Epistle Lesson	2 Cor. 8:7-15

Crossdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez,**  
**Elizabeth High**

After Worship Greeters:

**Beth Eisenson** (rear/narthex)

**Joseph Ngumi** (side/font)

Ushers: **Dick Boulden** (head), **Briana Honea** (flowers), **Cris Rivera, Michael Honeycutt, Mary Ann Compton, Sharon Hirsch**

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community Class

We will continue the TED Talk/Back series with a segment by **Buddhist Roshi Joan Halifax** entitled, "Compassion and the True Meaning of Empathy." She works with people in the last stage of life, and shares her deep insight into the nature of empathy. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

### Lectionary Class

How is God involved in your life? In healing, restoration, comfort, mercy, grace, abundant generosity? And how are you, in response, involved in furthering God's will? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap** and meets at 9:45 in the lower level classroom located across the hall from the Youth Room.

## Sunday School for Children / Youth

### Kindergarten and up

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Room 205

June 28 – **Babe**

July 5, 12 – **Charlotte's Web**

July 19, 26, August 2

**Lion, Witch, & Wardrobe** (older children)

**Toy Story II** (younger children)

August 9, 16 – **Robin Hood**

August 23, Sept. 6 – **Oliver and Co.**

Three year olds through rising Ks will meet in the Playroom during the Sunday School hour. The nursery and playroom will be open for younger children. Youth are also invited to join the Lectionary Class or Faith and Community Class. **All are welcome!**

## INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

This Sunday, June 28 is a designated "Invite a friend to church" Sunday. Do you know of someone who needs a place to express gratitude for joy or happiness, or someone who is experiencing a personal difficulty, or is in need of some spiritual nurturing, or who might be expanded by uplifted prayer and community worship? Won't **YOU** invite them to come and worship with us at FPC? It might help them to set a new direction for their lives.



### Less Than Two Weeks Left!

A very generous anonymous FPC member has offered to match funds (**up to \$20,000!**) donated during the month of June by congregation members for **Service and Mission!** The additional funding will help our committee support **FPC's Walk-in Ministry, Presbyterian Urban Ministries, summer programs for youth in poverty at Emanuel Iglesia** and efforts through our **Presbytery and National and World PCUSA Programs**. Please give generously so we can receive these matching funds! Make checks payable to FPC and in the memo line put June Matching Fund Challenge and mail them in or put them in the offering plate during the month of June.

**Beth Eisenson** and **Will McDow**  
FPC Service and Mission co-chairs

## FPC Co-Hosts

### PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Presbytery of New Hope needs help with its next gathering on **Tuesday, July 28** at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham. Volunteers are needed to help with parking from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. Others are needed to help with lunch from 10:30 am – 1:30 p.m. and to sing in the choir for worship from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **If you could help in any of these areas, please call or email the church office. It would be helpful to have at least four members for each area.**

## FPC OFFICERS

**Sunday, June 28**

**12 noon - 2:00 p.m.**

FPC's **newly elected ruling elders and deacons** will meet again in the East Parlor for training. Lunch will be provided.

**Monday, June 29**

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

**6:30 p.m.** Officers' Supper

**7:00 p.m.** Session

**Please let Lyn Francisco know if you will not be able to attend the training or the officer meetings. We're setting a place for you!**

## FROM THE

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### *The Generosity of Jesus*

Our life of discipleship and our life together in this congregation offer many possibilities to give and receive support. I marvel at the ways I have seen people support each other in hard times of illness, disability, death and the grieving process that follows. I am delighted at the support our youth receive from this community in so many ways. I am edified to see the outreach of support extended beyond the friendly confines of our church in manifold ways of service and mission. And our financial support is also critical. We need to be deliberate and generous in our giving.

The second reading this Sunday is a classic text on generosity. Our yearly pledges are the bedrock of ongoing support for our outward mission in the world and the inner life of communion and fellowship that we are as Church. We received a very generous challenge from an anonymous member of our church a few weeks ago that gives us a summer opportunity to remember how rich we are as gifted people in Jesus Christ. We are tremendously rich. "We know the generous act of Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Paul speaks in 2 Corinthians 8:13 of a fair balance. He is not asking us to impoverish ourselves to the point of hardship, but the measure of those in need (the reason for the challenge grant!) has to be balanced with our "present abundance" (2 Corinthians 8:14).

We all make our giving decisions differently, but the key element is that our giving of time, talent and treasure be an intentional and deliberate decision. Paul appeals to the generosity of Christ as the ground for the generosity he expects of us, and I join him in asking you to do the same.

*Sam*

## CONGRATULATIONS . . .

- to **Mark Diehl** who has accepted an interim minister position at Pawley's Island Presbyterian Church in South Carolina;
- to **Jon Nelson** who was ordained this past Sunday as Minister of Word and Sacrament at the Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church in Maryland;
- to **Michael and Teresa Leonard** who were married on Saturday, June 20 here in Durham.

**DAYTIMERS** had an enjoyable lunch at Bullock's Bar-B-Cue today. Many thanks to **Judy Arrowood** for arranging!

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended **Delia and Talitha Kwon** on the death of FPC member, husband and father, **Edward Lim Kwon**, on June 21<sup>st</sup>. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m., with reception following. Viewing will take place at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery following the reception.

## OUR CONCERNS

**Sara Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece, receiving comfort care at Treyburn  
**Guy Cecelski**, home recovering from surgery  
**Ann Prospero**, in rehab at the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

Traveling mercies to **Valentine Ndambiri** as she travels to Ireland for a student exchange program; **Talitha Kwon** who has traveled to Russia; and **Cecil and Mary Macaully** who have traveled to Sierra Leone.

**Wajid Bangura**, infant grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital

**Bette Conroy**    **Mercy Ndambiri**

**Brookdale Senior Living**  
(formerly Carolina House of Durham):  
**Julian Boswell**

**Brookdale of Chapel Hill**  
(formerly Clare Bridge):  
**Helen Garrison**

**Croasdaile Village:**  
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**  
Pavilion: **Anne Davis, Bob Rankin,**  
**Jerry Tyren**

**Hillcrest:**  
**Dewey Lawson**  
**Randall McLeod**

**The Forest at Duke:**  
**Fran Bryant**                      **Joan Englund**  
**Ken Goldner**                    **Peaches McPherson**

- **Patricia Adcock**, mother of Catherine Admay
- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Becky Brown**, mother of Amy Sanchez
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Louise Miglarese**, mother of Sam Miglarese
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Bill and Jean Robinson**, parents of John Robinson
- **Judy Robertson**, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeth

## ANNUAL REPORT

FPC committees and staff **ANNUAL REPORT** summaries are due in the church office by **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Contact Valerie (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) if you need assistance in completing your report.

## YOUTH NEWS

So excited! FPC's middle schoolers will be off to **Massanetta Springs** and the high schoolers will be off to **Montreat** in July!  
Blessings,  
**Sarah**

## YOUNG ADULTS POTLUCK

**Saturday, June 27**  
**6:00 p.m. at the home of**  
**Sarah and Pete Finbow**  
5 Penley Court, Durham  
Please respond to the EVITE.

## PRIME TIMERS

**COVERED DISH SUPPER**  
**Saturday, June 27**  
**6:30 p.m. at the Lorimer home.**  
Please respond to the EVITE.

## SCRATCH

## YOUNG ADULTS POTLUCK

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Friday, July 17**  
**6:30 p.m. at the**  
home of **David Lorimer**  
200 W Woodcroft Pkwy #61-D

## FIRST FRIENDS AND FAMILIES POTLUCK

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, July 18**  
**5:30 p.m. at the Momsen-Hudsons**  
New address (same location)  
**1339 Holden-Roberts Farm Road,**  
**Hillsborough**  
(old address: 3814 St Marys Road)  
**\*\*\* Bring a dish to share**  
**and a lawn chair.\*\*\***  
For more info contact Deborah at:  
919-732-9595 or  
dmomsenhudson@gmail.com

## AN OPEN INVITATION . . .

*to the Place Where Your Passion  
meets the World's need*

**New Hope Presbytery**  
**Partnership Funding up to \$5,000**  
. . . to form a passion driven ministry.  
**Application deadline: June 30, 2015**  
For more info, go to:  
[www.nhpresbytery.org](http://www.nhpresbytery.org)

## MOVERS NEEDED

Another moving opportunity needs four strong men to help move **Julie and Bob Fincle** into their new apartment on **Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 a.m. - noon**. The little things have already been moved, and they have a truck. They just **need strong backs** to move the larger pieces of furniture from one two-bedroom apartment to another. Please contact Marilyn soon if you can help.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to all who contributed to (provided scholarships) or participated in Vacation Church School: **Sophie and Kennedy Wilkins, Barbara Fish, Grace Abels, Jenna and Maryn Leonard, Rebecca Barnes, Sheya and Sean Wehrman, Li-Chen Chin, Jack Kost, Camille Kerner, Vanessa and Laura Armstrong, Noah and Amy Dillon, Carrie and Margot Johnson, Regan and Cheryl England, Griffin Momsen-Hudson, Ellie Everett, Ruby, Dot, and Katie Barron, Jack and Alissa Miles, Sue Fricks, Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, Elizabeth Klinck, Sarah Finbow, and Marilyn Hedgpeth.**

## CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for persons to fill the **FRIDAY afternoon time slot**, either on a weekly basis or rotating with another person. The afternoon shift is from 1:00 to about 4:30 p.m. In addition to answering the door bell and telephone, another of the regular responsibilities for Friday afternoon is helping to stuff inserts into Sunday's worship bulletin. **We are also looking for subs for other days of the week to fill in when our regular volunteers travel over the summer.** For more information contact **Shirley Frederick** at 919-682-5511 or [s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org).

## EXCERPTS FROM FPC'S

## LETTER TO EMANUEL AME

Dear Friends in Christ,

The members of First Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina, join hands with you in bearing the burden of your profound loss as we share in your deep grief. We resonate with the truth that "the heart and soul of South Carolina has been broken." We pray with you, "Mother Emanuel," and for you. [ . . . ]

In response to this act of evil, we renew our promise to be an agent of reconciliation and healing in our own city; we promise to promote dialogue and action to improve relationships across differences in our community. This is what the Gospel demands. We renew our commitment to translate words to action, to preach hope for "new sight" to those blinded by racism and bigotry, and to practice what we preach and thus welcome and celebrate the diversity of the Body of Christ.

With heavy hearts, we extend to you our prayer, our compassion, and our pledge to you that we will work in our community and in this nation to create effective ongoing action to make our family of faith an effective sign of Christ's love, justice and openness. [ . . . ]

A copy of the entire letter is available at the church and on the church's website home page: <http://firstpres-durham.org/>

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