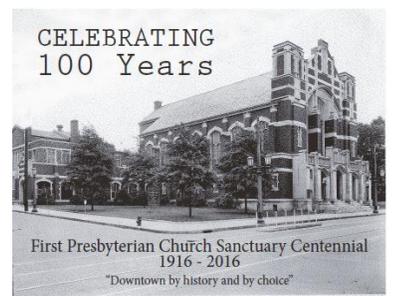


First Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

In our world today nations are torn apart by war, violence, and hatred inspired and justified by the distortion of religious tenets and beliefs. Religious extremism rears its ugly head through violent acts planned and executed by those who believe they are following the mandates of their faith. We have seen this when individuals claim that their violent acts were dictated by their religion. We also see this when nations or peoples set themselves against other nations and peoples for religious reasons.

This Sunday, September 25, we will engage in conversation around the question of what causes religion to turn violent as we welcome the **Rev. Dr. Charles Kimball** to our Faith and Community Sunday morning class (9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall) and to our pulpit (11 a.m. in the sanctuary). In class, Dr. Kimball will lead a discussion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as a part of the class's discussion on the book *Chosen*, by Walter Brueggemann. In worship, Dr. Kimball will preach on the commandment to love and what this means in our global, multi-religious world.

I hope you will be able to join us for this Sunday of conversation, exploration, and inspiration as we continue to seek to understand how God is calling us to live as followers of Jesus in this community and in the world beyond. Grace and peace to you all,

Mindy

P.S. Check out this article and video, too, if you have time!

http://www.patheos.com/blogs/american_buddhist/2016/09/dalai-lama-there-is-no-muslim-terrorist-or-buddhist-terrorist.html

NOTES

We express our gratitude and appreciation to **Kirsten Santos Rutschman** for providing music leadership to the choir and serving as organist during worship these past five weeks while **Kathy Parkins** has been on sabbatical. Kirsten and **Ana** are moving to Chicago for Ana's job, but plan to return to Durham in the future.

THE FPC LEGACY SOCIETY

We are very excited to report that we now have more than 20 friends and members of FPC who have made our church part of their estate plan! They have become Charter Members of the FPC Legacy Society and will celebrate together at a BBQ luncheon on **September 28th**. If you would like to join them in becoming a Charter Member and attending the celebration on the 28th, please contact FPC Business Administrator **Tom Bloom**. For any questions you may have about the FPC Legacy Society, please contact **Sheila Breitweiser** at 919-797-2717 or ssbreitweiser@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 25

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Research shows that at any given moment in time, 2 to 5% of the people in the community are looking for a church home. Research also shows that the majority of people who find a new church come initially because **someone** invited them. Let's all give it a try! **Invite a friend to worship with us this Sunday, September 25!**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

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

Sermon: **"Christian: Noun or Adjective"**

Charles Kimball, preaching

We welcome to the pulpit this Sunday, **Rev. Dr. Charles Kimball**, noted expert on the Middle East and Presidential Scholar and Director of the Religious Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma. Ordained as a Baptist minister, Kimball received his Th.D. from Harvard University in comparative religion with specialization in Islamic Studies. He was our 2005 McPherson Lecturer.

Worship Texts:

Old Testament	Exodus 20:16
Epistle Lesson	Romans 12:9-18
Gospel Lesson	Luke 10:25-28

Acolytes: **Ellie Dilworth**

Riley Pienkowski

Crucifer: **Almira Mbah**

Worship Liturgist: **Sheila Breitweiser**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez,**

Elizabeth High

After Worship Greeters:

Bob Breitweiser (Side/Font)

Barbara Buckley (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Michael Honeycutt** (head), **David Lorimer** (flowers), **Sharon Hirsch,**

Brianna Honea, Alissa Miles, Julie Whiddon

The **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** will

have a brief meeting after church on

Sunday, September 25 in the Chapel.

New Members' Class

Interested in joining FPC? If yes, you are encouraged to attend the new member orientation class that just began! The class meets on Sunday mornings in the Wilson Parlor during the Sunday School hour (9:45 – 10:45 a.m.). Contact **Sarah Finbow** (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) for more information on how to become a member of First Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

BRAD CROUSHORN & FRIENDS

2:30 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Trained as a classical bass-baritone, equally at home in early music or contemporary songs, **Brad Croushorn** (baritone and pianist) will perform songs in the Americana and Contemporary Faith genres, with a bit of the stylistic sheen of musical theater.

Joining him are **Patty Parrish** (soprano and flutist) and **Melissa Shaheen** (alto).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for **children** (through 5th grade) are held on the second floor of the Christian Education building at 9:45.

Middle and high school youth meet in their designated classrooms in the basement (below the sanctuary) at 9:45.

FAITH & COMMUNITY CLASS (Adults)

We continue our conversation on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with special guest, **Rev. Dr. Charles Kimball**. Class meets in **Watts-Hill Hall** at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome.

LECTIONARY CLASS (Adults)

Sometimes the word from the Lord is a word of warning, of coming judgment, of condemnation. At other times, the word brings hope, restoration, and comfort. Whether good news or bad, the listeners often find the word unbelievable and refuse to accept it. Are you listening? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**.

JOURNEYS CLASS (Adults)

Journeys is discussing *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. All are welcome to join the discussion in **basement classroom B-17** at 9:45.

SCRATCH CLASS (Young Adults)

We are using Lauren Winner's book, *Wearing God*, as our study book. Join us on the second floor, CE building, room 205 at 9:45 for what is an interesting and informative class led by **Heather Wallace**.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Susan Dunlap will lead our discussion.

This class meets in **basement classroom B-16**, at 9:45.

FAMILY MATTERS

(for parents with young children)

This parent-led class is using *Searching for Happiness* as a guide for our study. Discussion focuses on practicing faith as families and sharing parenting tips to young / new parents. Join us on the **second floor, CE building, room 209** at 9:45.



BECAUSE YOU ASKED . . .

Pasted here is the photo image used in worship by **Cherrie Henry** this past Sunday (September 18) during "A Time with Children." By an unidentified Flemish painter, the title is: "Rich and Poor, or, War and Peace. The original source:

[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Arm_und_Reich_\(fl%C3%A4misch_17_Jh\).jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Arm_und_Reich_(fl%C3%A4misch_17_Jh).jpg)

OUR CONCERNS

Jane Graper, receiving hospice care

Bob Keever, receiving hospice care

Al Crumbliss

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):

Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:

Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village:

Ann Prospero (Pavilion room 213)

Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: *Randall McLeod*

Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner,

Peaches McPherson

- *Elizabeth Chomba*, niece of Mercy Ndambiri
- *Ellie Johnson*, niece of Jim Johnson
- *Helene Johnson*, mother of Jim Johnson
- *Paul McCombs*, friend of FPC
- *Margaret Pfeiler*, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- *Janice Rattray*, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- *Sue Sanderson*, sister-in-law of Sheila and Bob Breitweiser
- *Chuck Schultz*, father of Amy Dillon
- *Desiré Volkwijn*, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn

Please keep the pastoral staff updated on the progress of your family and friends.

BELL CHOIR resumed this week!

Join us on **Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir room, second floor, CE Building** for practice. New ringers welcome! *Phyllis Supple* is coordinating while *Kathy Parkins* is on sabbatical.

NIA FITNESS CLASSES

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

in Watts-Hill Hall through November 13.
Heather Wallace leads the class!



OCTOBER 1 AND OCTOBER 29

9:00 a.m. – Noon

NOTE: On Saturday, October 1, remember to park next door and walk over to FPC due to the resurfacing of the church parking lot. Contact *Barbara Buckley* for details on the work to be performed each day: bjbuckely1@frontier.com or 919-402-8551.

World Communion Sunday



Sunday, October 2

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School
Newcomers' Class

11:00 a.m.

Worship & Communion

The **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, which supports the efforts of Presbyterians to work for peace, will be received during worship. The Offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace.



EVENING YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, September 25

Middle Schoolers: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

High Schoolers: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Supper for both groups will be available from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

All youth (6th - 12 grade) are invited to participate in youth groups. Contact *Sarah Finbow* (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511) for information on youth activities at FPC!

FRIDAY BOOK STUDY

Book study continues this Friday at **10:30 a.m. in room 205** using the Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study "Who Is Jesus?" During Marilyn's sabbatical the class is being led by *Hendrika Vande Kemp*.

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

**Annual Beach Trip
September 23-25**

Contact *Kathy Conner*
(919-382-6332 or

kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com) or

Deborah Momsen-Hudson

(919-732-9595 or

dmomsenHUDSON@gmail.com)

for final details.

DAYTIMERS' LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 27

11:30 a.m. at

Bennett Pointe Grill

4625 Hillsborough Rd, Durham

Harriett Mitchell is hosting

RSVP to **Harriett:** 919-489-3839

SCRATCH (Young Adults)

October Potluck

Friday, October 7

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

at the home of

Matthew Eggleston

2210 Sparger Road, Durham

Bring a favorite dish to share.

Note: There is a cat in the home.

Please respond via EVITE.com

PRIMETIMERS

Covered Dish Supper

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 15

**6:30 p.m. at the home of
Ginny and Andy Widmark**

JON LEVINSON LECTURE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 p.m. at Duke's Nasher Museum
The public is invited to hear Jon Levenson of the Harvard Divinity School speaking on Genesis 22, the binding of Isaac, and the Crucifixion of Jesus. Much of Levenson's work centers on the relationship of Judaism and Christianity, both in antiquity and in modernity, and he has long been active in Jewish-Christian dialogue. For more information about Levenson, go to: <http://hds.harvard.edu/people/jon-d-levenson>

PARKING LOT SAFETY

On Saturday, October 1, the parking lot will be sealed and re-stripped. There will be no parking available from 10:00 p.m. Friday till 7:00 a.m. Sunday.

Beginning Monday, October 3, our new parking lot traffic pattern will go into effect. Here are the particulars:

The **only entrance** to our lot will be from Liberty Street. Drivers coming north on Roxboro are asked to pass the lot, turn right onto Liberty, and use that entrance.

The **only exit** will be onto Roxboro Street (please note that you may only turn right onto Roxboro Street; crossing Roxboro Street to Parrish Street is illegal).

Signs and arrows painted on the lot will help guide the traffic flow and there will be a crosswalk painted in front of the Day School. Handicapped spaces will be obvious and well-marked.

We anticipate and appreciate your full cooperation with these new traffic patterns.

Thank you,

The Property Committee



DUKE'S PCM TURNS 70

All FPC members and friends are invited to join us for a **BBQ dinner** with our favorite chef, BBQ Al, along with a short program to celebrate 70 years of campus ministry to Duke students, to remember, and also support Duke Presbyterian Campus Ministry.

Thursday, September 29

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Trinity Avenue PC, Durham

For dinner tickets (\$15/person) go to:

dukepcm70th.eventbrite.com

or contact FPC members

Julie Maxwell or *Sam Miglrese*

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

NAMI Basics free education course for parents and caregivers of children with emotional, mental and neurological condition are being held at FPC

**Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
September 29 - November 3**

Registration requested.

Call/email *Barbara Maier*

919-231-5016 / bmaier@gmail.com

**New Hope Camp & Conference Center
13th Annual Fundraising Event**

BBQ DINNER & MUSIC

Saturday, October 1

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

New Hope Camp Dining Hall

BBQ pork and chicken plates \$10

for ages 9-adult (\$7 for ages 8 & younger)

Tickets on sale at the camp office:

4805 NC 86 S, Chapel Hill

Call 919-942-4716 or pay at the door.

There will be face painting, games, wagon rides and more!

Remember to bring a **Hunger for Change Offering** this Sunday to help alleviate hunger in our community and around the world!