

Advent Caroling and Evening Worship

Join us on our Main Street steps for candlelight caroling at 5:45 p.m. followed by worship at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The evening worship is followed by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.



Wednesday, December 6
Cherrie Henry, preaching

Wednesday, December 13
Alex Stayer-Brewington, preaching

Wednesday, December 20
Mary Berry, preaching

Christmas Concerns

During Advent, share Christmas wishes with friends in the FPC congregation by making a donation to Christmas Concerns. Proceeds will be given to **Meals on Wheels and Partners for Youth Opportunity.**

To participate in Christmas Concerns, write a check to FPC, earmarked "Christmas Concerns," and put it in the offering plate. Then sign an ornament and hang it on the Christmas Concerns "Giving Tree" located in the foyer. The names of those who send greetings and participate in this project will be listed in the December 19th newsletter.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, December 2

Durham Christmas Parade
11:00 a.m. downtown

FPC children, youth, families and friends are invited to walk as "friendly beasts" in the Durham Christmas Parade. Meet at the corner of Dillard and Main beginning at 9:30 dressed in animal or shepherd costumes.

Young Adults/SCRATCH
Lunch out at a local eatery after walking in the Durham Christmas Parade

Tuesday, December 5

Human Kindness Holiday
Card-Making Project
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the home of
Cherrie and Andy Henry

Friday, December 8

Primetimers
Covered Dish Supper
6:30 p.m. at the home of
Mac and Wendy McCorkle

Saturday, December 9

First Friends
Advent Potluck
(Adults only)
6:30 p.m. at the home of
Stewart Fisher and Melinda Ruley

Tuesday, December 12

Daytimers
Christmas Luncheon
11:30 a.m. in the
Croasdaile Village Dining Hall

Advent and Christmas 2017



First Presbyterian Church welcomes individuals of every race, nationality, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

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Please join us!



First Sunday of Advent December 3

Advent Festival and
Adult Sunday School
at 9:45 a.m.

During Sunday School . . . children and youth
will enjoy the Advent Festival in Watts-Hill Hall.

Worship and Communion
at 11:00 a.m.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
and seasonal music during worship

Following worship . . . older children, youth,
and adults join the Advent Festival and try their
hand at craft-making, too!

Alternative Giving Fair

The Alternative Giving Fair will take place
following worship, featuring our non-profit
friends in the community who will be selling
gifts to benefit their organizations.

Past year participants include:

Café Justo Durham CAN Donate Life
Families Moving Forward Farm Church
FPC Prayer Shawl Ministry
Habitat for Humanity Housing for New Hope
Human Kindness Foundation
Our Children's Place Prevent Child Abuse NC
Senior PharmAssist Student Farm Workers
Urban Ministries of Durham Threshold
Welcome Baby Wheels4Hope

Peter Fish will also be on hand this year selling
and inscribing copies of his recently published
book on the history of FPC (\$25 each).

Remember to bring your checkbook!

Second Sunday of Advent December 10

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Begins with the Children's Christmas Pageant. The
waiting-for-Christmas story is told during worship.

5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper
and Carols Sing-A-Long

Bring a dish to share. If you play an instrument,
bring it along (with a music stand) and join the
improvised orchestra that accompanies singing
of carols around the chrismon tree.

Third Sunday of Advent December 17

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols
at 11:00 a.m.

The **PC(USA) Joy Gift Offering** will be received,
supporting financial assistance programs of the
Board of Pensions and Presbyterian racial ethnic
schools and colleges.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve December 24

No Sunday School

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Come celebrate the great Gospel reversals
of the Magnificat. The **Hunger for Change
Offering** will be received during worship.

Communion and
Candlelight Service

5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

The birth of the Christ Child is celebrated in
word and song with Communion by candlelight.
Childcare provided for younger children. An
offering will be received to support Welcome
Baby, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern
North Carolina, and Senior PharmAssist.

First Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 31 Happy 146th Birthday to FPC!

No Sunday School

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

No Evening Youth Groups



Epiphany Celebration

Saturday, January 6

SONAM Concert at 7:00 p.m.
in the FPC sanctuary

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday, January 7

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship, Communion

and Baptismal Covenant Renewal
at 11:00 a.m.

Church Office Holidays Schedule

The Church Office will be **CLOSED**
Monday, through Friday, December
25 – 29, 2017 for the Christmas holiday
and **Monday, January 1, 2018** for the
New Year's Day holiday.