

First Presbyterian Church



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Transfiguration of the Lord

Mark Diehl will preach his final message for us this Sunday. **Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship for a "Mardi Gras" style fellowship lunch celebrating Mark's interim leadership with FPC.**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism

Sermon: "Endings, and New Beginnings"
Mark E. Diehl, preaching

New members will be introduced during worship on Sunday.

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Joshua 24:14-18
Gospel Lesson	Philippians 1:3-6

Acolytes: **Minna Fullenkamp**,
Madeline Brigman

Crucifer: **Jack Brigman**

Coarsdale Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeters: **Minnie Cameron**,
Alice Raney

After Worship Greeters:

Bob Breitweiser (rear/narthex)

Kate Busa (side/font)

Ushers: **Kathy Conner** (head), **Kit Law**

(flowers), **Delia Kwon**, **Keith Merritt**,

Susan Seahorn, **Mary Ann Compton**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Homer Ashby will continue the examination of the "new" Jim Crow with a discussion about how the Church can respond to the current colorblindness of this new manifestation of a racial caste system. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary and Journeys Classes

This Sunday, the Lectionary and Journeys classes will meet with representatives from Durham CAN (Congregations, Association and Neighborhoods) to gather ideas for new CAN initiatives. **What one thing would you change to make life in Durham County better for your family and community? Why is this so important to you?** All are encouraged to participate in this grassroots process. **Each class will meet in their respective classroom at 9:45.**

Scratch Class

Young adults will discuss "Church," Chapter 18 of Guthrie's Christian Doctrine. Join us at 9:45 in our lower level classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Preparing for Lent – Almsgiving" (Seamless Faith, Chapter 7, p. 153) is our topic this Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor, across from the Resource Room.

Spiritual Formation Class

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS

It's time to travel again, and we will gather at the church at 9:15 a.m. to travel to St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church for services there which begin at 10 a.m. We will return to FPC during worship, in time to celebrate Mark Diehl's last Sunday in the pulpit and the congregational lunch afterwards. Our drivers are **Karen Romines**, **Lea Bingham** and **Rob Everett**.

NEWCOMER'S CLASS

The final class in this current series of newcomer's classes will be held this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor.



Families with young children are invited to come to FPC on **Saturday, February 14, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** to make blessing bags with valentines for the hungry who come to our church door. We'll have a story, a treat, and assemble "love bags" as our neighbors call them. **Please bring packs of snack crackers, granola bars, small boxes of raisins, or fruit snacks for the bags.**

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP

"Theological Implications of Transforming Humans through Technology"

Guest Lecturer: **Dr. Ron Cole-Turner**, the H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Sunday, February 22

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Presentation

11:00 a.m. Preaching for Worship

7:00 p.m. Presentation
at Duke Divinity School

Monday, February 23

11:00 a.m.

Clergy Seminar at FPC
(Lunch provided; \$8 donation)



Lent begins

Ash Wednesday - February 18

Community Worship

12:30 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

A 30-minute service for the downtown community, consisting of prayer, song, a meditation, and the imposition of ashes marking the beginning of Lent. A light lunch will be served at noon in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

This service includes the imposition of ashes and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Childcare will be available. At 6:30 we will gather around tables for a light supper appropriate to the season.

EFIRD LECTURES

March 5, 12, 19 and 26

10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

at FPC in Watts-Hill Hall

Dr. James (Mickey) Efird, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Interpretation at Duke Divinity School, will present a series of lectures on four consecutive Thursdays in March on **"The Passion Narratives,"** walking us through each of the four gospel accounts of Jesus' betrayal, death and resurrection. The lectures are free and open to the public.

FROM THE

INTERIM PASTOR

What a joy it has been to serve alongside the members and leaders and staff of FPC during this period of transition! Eighteen months ago, I joined this community as you moved from being led by a long-term head of staff toward what was at that point an uncertain and unknown future. During our time, you have identified and enabled leaders to engage the interim process, including mining the rich history of this congregation and envisioning a powerful future of ministry in Durham. You participated in the process and contributed your own hopes and dreams, as well as perceived needs and opportunities of being God's people at Roxboro and Main. And those have been translated by the Pastor Nominating Committee into their search process for the next head of staff.

You have confronted challenges in maintaining a vital ministry to people on the street and the poor, while not overwhelming the staff to exercise that ministry any longer. You have confronted challenges of funding the budget during the most significant financial downturn in recent history. You continue to address expansive human needs within the Durham community because of your love for God and generous response to God's goodness.

A remaining major component is the completion of the search process. I ask you to pray for and support the PNC as they continue their work. Questions that cannot be answered and that serve only to put pressure on the PNC are, "How long will this take? When will we call a new minister? What is taking so long?" I hope you can offer instead words such as "Thanks for taking on this major responsibility." "I'm praying for you." "I know you are giving up a lot to do this work for the congregation. How might we help you?"

Thank you for being the church, and for allowing me to walk with you during this important time in the life of First Presbyterian!

Grace and peace,

Mark

CALLED SESSION MEETING

The Session (Ruling Elders) of FPC will meet at **10:30 a.m. this Sunday, February 15 in the Wilson Parlor** to receive new members.

VOICE RECITAL

Erica Dunkle, mezzo-soprano

Thursday, February 12

7:30 p.m. – FPC Sanctuary

Event is free and open to the public

MORAL MARCH

Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. in Raleigh to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. If you are interested and would like to carpool to Raleigh, please contact **Jane Williams** at 336-577-8240.

OUR CONCERNS

- **Sally Johnson**, mother of Wendy McCorkle
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Dewey Lawson**, a patient at Duke Hospital
- Traveling mercies for **Margaret and Miguel Rubiera** and **David, Marie and Laura Sappenfield**, who are on a 10-day mission trip to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity
- Traveling mercies to **Raymond Mbah** who is in Cameroon visiting with family.

Nowell Creadick **Edward Kwon**
Ann Prospero

Carolina House (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Clare Bridge (Chapel Hill): **Helen Garrison**

Croasdaile Village:

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

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod
Jacque Robins

Barbara Patton Davis (former member)

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant **Joan Englund**
Ken Goldner **Peaches McPherson**

Treyburn

(Peak Resources):
Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Stuart Bethune**, father of Alec Bethune
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Norma Cardoni**, mother of Sheila Breitweiser
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Rosalie Hagge**, friend of Lyn Francisco
- **Dorothy Jennette**, mother of Katharine Smith
- **Anne Lawson**, mother of Dewey Lawson
- **Neal Lawson Family**, Arlington, VA
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Tshiek family**, friends of the Fricks



I can't thank you enough for all the cards, thoughts and especially the prayers during my recent recovery. Also, the

sanctuary flowers were beautiful and truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline and Jim Robins

FPC HOOPS

Church league basketball games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym at the corner of Garrett and Hope Valley Roads in Durham. Come cheer on FPC's two teams!

REMAINING GAMES

Mon, Feb 16 8 PM FPC 1 vs. Free Agents
9 PM FPC 2 vs. South Durham
Thur, Feb 19 7 PM FPC 1 vs. South Durham
8 PM FPC 2 vs. Westminster 2

Playoffs begin Monday, February 23

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

As we prepare for the start of Lent, the Youth are really looking forward to having **Kerry Holbrook** lead us in a Mardi Gras-themed youth group this Sunday! The **Wilkins family** will be adding to her treats with some of their own! We are definitely going to have a great night!

The following Sunday (February 22), we will be hosting three local youth groups to hear guest speaker, **John Collins**.

Thank you to the **Momsen-Hudsons** for our meal this past Sunday! And remember: **the deadline to register for youth group summer trips is February 22!**

Blessings,
Sarah

MUSIC ON MAIN CONCERT

Sunday, February 22

3:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary
Mallarmé Chamber Players and the **Choral Society of Durham Chamber Choir** will present "Drama in the French Baroque" performed on period instruments. **FPC members will receive a special \$15 ticket price if purchased online in advance using the promo code special15** from the following site: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/770638>. Get your tickets NOW! Past concerts have been sold out with standing room only!

DAYTIMERS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 24

11:30 a.m.

Croasdaile Village
Dining Commons

2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway

Hosted by **Jean Moore**

Please RSVP to Jean at 919-384-2799

Parking is limited, so please try to carpool if possible. If you need a ride, please call **Maxie Honeycutt** (919-286-4680).



Sunday, March 22

2:30 p.m. from
Duke Chapel

The Crop Hunger Walk is a fun family event which combines community building and raising resources for hungry people in Durham and around the world. **Rebecca Harvard Barnes** is our recruiter and she will have information for walkers and sponsors on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, February 22. You can join FPC's walk team by signing up online at: <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/FPCwalks>

SCRATCH / YOUTH ADULTS

Weekly Social

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

at Social Games and Brew (downtown)

FIRST FRIENDS

FEBRUARY GATHERING

(Adults only!)

Friday, February 13

6:30 p.m. at the home

of Dawn and Tom Carsey

Ham biscuits will be the main course. Please bring side dishes, desserts, and beverages. Please respond to the EVITE.

PRIME TIMERS / SCRATCH

Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, February 21

7:00 p.m. at the home of

Jean and Chuck Wilson

Please respond to the invitation / EVITE.

There is limited parking.

Carpooling recommended.

EMPTY BOWLS 2015

A Benefit for Urban Ministries of Durham

Thursday, March 5

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Durham Convention Center

301 E. Morgan St.

Come and sample chef-made soups from more than a dozen local restaurants. Enjoy a live jazz band and learn about the important work UMD does to feed, clothe, and shelter our neighbors. With certain tickets, you can purchase a hand-crafted ceramic bowl to take home. Purchase tickets in advance online at the website: <http://emptybowls15.eventbrite.com>

FPC MEN OF FAITH

Annual Men's Retreat

April 17 – 18

6:00 p.m. Friday – 2:00 p.m. Saturday

Homer Ashby is leading this retreat.

Vacation Church School

at Camp New Hope

(ages 4-18; childcare for volunteers)

June 15 – 19

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Post-Vacation Church School

Music Camp

June 15 – 19

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at FPC

For FPC member families only
Transportation provided upon request

BEER AND HYMNS

Sunday, February 15

7:00 p.m. at Fullsteam Brewery (726 Rigsbee Ave)

"A Community Sing" with fresh local beer

led by Jesse James Deconto of "The Pinkerton Raid"

RIDE NEEDED TO FPC

Margaret Eme, our Nigerian friend who lives in Williams Square Apartments (E. Carver Street near Duke Durham Hospital), has requested a ride on Sundays to and from church. If you can provide a ride, call Margaret on Saturday night at 919-771-4021.

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