

First Presbyterian Church



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February 24, 2015

Sunday, March 1

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

Sermon: "We Carry the Cross"

Jordan Davis, preaching

Jordan Davis received her Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary in 2014. After graduation she accepted a call as a Church Relations Officer with Union. She also holds Bachelor of Music Performance and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from UNC-Greensboro. She and husband Matt live here in Durham.

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 22:23-31
Gospel Lesson	Mark 8:27-38

Acolytes: **to be determined**

Crucifer: **to be determined**

Croasdaile Driver: *Paul Cornsweet*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters:

Gwen Dilworth (rear/narthex)

Emily Durham (side/font)

Communion Elders:

Head/Replenish elements - *Marcia Lorimer*

Bread 1 - *Gwen Dilworth*

Bread 2 / Process Bread - *Emily Durham*

Bread 3 - *Barbara Gerwe*

Bread 4 - *Mary Gitata*

Cup 1 / Process - *Will McDow*

Cup 2 - *Wes Carson*

Cup 3 - *Phyllis Verhey*

Cup 4 - *Phyllis Supple*

Shepherd Pulpit side - *Michael Schultz*

Shepherd Center aisle - *Beth Eisenson*

Shepherd Font side - *Kristen Meade*

Ushers: *George Danser* (head), *Nathan*

Pienkowski (flowers), *Luke Everett*,

Sharon Hirsch, *Mary Ann Compton*,

Karen Romines

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

We have entered the season of Lent, and so we focus upon some of the great themes of Lent during the time: sin and repentance, self-giving and sacrifice, conversion and grace. *Homer Ashby* will begin our reflection together with an overview of Lent; its historical significance and foci. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

What is required of a follower of Jesus? Is it just a matter of joining a church, or is there more to it? And what are the rewards? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Come and explore Paul's letter to the Galatians and his principles of Christian freedom. Join us at 9:45, second floor classroom at end of hall.

Scratch Class

Young adults will discuss "Christian Hope for the Future," Chapter 19 of Guthrie's *Christian Doctrine*. Join us at 9:45 in our lower level classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Divorce" (*Seamless Faith*, Chapter 4, p. 97) 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.



MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Wednesdays, March 4 and March 18
6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The March 4th family-friendly Taize prayer service with Holy Communion will be led by *Jon Nelson*. At 6:30 we will gather around tables in Watts-Hill Hall for a light supper appropriate to the season. All are welcome.

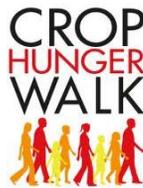
BOOK STUDY FOR LENT

The Book of Forgiving, by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu, is described by Deepak Chopra as "a primer for not only finding the path for healing ourselves and the world, but for restoring balance in our biology, mind, and spirit." The **Friday class** meets at the church from 10:30 - noon and runs through March 27; the **Sunday class** meets at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall activity room from 3:00 - 4:30, and runs through March 29. Books are available from *Marilyn Hedgpeth* for \$20.

EFIRD LECTURES

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26
10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon in Watts-Hill Hall
Dr. James (Mickey) Efird, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Interpretation at Duke Divinity School, will present a series of lectures on the four gospel accounts of the resurrection of Jesus. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Will you be walking and raising resources to fight hunger or will you be sponsoring a walker with your resources to positively impact many people's lives in Durham and around the world? Thank you to FPC's committed walkers and sponsors participating in the annual CROP walk on **Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m. at Duke Chapel**.



Next Sunday, March 1 and on March 15, *Rebecca (Leonard) Barnes* will be in the foyer handing out the 'walking papers' for our walkers and signing folks up online: <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/FPCwalks>

The names of FPC's walkers will be on feet in the foyer and sponsors can support any of us! Everyone can learn more about the Durham CROP Walk by visiting <http://www.durhamcropwalk.org/> This incredible community event brings together over 3,000 of Durham's concerned citizens wanting to make a difference in our world. JOIN US!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class will meet upstairs in the education building and continue our discussion of The Spiritual Life, looking particularly at The Lord's Prayer. Mentors are always welcome to join us.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

*O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things, the Psalmist says in Psalm 98. Scripture tells us over and over that God is doing a new thing in our midst, and that we need to keep our eyes and ears open so we can see these new things. God is doing a new thing in our midst as we bid farewell to *Mark Diehl*, in grateful appreciation for his interim ministry here at FPC. Mark has "shored us up" and strengthened our leadership for the new thing that God is preparing for FPC. We wish him many blessings as he follows God's call elsewhere.*

God is doing a new thing through our McPherson lectureship, as we heard Dr. *Ron Cole-Turner* weave technology into our theology, and make us think forward about how we will reckon with latest developments. We are grateful to the McPherson Lectureship Committee (*Scottie Seawell, Homer Ashby, Jane Brawley*) for bringing Dr. Cole-Turner to our congregation, and to *Peaches McPherson and her family* for making the lectureship possible.

And now God is doing another new thing in our interim/interim period, as we wait prayerfully for the PNC to complete its work. Our guest preacher this Sunday will be *Jordan Davis*, a 2014 graduate and church relations officer from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. We will be hearing some new voices from our pulpit during this time, and I remind you that it is very important that you continue to *show up*, and keep your eyes and ears opened and attuned to the new things God is doing in our midst. Now, more than ever, FPC needs to remain a strong presence in the heart of downtown Durham.

Shalom,

Marilyn

NOTES

We welcome home *Miguel and Margaret Rubiera* and *David, Marie and Laura Sappenfield* from their 10-day Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Honduras.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

... to *Caleb Conner, Sam Henry, Grace Abels, Rosa Ramirez, Maddie Brigman* and *Caroline Gulley* who will be performing in "Annie Get Your Guns" Wednesday - Saturday, February 25 - 28; Show time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Durham School of the Arts Weaver Auditorium.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to *Carlton and Melissa Gainey* on the birth of a daughter, *Lainey Elizabeth Gainey*, on February 17 in Huntington, WV.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Wayne and Lucie House** on the death of Wayne's grandfather, also **Wayne House**, in Winston-Salem, on February 15th; to **Mike Riccardo** (frequent visitor and fiancé of Brianna Honea) whose father, **Ken Teachout**, died on February 17th in Syracuse, NY; **Paul and Lisa Gabriel** on the death of Paul's brother, **Glen Gabriel**; and to **Will, Leslie and Laura Mishler McDow** on the death of Leslie's niece, **Jillian Goff**.

SEITZER MEMORIAL SERVICE

A committal service for **BJ Seitzer** will be held **immediately following worship** on Sunday, March 1 in the FPC Memorial Garden. The congregation is invited. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill. A reception will follow the service.

OUR CONCERNS

• **Dewey Lawson**, in rehab at Duke General Hospital

Nowell Creadick **Edward Kwon**
Ann Prospero **Jacque Robins**

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**

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
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **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

FPC MEN OF FAITH

Breakfast / Conversation

Friday, February 27

8:00 a.m. at Nosh's Café

2812 Erwin Road, Durham

Come by and stay as long as you can!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE AND BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 2

10:30 a.m. – East Parlor

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The youth hosted 4 other churches to hear guest speaker **John Collins** talk about his life- about addiction, incarceration, and what he has done to turn his life around. 120 youth and advisors attended and were able to ask questions and discuss what they heard afterward. It was great to be able to partner with some of our local youth groups! **We will have regular youth groups on Sunday!**

Blessings,
Sarah

PRIMETIMERS / SCRATCH

Covered Dish Supper

***** Rescheduled *****

Friday, February 27

7:00 p.m. at the home of

Jean and Chuck Wilson

Remember to RSVP! There is limited parking. Carpooling recommended.

FIRST FRIENDS POTLUCK

Saturday, March 7

6 pm at the home of

Tyler and Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Call for details: 919-732-9595

Adults only; arrange now for a sitter!

Jackie, Raymond, and family would like to

thank each and every one of you for the cards, the prayers, calls, and all the support you showed us as we went through a very difficult time in our lives during the loss of Raymond's father and Jackie's step-father. We are so grateful to be among and a part of this congregation at FPC. Thank you and God bless you all,
Mbah Family



Dear Friends,

On behalf of our neighbors in need, please accept my sincere thanks for your total financial support of \$5,000 to Urban Ministries of Durham during 2014. Your generosity combined with that of your neighbors offered food, shelter and a future to very poor and homeless neighbors. We are grateful for your partnership.

Bryan Gilmer,

Director of Marketing and Development

The Florence Forth road race is coming up quickly on **Saturday March 7, 2015** on 9th Street in Durham, NC.

Please consider participating by running/walking or volunteering. We are so grateful for your support. You can find more information for registration and volunteering at <http://florenceforth.org>. **The registration deadline is March 3.**



SCRATCH / YOUTH ADULTS

Saturday, March 7

Potluck and View Documentary

"The Philosopher Kings"

Hosted by **Andy and Cherrie Henry**

6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

This documentary is about some rather humble employees at some grand universities who have a lot of wisdom to share. One of the stars of the film will join us – **Oscar Danzler**, Housekeeping at Duke Chapel.

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet to discuss **Good Lord Bird** by James McBride on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Celia Dickerson**. Email Celia if you plan to attend: cdickerson17@nc.rr.com. **Barbara Gerwe** will lead the discussion.



SATURDAY,

MARCH 14

(Rain date March 21)

9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

More details forthcoming

REGISTER NOW!

June 15 – 19

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

at Camp New Hope

(ages 4-18; childcare for volunteers)

Post-Vacation Church School

MUSIC CAMP

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at FPC

For FPC member families only

The Forest at Duke and Durham County Library's Humanities Program

co-sponsoring

"SCREAMS ECHO –

A Collaboration Among

Three Women"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3:00 p.m. - Hayti Heritage Center

804 Old Fayetteville Rd, Durham

Echoing the screams of racism from slavery to the present, this musical and spoken word performance is presented to enhance the on-going work of creating equality and justice for all. Event is free and open to the Public. A reception will follow. RSVP to **Paige Gaeng** at 919-433-2361 or email her at: pgaeng@forestduke.org.



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