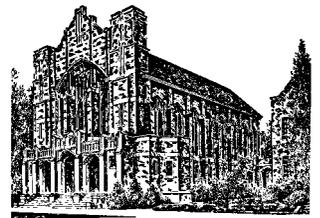


First Presbyterian Church



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Today's Good Shepherd reading like next week's Gospel that describes Jesus as the vine and us as the branches—is a fitting commentary on baptism because it explores the relationship between Jesus and those who belong to him. ... By proclaiming these texts about Jesus the Good Shepherd who is willing to give his life for the sake of his sheep, we are invited to understand more deeply just how profound is the love that Jesus has for us. His sole concern is for our welfare—for our salvation.

--Living the Word by *Duggan and Stillwell*, P. 116.

Sunday, April 26



Good Shepherd Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

*** Announcements – 10:55 a.m. ***
11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "A Sense of Belonging"

Sam R. Miglares, preaching

The *Hunger for Change Offering* will be received. Please give generously!

Worship Texts

Acts of the Apostles	Acts 4:5-12
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 23
Epistle Lesson	1 John 3:16-24
Gospel Lesson	John 10:11-18

Acolytes: *Griffin Momsen-Hudson*,
Riley Pienkowski

Crucifer: *Sigfried Fullenkamp*

Crossdaile Driver: *Miriam Morey*

Narthex Greeters: *Linn Lopez*,
Elizabeth High

After Worship Greeters:

Phyllis Supple (rear/narthex)

Phyllis Verhey (side/font)

Ushers: *Keith Merritt* (head), *Abi Bissette* (flowers), *Eric Wiebe*, *Luke Everett*, *Sharon Hirsch*, *Joy Kerner*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove will be with us on Sunday to introduce Chris Hoke, author of a new book, *A Spiritual Pursuit Through Jail, Among Outlaws, and Across Borders*. Chris will be accompanied by Neeners (one name) whom he met at the Skagitt County jail in Washington state, and has continued to befriend. If you're interested in prison ministry, please join us in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Are we likely to be called upon to lay down our lives for others? If not, is there any other way we can demonstrate our love? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will explore chapters 8 and 9 of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Newcomers are encouraged to join the discussion. Class meets at 9:45 in our second floor classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Two Ancient Practices – Prayer Labyrinth and Bodily Prayers" (*Seamless Faith*, chapter 6, p. 132 & 130) 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*. Join us for discussion at 9:45, lower level classroom.

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP

Research shows that at any given moment in time, 2 to 5% of the people in any given 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 at FPC this coming Sunday, April 26!

SCRIPTURE READERS GROUP

Our young, old and in-between are being trained to read the scripture for the Sunday worship services. An **EVENING CLASS** will be held on **Monday, April 27 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** (meal included) at the home of *Matt and Marcia Floding* (12 St. Elias Drive). **RSVP to Steve Rimmer** (919-529-2235 or csrimmer@nc.rr.com) or *Matt Floding* (mdfloding@gmail.com or 919-564-9739), if you plan to join us for the meal!

SESSION RETREAT

Wednesday, April 22

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

(Dinner included – remember to RSVP)
All active **ruling elders** are needed to contribute to a conversation about FPC's fiscal and missional health and responsibilities. Please bring any policies or procedures that have been recently updated for Session approval. **RSVP** to the church office: l.franco@firstpres-durham.org.

OFFICERS MEETINGS

Both the Diaconate and Session will be meeting on **Monday, April 27**. The Diaconate will meet at 6:00, followed by dinner for both groups at 6:30, and then the Session meeting at 7:00. The Session will meet first with the Confirmands, before conducting the remainder of their business. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to eat dinner with us.

FPC DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 2

There are opportunities in the morning and afternoon to serve with **Habitat and SEEDS**, and appreciate the **FPC Day School teachers!**
Remember to sign-up on Sunday!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will meet in our upper room with mentors to prepare for our conversation with the Session, which will take place on **Monday, April 27**, beginning with dinner at 6:30, followed by the conversation with Session at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation will take place in worship on **Sunday, May 3**, followed by a reception given by the parents.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter the gospel reading is taken from Chapter 10 of John, in which Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. God in Christ will watch over his people. The Reformed Tradition has always had an expanded focus on ministry of both the baptized and the ordained. (That very relationship was a question on my Theology Ordination Exam in 2006.) Certainly, here at First Pres we have a wonderful experience of the potential for ministry of all the baptized. In this transition period of leadership how many times have I heard members speak of "stepping up" in service to the congregation? Many times! Our Mission Study document (pastoral care, fellowship, education, prayer and worship) captures how intentional we need to be about calling forth the people's gifts for ministry. The image of shepherd that is associated with ministry tends to make us focus on leadership roles too exclusively. There are many ways that real ministry is exercised in very modest roles that do not require one to be in the limelight of leadership. I see it every day here in our community. Those quiet, background ministries are often (in my opinion, and I think in God's, too) just as surely helping to shepherd our community as are the roles that get more attention.

Sharon Hirsch was at *Ann Prospero's* house on April 11th to help her "cull" some of her books and other possessions in preparation for her move to assisted living. Seeing five other FPC members there (*Andy Henry*, *Dawn Carsey*, *George Danser*, *Homer and Pat Ashby*, and *Caroline Pritchett*), quietly hard at work painting the interior of her home to get it ready to go on the market, struck her at how important this support is for a major life change. It is a reminder of how much is done very quietly, behind the scenes but still making a profound difference. Good Shepherd Sunday should be for all of us a time to examine our consciences on how well we have contributed to the care and feeding of the flock of Christ in this part of God's Kingdom.

Sam

NOTES

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated this past Sunday for *Natalie Ann Hansel*. Natalie is the daughter of *Drew and Emily Hansel* and sibling to *John*.

THANK YOU!

Word of thanks to **Andy Henry** and **Sam Miglarese** for coordinating this year's Men of Faith Retreat at Avila on April 17-18. Thanks as well to **Homer Ashby** who led the retreat and engaged us under the theme of "Achieving Wholeness Through Balance."

Check out what **George Reed**, Executive Director of **NC Council of Churches**, said about FPC's recent act of hospitality at: <http://www.ncchurches.org/2015/04/the-venue-is-important/>

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Connel Fullenkamp**, who recently received the Teaching with Technology Award from Duke University!

Congratulations to **Jody Maxwell** who ran in and completed the Boston Marathon.

Nowell Creadick was cancer-free at a recent scan, and is grateful for the prayers of the church.

Traveling mercies for **Joseph Ngumi** as he travels to Kenya to commemorate the anniversary of his wife Phyllis' death.

Rosemary Seve, recovering at home

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

Dewey Lawson, in rehab at Duke Regional

Meredith, Chris and Logan Brown
Bonnie Creadick **Edward Kwon**
Mercy Ndambiri **Ann Prospero**
Jacque Robins

Carolina House (Durham):
Julian Boswell

Clare Bridge (CPHL): **Helen Garrison**

Croasdaile Village:

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

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

- **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
- **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The youth are continuing to work hard to discern what God is saying through the scripture in order to write prayers and sermons and pick hymns for youth Sunday! This is such an exciting process! Thank you to the **Curtis family** for providing dinner this past week! The youth will continue their great work next Sunday at normal youth group times!

Blessings,
Sarah

BOOK STUDY/BIBLE STUDY

The Friday/Sunday Study groups will pick up our study on Reconciling Paul this week, looking at lesson seven. The Friday group meets at 10:30 at the church; and the Sunday group meets at 3:00 at Croasdaile Village in Heritage Hall. All are welcome!

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

WEEKLY GATHERING
7:30 PM on Tuesdays
at Social Games and Brew

DAY HIKE TO HANGING ROCK

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
8:00 a.m. 'til early evening

MAY POTLUCK

Farewell / Birthday Celebration

***** DATE CHANGE *****

SATURDAY, MAY 16
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the
home of Jenna Kneepkens
(Watch for an EVITE with details)



PLAYGROUND DATE

FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Sunday, May 3
9:00 a.m.

Come enjoy your friends
before Sunday School

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, May 12** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Delia Kwon** (10 Bravehart Ct) to discuss My Promised Lord: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavit. **Lee Courtland** will lead the discussion.

To my church family,
Thank you for the prayers and support that surrounded me as I

underwent surgery last week. I am recovering at home and hope to come to worship again very soon. Blessings to all,
Rosemary Seve



WOMEN'S VOICES CHORUS

Sunday, April 26

3:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

This concert will feature music about the many sides of romantic love, including young love, lost love, erotic love, and frustrated love from a variety of traditions, including music from Bulgaria, Korea, Germany, Canada, Argentina, and Samoa. Tickets: \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Visit www.womensvoiceschorus.org or contact@womensvoiceschorus.org for more information.

REVEREND ALAN STOREY

Central Methodist Mission, Cape Town
presents

**"It's the Economy, Stupid" –
Learnings and Reflections
from South Africa"**

Tuesday, April 28

11:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m.

Duke Divinity School, West Campus,

Terrace View Room (031 Westbrook)
Light lunch served. Free and open to the public. Paid parking available in Bryan Center Parking Lot. RSVP to Amy Vargas-Tonsi at av71@duke.edu

ADULT LEADERS NEEDED

The **Presbytery of New Hope** has a thriving **Youth Council** made up of 32 youth who plan, prepare, and provide two excellent retreats each year for middle and high school students. The harvest of youth is plentiful but the adult workers are few. Presbytery is currently seeking adults who have interest in youth ministry to serve on the Youth Council. Contact Evan Walker at williamevanwalker@gmail.com or Taylor Philips at tphillips252@gmail.com for more information.

BENEDICTION

**Given by Reverend T. Melvin Williams
in FPC worship on Sunday, April 12:**

May the Lord make her face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God give you

grace never to sell yourself short,
grace to risk something good,
grace to remember that the world is
too dangerous for anything but truth
and too small for anything but love.

So, may God take our minds and think through them. May God take our lips and speak through them. May God take our hearts and set them on fire for the sake of God's love and justice and peace in our city and in our world. Amen.

-- Adapted from William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

Remember to bring a
Hunger for Change
offering **THIS SUNDAY!**

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