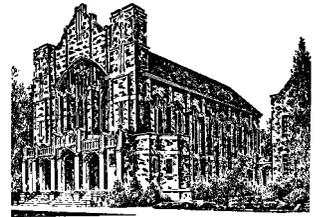


First Presbyterian Church

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The essence of Christianity is a living relationship with God, a relationship which was inaugurated by Jesus of Nazareth and which is currently available through his Spirit as it suffuses and transforms the lives of his followers. From this relationship there emerged and continues to emerge, as surface waters of a lake are refreshed by hidden springs, a message and an ethic. But without the experience of the lived relationship to God, the message becomes gibberish and the ethic becomes folly. —**John Shea**, *An Experience Named Spirit*

Sunday, May 31



Trinity Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Finale

All classes are invited to attend this end-of-the-year **BREAKFAST** and teacher appreciation event!

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m. Worship

During worship, we will say farewell to **Jon and Christina Nelson**.

Sermon: "God of Relationships"
Sam R. Miglarese, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 6:1-8
Gospel Lesson	John 3:16-17
Epistle Lesson	Romans 8:12-17

Acolytes: **Minna Fullenkamp**
Matt Brockman

Crucifer: **Sam Henry**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters:

Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey,
Gary Elliot

After Worship Greeters:

Beth Eisenson (rear/narthex)

Barbara Gerwe (side/font)

Ushers: **Carol Wills** (head), **Celia Dickerson** (flowers), **Carolyn Merritt**, **Susan Seahorn**, **Emily Wilkins**, **Dale Gaddis**

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Vacation Church School runs **June 15-19**, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, even for one day, please fill out a volunteer form from the table in the foyer and return it to the church office. Adults are needed to shepherd groups of eight children.

CLASS OF 2015

Students graduating from high school or college in 2015 will be acknowledged in worship on **next Sunday, June 7**.



Please provide the student's name, school, and degree info for the graduates insert to **Valerie McMillian** in the church office ASAP: v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org. High School seniors, please include post-graduation plans such as where you will attend college, or travel to, or if you will be working / beginning a career, etc.

SENIOR RECITAL

Sydney Curtis will be giving her senior recital on **Friday, May 29** at 7:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary, featuring works by Telemann, Poulenc, and Bozza. All are invited to attend.

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

Sunday, June 7 and Sunday, June 28

following worship (lunch provided)
All newly elected ruling elders and deacons should plan to attend.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our long time, faithful Friday afternoon office volunteer is resigning to retire and move to another state. That leaves a big void in the weekly office schedule.

We are looking for other persons who are willing to commit to filling this time slot, either on a weekly basis or alternate sharing it with another person(s). In addition to answering the door bell and telephone, another of the regular responsibilities for Friday afternoon is helping to stuff inserts into Sunday's worship bulletin.

The afternoon shift is from 1:00 to about 4:30 p.m. Please contact **Shirley Frederick** at s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511.

HELP FOR NEPAL

If you would like to contribute to the relief effort in Nepal, make contributions online to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/nepal-earthquake-april-2015/> to make a donation.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Back to back in succession at the end of May, we celebrate two great mysteries of faith. Last Sunday, we celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early apostolic community and the birthday of the Church. We have been empowered to be witnesses to Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. This Sunday, we celebrate Trinity Sunday, the mystery of God who is one in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The common thread for both remembrances is God's love manifest among us. The Holy Spirit is the bond of unity and love between the Father and the Son in the Trinity. That same Spirit is given to us in the Church to hold us together. In the sacrament of Baptism, we are sealed with that loving Spirit enabling us to call God, Abba, and "Our Father who art in heaven."

In between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, we as a nation set aside a day of memory, as we recall the men and women who have served our country in countless ways and most especially those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, for our security, and for our peace. The remembrances of the 100th anniversary of World War I, and just recently May 8th victory day in Europe ending World War II, reinforce the poignant meaning of Memorial Day. A republic like ours will only be as strong as the commitment of its citizens to understand that our freedom and democracy are costly. If we enter into the true spirit of that day, we will have a teaching moment for our young people enabling them to grasp the challenge to be committed, engaged citizens.

May the One Triune God bless us and our memorials in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Sam

NOTES

Daytimers had a lovely lunch gathering at Bleu Olive today. Many thanks to **Harriett Mitchell** for arranging.

OUR CONCERNS

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

Edward Kwon **Mercy Ndambiri**
Ann Prospero

Brookdale Senior Living

(formerly Carolina House of Durham):
Julian Boswell

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

Coasdaile Village:

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

Hillcrest:

Dewey Lawson
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
- **Geneva Day**, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- **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
- **Louise Miglarese**, mother of Sam Miglarese
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Bruce Foster Momsen**, father of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Doug Oldenburg**, former moderator of the PCUSA and former president of Columbia Theological Seminary
- **Judy Robertson**, cousin of Marilyn Hedgpeth
- **Virgilio Yalong**, uncle of Lyn Francisco

FPC MEN OF FAITH

Breakfast / Conversation

Friday, May 29

8:00 a.m. at Nosh's Café

2812 Erwin Road

Come by and stay as long as you can!

BEN CONNER

SENIOR RECITAL

Wednesday, June 10

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

FPC sanctuary

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

The youth group year has come to an end. I am so thankful that we were able to celebrate a great group of seniors at the youth group senior banquet on Sunday! They will be greatly missed within our group next year! I am really looking forward to all of the summer plans we have together—stay tuned for details about trips and VCS!

Thank you so much to the **Comptons** for providing our meal this past Sunday!

Blessings,
Sarah

BOOK GROUP

The Things That Matter Book Group will have a potluck supper and book selection meeting on **Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of **Barbara Gerwe** (2704 Trailwood Drive, Coasdaile). We will be selecting books from three categories: fiction, non-fiction, and religion / spirituality. Please bring no more than a total of three recommendations. Please, please, please let Barbara know if you will be coming (bebegeerwe@gmail.com). In July, we will be discussing *My Own Country: A Doctor's Story of a Town and Its People in the Age of AIDS*. **Dale Gaddis** will be hosting the July 14th meeting and **Mary-Jo Keenan** will lead the discussion.

PRIME TIMERS

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next Covered Dish Supper will be Saturday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lorimer home

BOYCHOIR IN CONCERT

The **Minnesota Boychoir** will perform a free concert on Monday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of FPC. Their 2015 tour, which is taking them through North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC, features 74 boys from their two premiere ensembles. In their 53-year history, the Boychoir has performed during Mass at the Vatican in the Sydney Opera House and on National Public Radio. A freewill donation will be collected during the concert. You can listen to the Minnesota Boychoir online at www.boychoir.org.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Bob Yoder is leading a book study on Charles Sheldon's book *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?* It takes place at Coasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall Activity Room from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Books are \$12.00 each (large print). The novel has its roots in the Social Gospel Movement. This progressive Protestant movement influenced churches to develop various theologies including a social outreach to the problems of today's society.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

. . . for College and High School students

Would you like to enhance your résumé? We are looking for substitute office volunteers during the summer months when some of our regular volunteers are on vacation. Tasks include answering the phone and the doorbell, helping with mailings, and directing visitors to meeting rooms. For more information contact **Shirley Frederick** at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org

HOUSING NEEDED

Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF) will be training and mentoring 25 "Into the Fields" interns and five "Sowing Seeds for Change" fellows this summer and is looking for host families in the Raleigh / Durham area. They will have their own transportation. If interested in hosting a student, please contact **Ramon Zepeda** at 919-660-0704 or ramon.zepeda@duke.edu

ENCLOSURES WITH

TODAY'S NEWSLETTER

- Joint statement from the FPC Session and St. Philip's Episcopal Church Vestry to the Durham County Board of Commissioners regarding plans for the parking lot between the two churches
- Announcing FPC is Living Wage Certified
- June Calendar
- June Birthday List

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