

First Presbyterian Church



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September 29, 2015

World
Communion
Sunday



**Sunday,
October 4**

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School
Newcomers' Class

11:00 a.m.

Worship & Communion

The **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, which supports the efforts of Presbyterians to work for peace, will be received during worship. The Offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace.

Sermon: **"The Perigee of God"**
Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 24
Epistle Lesson	Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel Lesson	Mark 8:1-10

Acolytes: **Kayla Champion, Sophie Wilkins**

Crucifer: **Grace Abels**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

Caroline Rourk (rear/narthex)

Alice Raney (side/ font)

Ushers: **Sherry Everett** (head), **Lucie House** (flowers), **Jennie Zehmer, Jane Williams, Mary-Jo Keenan, Tom Keller**

Communion Elders:

Bread: **Alice Raney** (B1, process), **Bob Breitweiser** (B2), **Tom Bacon** (B3),

Barbara Gerwe (B4)

Cup: **Jane Williams** (C1), **Miriam Morey** (C2, process), **Eric Wiebe** (C3), **Talitha Kwon** (C4)

Shepherds: **Aurelia Klinck** (font aisle),

Caroline Rourk (center aisle),

Al Arrowood (pulpit aisle)

Replenish Elements / head: **Laura Hanson**

COME AND CELEBRATE THE RENOVATION OF THE DAY SCHOOL!

The congregation is invited to a

DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

12 noon-12:30 p.m.

Refreshments provided!

Come and see FPC's primary mission for the past 45 years!

WORSHIP AT CROASDAILE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

3:00 p.m. in Few Chapel

Bob Yoder will lead a worship service at Croasdaile Village which will include Holy Communion. All are welcome.

VISITORS / NEWCOMERS

New members will be introduced on **Sunday, October 18** during worship.

Two sessions remain in the current series of classes for visitors and newcomers who are exploring membership and want to learn more about our ministry and mission.

The class meets at **9:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor**. Please contact **Shirley Frederick** at 919-682-5511 or

s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org if you are interested in membership at FPC.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

There was a great deal of anticipation for the first visit of Pope Francis to the U.S. He participated in the closing ceremonies of the **World Meeting of Families** in Philadelphia, whose theme is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive." But this was not just another visit of the Bishop of Rome in an age of international papal travel. It is appropriate to ask, "What is it about this visit among all the other papal visits that was unique?" Come and discuss your impressions and bring your questions. **Sam Miglaese** will facilitate the discussion. Class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Job was said to be "blameless and upright." What does it take to be blameless and upright? Is it a matter of enduring suffering, as Job did? Is it a matter of following the letter of every law? Is blamelessness something we can achieve on our own, or does God have something to do with it? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will read and discuss a selected chapter from Proverbs to start the class and then move to the main subject of studying Ecclesiastes. All are welcome to join. We meet at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building, classroom at the end of hall.

SCRATCH/Young Adults Class

We are discussing the theology of place and what it means to be a disciple of Christ at the corner of Roxboro and Main. **Alex Stayer Brewington** leads the discussions. We meet at 9:45 in a basement classroom.

Family Matters Class

Parents of elementary age and younger children, join us for a low-key class where we share the road of parenting and dabble in Scripture (stand-alone lessons). We meet at 9:45 in the CE building, room 203.

Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women in a discussion on spiritual formation. Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

God's Great Garden (Grades 3-5)

It's a new month and time for a new story: Jesus teaches in a new way. Come join us as we hear this story and wonder what it means for us. It takes place in Capernaum, near the Sea of Galilee. We'll mark it on our maps.



CIRCLE AND

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, October 5 at

10:30 a.m. in the East Parlor.

Remember to bring a bottle of water!

BRAZIL SLIDE SHOW

David and Judy Smith spent two weeks in August cruising on the Rio Aripuana, one of the "minor" rivers of Brazil. They returned with photos of the beautiful river and forest and the birds and animals that live there. Join them for an exploration of one small part of the Amazonian rainforest on **Monday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Sometimes miracles happen long ago and far away, as is the case in our Jesus story for this Sunday, where Jesus manages to feed a crowd of four thousand with just seven loaves of bread and few small fish . . . and all were satisfied, and there were leftovers.

September for me has been a tale of two miracles. Earlier this month I was invited to a birthday party celebrating what would have been little **Florence McDow's** 10th birthday. Florence did not survive her long battle with autoimmune encephalitis. But the perseverance of God on behalf of Florence has touched so many lives since her death and brought healing and wholeness to many other families through this lovely outreach of her family, a testimony of God's on-going miracles. And this past Sunday, when **Dewey Lawson** stood up to conduct the introit, I choked up when he raised his arms to bring the choir in. Considering all that Dewey has been through since last January, I think his return to relative normalcy is nothing short of miraculous, and is another sign of God's persevering love on behalf of all saints.

We live in amazing times of God's providence manifested in many ways. This Sunday, we will gather to celebrate the global implications of loaves and fishes for World Communion Sunday. I will meet you at the Lord's Table, spread with a feast for all people.

Blessings,

Marilyn

NOTES

Many thanks to **John and Sue Fricks** for arranging the visit on Sunday of International Peacemaker **Reverend Saman Perera** from Sri Lanka. It was great to widen our horizons in hearing of his work with the marginalized in Sri Lanka, and a good segue as we look forward to celebrating World Communion Sunday this Sunday. We are also grateful to **Larry and Beth Brockman** for hosting him and others for dinner at their home.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON BEGINS

October 11 – November 8

Theme: "Many People, One Body"

1 Corinthians 12:12



Save the Date!

Tuesday, October 27

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
Guest speaker: **Reverend Patrice Nelson**, Executive Director, Durham Urban Ministries
Donations will be received at the door to offset the cost of the meal.

OUR CONCERNS

Parker Brown, nephew of Neil Wilkins, recovering from surgery

Nowell Creadick, a patient at Duke Hospital

Jean Moore, recovering in the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

Christyn Klinck, recovering at home

Minnie Cameron **Paul Cornsweet**
Dewey Lawson **Phyllis Verhey**

Brookdale Senior Living
Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill
Helen Garrison

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

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke

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

- **Chris Anglin**, friend of FPC
- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglares
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Roger Durham**, father of Emily Durham
- **Richard Hays**, friend of FPC
- **Howard Knickerbocker** and family, brother-in-law of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Edward Robinson**, brother of Joe Robinson
- **Jean Robinson**, mother of John Robinson
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht

NO HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5.

The **THESE DAYS** devotional booklets for October – December 2015 have arrived. You are invited to pick up a copy (regular or large print) from the table in the foyer on your next visit to the church.

Save the Date

Sunday, October 18 National Children's Sabbath and Picnic Lunch

Bibles will be presented to our 2nd and 3rd graders in worship

FALL DAY OF SERVICE Saturday, October 31

More Details forthcoming!

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

After a wet weekend the youth are looking forward to getting together with the youth from Trinity Avenue PC and Westminster PC this Sunday for fun, games, dinner and fellowship.

Thanks to the **Henrys** for providing our meal this past week and for our great youth advisors for taking the lead this coming Sunday!

Blessings,
Sarah

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Saturday, October 3

POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT
at FPC from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

(hosted by the Wilkins family)

Hosts will provide sliced ham.

Bring a dish to share and your favorite games to play. Please respond to the EVITE

Friday, November 6

Potluck Gathering (adults only)
at the home of **Steve and Sharon Hirsch**
More details forthcoming

COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

This October, **Mary and Stephen Berry** will host a young committed couples study /fellowship group in their home. The group study will last four weeks and will look at relationships in the context of God's Covenant with us. The day of the week will be chosen to meet the needs of those interested. Please let Stephen know you are interested in participating via email at: stephen.d.berry@gmail.com.

SENIORS

FALL LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 29

Gather in the East Parlor at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at noon in Watts-Hill Hall

~ PROGRAM PRESENTATION ~

Did you know that the Christian church in Ethiopia is one of the oldest organized Christian bodies in the world? Have you heard about churches in northern Ethiopia that are actually hewn down into rock to escape persecution? Do you remember when Haile Selassie, Ethiopia's long-time leader, was Time magazine's Man of the Year? **Carol and Wes Carson** will share pictures of Ethiopia from a recent visit to this fascinating African country.

RSVP to the church office (919-682-5511) if you plan to attend! When replying, please let us know if you have diet restrictions and / or if you will need a ride!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Did you know?

Your annual pledge supports our Five-Star Day School facility and provides scholarships and subsidies for about 25 children to attend who otherwise could not afford to.

BEDDING NEEDED (for overnight use)

The Women Roofers from Rutherfordton, North Carolina, will be our guests on Friday, October 9. Over the past decade, this group of women has put on more than 90 roofs to help low income homeowners. They will be spending the night at FPC before helping to roof a Habitat home in Durham as well as teaching roofing skills to local volunteers. We need help with bedding while they are here. If you have a cot or sleeping bag that we could use for the night, please contact **Jane Williams** (336-577-8240 or janepsych1@mac.com).

HELP SYRIAN REFUGEES

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is supporting our European partners as they minister to the needs of the many Syrian refugees. To donate online to PDA, go to: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/syria/> and click on Give Now (DR000081).



Margaret and Miguel Rubiera invite you once again to join them in a very special project with Habitat for Humanity, the 3rd **Pink Ribbon Build**. The theme remains the same – we want to provide a unique opportunity for people who have been affected in some way by breast cancer to “pay it forward,” to honor special people in their lives while blessing a hard-working new Habitat family. The build will also be an expression of deep gratitude to the wonderful caregivers who ease the journey every day for cancer patients. We welcome your participation as a volunteer on the work site or as a donor. Address: 2409 Ashe St. in NE Central Durham. Contact Margaret at margaretmr29@gmail.com for more information.

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