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Give us grace to apprehend by faith the power and wisdom which lie beyond our understanding, and in worship to feel that which we do not know, and to praise even what we do not understand: so that in the presence of your glory we may be humble, and in the knowledge of your judgment we may repent, and in the assurance of your mercy, we may rejoice and be glad. - **Reinhold Niebuhr**, Justice and Mercy

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
*32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Daylight Saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Sermon: **"A Matter of Justice"**  
**Samuel L. Adams**, preaching

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Deuteronomy 16:18-20
New Testament	2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Acolytes: **Grace Abels, Lily Abels**  
Crucifer: **Alex Buck**  
Greeters: **Edward & Delia Kwon**  
After Worship Greeters:  
**Lesley Curtis** (side, font)  
**Leslie Strohm** (Narthex/Main St)  
Ushers: **Delia Kwon** (head), **Mary Ann Compton, Pat Dillon** (flowers), **Scottie Seawell, Walt Barron, Nancy Kost, Mary-Jo Keenan**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All adult classes will meet together in Watts-Hill hall on Sunday, November 7.

**"The Biblical Witness on Wealth and Poverty"**

What do we mean when we talk about justice? In the aftermath of a divisive election, how can we come together and pursue justice for persons in society? What is the relationship between a "generous spirit" for stewardship and the "doing" of justice? This Sunday we will address such questions during this season of giving. **Sam Adams**, professor of Old Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary, will be our guest. He will lead a discussion about wealth and poverty in the Bible. **ALL ADULTS** are invited to join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall for this discussion.

**"LEARN BY HEART"**

**Psalms 23 (NRSV)**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff -- they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**"GRATITUDE TO GOD PROMPTS A GENEROUS SPIRIT"**

For our family, moving to the United States from Kenya was one of the most life changing events that we have ever experienced. A lot of things were very different from what we were accustomed to back home. One thing which was not as different and we felt comfortable around, was when we went to church every Sunday. First Presbyterian Church took us in and made us feel like we belonged.

This congregation has brought a great amount of joy to my family. Only God knows how much joy and happiness we get from being a part of this church. It is important for the congregation to give back to the church, so that the church is able to bring joy and happiness to those who may need it in and out of our congregation. Being a member of this church has made me realize that anything you give to the church affects the lives of many people in a very positive way.

– **Edwin Mwangi**,  
Senior, Jordan High School

**FPC Work Day**  
**Saturday, November 6**  
**9 am - 12 noon**

Join the Landscaping and Gardening Committee for a morning of gardening fun! Please bring work gloves, trowels, shovels, rakes, tarps, pruners and clippers. Contact **Kate Busa** (katebusa@gmail.com) or **Barbara Buckley** (bjbuckley1@verizon.net) for further information.

**Try Something New . . .**

Join us for supper at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 9** to hear local pastor and author, **Margot Starbuck**, discuss her new book Unsqueezed: Springing Free From Skinny Jeans, Nose Jobs, Highlights and Stilettos. Margot, with her fresh, humorous and theological perspective will invite us to think about being in a healthy relationship with our bodies - building up ourselves along with the body of Christ.

**Mark the Date!**

FPC will participate in downtown Durham's monthly Third Fridays evening activities on **November 19<sup>th</sup>**. The featured attraction is **WestGlen**, a folk band with vocal harmonies, beginning at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. to view the Durham Civil Rights Heritage Project banners recalling Durham's African American community history during the Civil Rights movement. The banners will be on display from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. and from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. Plan to come help host our neighbors and invite a friend!

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Friends,

Please join me in welcoming **Sam Adams** to our church. Sam grew up in North Decatur Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia when I was the pastor of that congregation. He and our son, **Bankston**, are life-long friends. His mother, **Joanna Adams**, was our McPherson Lecturer in 2004.

Sam went to Davidson College and received his divinity degree from the University of Chicago. He has a Ph. D. in Old Testament from Yale. He has served churches in New Haven, CT and Chicago, IL. At the present he is teaching on the faculty of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. **Helen**, his wife is a pediatrician in Richmond and they have two children, **Virginia and Charlie**.

The enthusiasm Sam brings to his teaching is contagious. I am excited about the opportunity for you to get to know this excellent leader in the church.

**Joe**

**OUR SYMPATHIES**

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Joseph Ngumi** and family on the death of his father, **Phillip Ngumi Rukungu**, on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and to **Maxie Honeycutt** on the death of her niece, **Kaye Bray Jones**, in Siler City, NC.

*"Jesus said,  
'I am the resurrection and the life.'"*

**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Jeff Milbourne** and **Chelsea Redeker** were married in Beaufort, NC on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Jeff's mother, the Reverend **Mary Holmes Banner**, officiated.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to **Kate and Bill Busa** on the birth of their first grandchild. **Connor Riley Turpin** was born October 29<sup>th</sup> to **Amber and Ashley Turpin** in Baltimore, MD.

**NEWSLETTER DELIVERY**

The US postal service has changed the way the weekly newsletter is delivered. If you are experiencing late deliveries, you might consider switching to email delivery. You will then receive the newsletter on Tuesday afternoon, the same day it is published each week. Contact **Valerie** ([v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org)) or **Shirley** ([s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org)) to make the change.

The Stewardship Season opening remarks given by **Carl and Lisa Rist** on Sunday during worship are available by email request. Copies are available from the table in the foyer.

OUR CONCERNS

*Admay Family*  
*Fricks Family*  
*Jeanne Hervey*  
*Don Jenkins*  
*Knauert Family*  
*Carol McKnight*  
*Jerry Tyren*

*Katherine Carr*  
*Jim Hawkins*  
*Tom Howerton*  
*Carol Johnson*  
*Florence McDow*  
*Josh Stanek*

Added this week:

*April Turner*, niece of Marilyn Hedgpeth, deployed in Afghanistan  
*Joe Snyder*, nephew of Michael Leonard and cousin of Jenna and Maryn  
*Robert Miller*, friend of the Harvards, Dorothy Graham, and Scottie Seawell

- ♦ *George Bernhardt, Jr.* son of George and Johanna Bernhardt is deployed in Iraq.
- ♦ *Frank Bradshaw*, brother of Hilda Bradshaw
- ♦ *George Cox*, son of Sarah Cox
- ♦ *Steele and Molly Dewey*, daughter and son-in-law of Peaches McPherson
- ♦ *Brad Holbrook*, father of Kerry Holbrook
- ♦ *Helene Johnson*, mother of Jim Johnson
- ♦ *Norma Johnstone*, stepmother of Jancy Strauman
- ♦ *Kris, Joe, Becca and Lauren Juarez*, Vernon Neece's niece and family
- ♦ *Anne Creadick Kennedy*, sister of Nowell Creadick
- ♦ *David Kilpatrick*, grandson of Elizabeth High, deployed in Iraq
- ♦ *Elizabeth Leathers*, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- ♦ *Bill Lorimer, Sr.*, father of Bill Lorimer
- ♦ *Anne Martin*, sister of Beth Neece
- ♦ *Machua Mbugua*, brother of Mary Gitata
- ♦ *Stephen McAllister*, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
- ♦ *Edward Mungai*, friend of Mercy Ndambiri
- ♦ *Jeanine Romines*, mother of Karen Romines
- ♦ *Nancy Sappenfield*, mother of David Sappenfield
- ♦ *Laura Tendler*, sister-in-law of Susan Spratt
- ♦ *Sharon Van Vechten*, friend of Ann Prospero
- ♦ *Samuel Watson*, father of Dale Gaddis
- ♦ *Reverend Bob Wells*, cousin of Bill Hendrickson
- ♦ *Karen Wolcott*, cousin of Jean Wilson

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet again on **Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Marila Stone* (111 Westside Drive, Chapel Hill) to discuss Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do by Mickel Sandel.

LEFTOVER CANDY?

*Kathy Parkins* will gladly take your leftover Halloween candy for the children's choirs. On your next visit, bring your candy and leave it in the volunteer's office or in Kathy's mailbox at the church.

YOUTH NEWS

Friends,  
Many thanks to all of you who helped FPC youth host the Jewish Confirmation on Sunday and supported our Haunted House event on Saturday evening. Our conversation and lunch was enjoyable and interesting. The haunted house was awesome! **Reminder:** we will be traveling to Raleigh on Sunday evening for supper and a concert by David Lamotte. Contact me if you have questions.

Love, *Rebecca*

30 DAYS AND FORWARD . . .

FPC's 30 Days of Service may be over, but the need for service to our community never ends. It was a pleasure to meet other service providers who joined us in mission, especially Duke Law students, Duke baseball players, and members of the Triangle Area Softball Association who joined us to work on the habitat house in memory of *Robinson Everett*. That work is ongoing.

The Food Bank of Durham, on Gilbert Street just around the corner from the church, has asked if we could send 2-3 volunteers each Thursday from 10-noon to fill backpacks for school-children to take home over the weekend, so they won't go hungry. **Patrick Spencer**, the volunteer coordinator at the Food Bank says that he fills 100 backpacks himself each Thursday, and would love to have some regular, reliable help. If you would be willing to serve on any Thursday, please give *Marilyn Hedgpeth* a call, and she will let Patrick know to expect you.

ITEMS NEEDED

A single mother with two daughters in need of dressers / chest of drawers, an electric dryer, and a small deep freezer in good working order. Help with delivery of these items is also needed. If you have items to donate or can help with delivery, please contact *Valerie McMillian* in the church office: 682-5511 or *Tina Young* with the Family Care Program of Durham: 681-5565 (office) or 970-0977 (pager).

SUPPORT A LOCAL BUSINESS AND FPC!

Have brunch at **Dos Perros** on **Sunday, November 7**. If you tell them First Presbyterian sent you, 20% of your total bill will be donated to First Presbyterian's Service and Mission Committee! Grab a pew-mate and share a burrito. For more info: **Cris Rivera**, [cris@nonprofitcpa.net](mailto:cris@nonprofitcpa.net).

"Time Out" Radio

*Mac McCorkle* will be the guest on **Monday, November 8** on "Time Out" with *Bill Hendrickson* radio show at 5:00 p.m. EST. Mac will be providing an analysis of the recent election. "Time Out" can be heard in Carrboro and Chapel Hill on 103.5 FM and elsewhere on the web at [wcomfm.org](http://wcomfm.org).



. . . to all who participated in the Thirty Days of Service honoring *Joe and Carlisle Harvard's* 30 years of ministry at FPC. All total, 154 people, children, youth, and adults participated in the many projects. It was a great way to embody the love of Christ for the city of Durham, and live out our church's core values of Historic Placement, "downtown by history and by choice", and of Social Mission, "advocating for social justice and responding to the 'cries of the poor', as we remember Jesus' promise to be found among the hungry, homeless, sick and imprisoned".

*Lily Abels*      *Tom & Catherine Admay*  
*Corey Allen*   *Wesley Autry*   *Tom Bacon*  
*Paul Baldasare & Jane Wettach*  
*Betsey Beach*  
*George & Johanna Bernhardt*  
*Lea Bingham & Scott Dilworth family*  
*Jane Brawley*   *Susan, Alex & Jackson Buck*  
*Kate Busa*      *Dawn & Jane Carsey*  
*Jean Cary & George Danser*  
*Lenore, Kayla & Megan Champion*  
*Paul Cornsweet*   *Lee Courtland*  
*Bonnie, Nathan, Robbie & Jennifer Creadick*  
*Alex & Becky Crockett*  
*Celia, Matt & DeAnna Dickerson*  
*Susan Dunlap*      *Peter & Barbara Fish*  
*Shirley Frederick*      *John & Sue Fricks*  
*Dale Gaddis*      *Joanne Harrar*  
*Joe & Carlisle Harvard*  
*Marilyn Hedgpeth*      *Bill Hendrickson*  
*Andy, Cherrie & Sam Henry*  
*Elizabeth High*      *Sharon & Matt Hirsch*  
*Maxie Honeycutt*   *Laura & Shaun Horrigan*  
*Joyce Houk*      *Rosie Johnson*  
*Mary-Jo Keenan & Larry Reed*  
*Tom & Margaret Keller*      *Mal King*  
*Christyn, Elizabeth, & Parker Klinck*  
*Jim Koehnke*  
*Nancy & Jack Kost*      *Delia & Edward Kwon*  
*Bet Lawson*      *Rebecca & Jenna Leonard*  
*Bill, Marcia & David Lorimer*  
*Wendy McCorkle*      *Juliana Miglarese*  
*Eli Miller*      *Harriett Mitchell*  
*Carter Momsen-Hudson*      *Miriam Morey*  
*BJ Morton*      *Alice Raney*      *Carl & Lisa Rist*  
*Cris Rivera*      *Scottie Seawell*      *Leslie Shaw*  
*Doris Smith*      *Matthew Smith*  
*Diane Standaert*      *Marila Stone*  
*Tim & Jancy Strauman*      *Beth Stringfield*  
*Paul & Leslie Strohm*      *Phyllis Supple*  
*Sarah Todd*      *Allen & Phyllis Verhey*  
*Jean Wilson*      *Carolyn Wolfe*  
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