

# First Presbyterian Church

November 10, 2015



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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

The Youth of FPC will lead worship.

Short sermons will be given by

**Grace Abels, Carter Momsen-Hudson  
and Kennedy Wilkins.**

Following worship, everyone is invited to  
Watts-Hill Hall for a **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**.  
Donations will be received to offset the cost  
of the meal.

### Worship Texts

Old Testament	1 Daniel 12:1-3
Epistle Lesson	Hebrews 10:11-25
Gospel Lesson	Mark 13:1-8

Crucifer: **Parker Klinck**

Acolytes: **Isabel Brown, Sophie Wilkins**

Crossdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeter: **Alice Raney**

After Worship Greeters:

**Barbara Gerwe** (rear/narthex)

**Michael Schultz** (side/ font)

Finance Room / Flower Delivery:

**Lucie House / Sherry Everett**

Youth Ushers: **Sam Henry** (head), **Kayla  
Champion, Maddie Brigman, Lily  
Brigman, Annie Brown**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith and Community

We believe this is a first at FPC! This Sunday,  
our student intern, **Alex Stayer  
Brewington**, will address issues concerning  
Native Americans. The title of his talk is  
"Who's Your People? History, Race, the  
Lumbee, and Jesus." Alex is a member of the  
Lumbee Tribe, and will speak from his  
experience as a Christian and a Native  
American. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-  
Hill Hall and all are welcome.

### Lectionary Class

We are only human, and we misinterpret  
even what we see and hear. If we  
misunderstand the motives of those around  
us, how can we begin to understand what  
God is doing in our world? Join us for  
discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

### Journeys Class

We will discuss selected chapters from  
Proverbs and continue our study of chapter 9  
of Ecclesiastes. We meet at 9:45, CE  
building, second floor, classroom end of hall.

### SCRATCH/Young Adults Class

This Sunday, we will pause from our  
discussion on theology of place to consider  
what topic to study next. Join at 9:45 in our  
basement classroom. The theology of place  
study will resume on November 22.

### Scripture Readers' Class

Join **Steve Rimmer** in the chapel at 9:45  
to learn the art of reading scripture and  
serving as liturgist in worship. Please bring  
a Bible, preferably a New Revised Standard  
Version. Anyone interested is welcome.

### Family Matters Class

Parents of elementary age and younger  
children share the road of parenting and  
dabble in Scripture. We meet at 9:45 in the  
CE building, room 203.

### Spiritual Formation

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

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

**77 pledges** have been received totaling  
**\$383,121** which represents **46%** of  
our 2016 goal of \$835,885.

This is a good start! Please return your  
pledge sheet as soon as possible. Please  
contact **Tom Bloom** in the church office  
if you have questions or need pledge  
materials: 919-682-5511 ext 216 or send  
email: t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org.

## A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

(Given in worship on Sunday, November 1)

Happy Sunday, everyone!

My name is **Carlo Diy**. My wife, **Emily**,  
and I have been members here at First Pres  
for just about four years. We've been  
involved with the SCRATCH/young adults  
group for that entire time. We got married  
here. We've made wonderful friendships  
here. And there are still very many of you  
that I've not really gotten to know yet, but  
I'm looking forward to connecting more.

First Pres has become home for us—we  
encounter Christ here in this space and in  
this community. So that's why I'm asking  
you to call in right now to become a  
sustainer! You could win a trip to Australia.  
(Sorry, that's an NPR joke. They just did  
their pledge drive last week.) But seriously,  
I did want to say something about what it  
means to sustain a place like First Pres.

For me, one of the stranger things about  
adulthood started about ten years ago when  
I realized that if a building caught fire and I  
called 911, my buddy, Adam Kruse, would  
come put it out. He had just become a  
firefighter. Adam, who in high school  
cheated during swim practices by sinking  
down to the bottom of the pool and holding  
his breath while the rest of us did laps  
above him. That Adam. He is responsible  
now for the safety of people in my  
hometown. My college roommate, George,  
is an ER doctor. My cousin, Kara, is a  
teacher. My other friend, JB, is a journalist.  
The slow realization has been: Gosh. It's  
our turn. It's our turn to do these jobs. It's  
our turn to be leaders in our neighborhoods  
and communities.

I am starting to more fully understand  
that if I don't support the institutions I care  
about, then they won't continue to thrive.  
For those of you who have already pledged  
and have pledged to First Pres for many  
years, I'd like to say two things. First, thank  
you so much. Your past and current support  
allowed Emily and me to walk into a vibrant  
and joyful church four years ago. Second,  
you folks—you all were already going to  
give whether you heard a "Minute for  
Mission" today or not. So I guess in some  
ways, I'm speaking directly to those of us  
who have not pledged as long or who are  
not yet near the 10% number that Kate  
mentioned last Sunday. Emily and I are not  
near that number—I can be honest about  
that.

I'm inviting us to make a pledge and to  
sustain First Pres and its WIDE range of  
works. Because when you sustain this  
church, you could win a trip to Durham—to  
the kind of Durham that is life giving and  
just and the kind of city we all want to live  
in. The kind of Durham that is just a little bit  
closer to the Kingdom.

## FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

Dear friends,

I am sure that many of you have seen  
copies of the original British World War II  
motivational poster that instructed people to  
"Keep Calm and Carry On." Or perhaps you  
have seen one of the many variations that  
have emerged since its re-publication and  
subsequent popularization in 2000. The  
original, though not widely used, was meant  
to boost morale during horrific blitz attacks  
and the crises of war. It is hard to imagine  
how a person would be able to stay calm in  
such circumstances.

For the past four weeks, our middle  
school and high school youth have pored  
over difficult scripture texts in order to  
discern how God is speaking through the  
texts to us today. The people in the four  
texts are facing many different things. They  
are very concerned about being protected  
and about what will happen to them in the  
end times. Over and over God tells us that  
we will experience crisis in this world and in  
this life, but our promise from God for God's  
love and protection is everlasting and  
extends into the coming Kingdom. So, in  
part inspired by that old war poster, the  
youth got the sense that God was saying:  
"This is the Covenant: Keep Calm and  
Believe On."

Friends, the energy and excitement that  
our youth have expressed in planning this  
service have been amazing. Each Sunday  
night I have left our youth groups with a full  
heart, inspired by their diligence and  
seriousness at dealing with the texts and  
overwhelmed by the ways in which they  
seem inspired by God's word. These youth  
are incredible people and, along with our  
Adult advisors, I feel truly blessed to work  
with each of them! Thank you for your  
support of this important ministry. We look  
forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

*Sarah*

## NOTES

Many thanks to **Deborah and Tyler  
Momsen-Hudson** and the FPC care team  
which continues to wrap its arms around  
the Creadick family following the death of  
**Nowell Creadick**. Such a visible  
expression of love from our congregation is  
very uplifting to all.

Kudos to **Steve and Sharon Hirsch** for  
hosting **First Friends** on Friday night. It  
was a great gathering of good folks!

## PHOTO ART DISPLAY

There is even more than good music,  
architecture, and food! During the Organ  
Crawl to benefit the Durham Arts Council on  
this Friday, November 13, three of our  
members will display some of their fine art  
photography in Watts-Hill Hall. **Eugene  
Brown, Carol Carson, and David Smith**  
have each selected some of their favorite  
photographic subjects to share with us. The  
display will be up through the end of  
November for all to drop by and see.

## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Caroline Paul** and  
**Daniel Stutts** who were married at FPC on  
November 8<sup>th</sup>. Caroline is the daughter of  
**Robert and Jan Paul**.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

We extend our condolences to **Jennifer Creadick, Bonnie, Nathan and Robbie**, on the death of **Nowell Creadick** (husband, father and FPC member) who died on November 5<sup>th</sup>. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on Saturday, November 7 at FPC. Please continue to support this family with your prayers and acts of kindness.

**Jennifer Creadick and Family**  
4 Sinclair Circle  
Durham NC 27705

## OUR CONCERNS

**Added this week:**

**Mary Clark**, patient at UNC-CH Hospital

**Amy Dillon's father**, recovering from surgery

**Anna Brawley**, daughter of Jane and Robert Brawley

**Creadick Family**

**Paul Cornsweet**

**Sarah and Pete Finbow**

**Dewey Lawson**

**Snell Family**

**Brookdale Senior Living: Julian Boswell**

**Brookdale of Chapel Hill: Helen Garrison**

**Croasdaile Village:**

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

**Hillcrest: Randall McLeod**

**Forest at Duke:**

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

- **Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese
- **Ron Brewington**, uncle of Alex Stayer Brewington
- **Parker Brown**, nephew of Neil Wilkins
- **Roger Durham**, father of Emily Durham
- **Roger Kalthoff**, husband of Jane Williams
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Aquiles Navarro**, friend of Robin Morey
- **Edward Robinson**, brother of Joe Robinson
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht
- **Judy and Chris Wood**, mother and stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

We are so thankful and appreciative of all the cards, prayers, food and kind words as we mourn the loss of our son, Justin. It has been a comforting blessing to each of us. We are so grateful. Thank you and may God bless you! - **The Radtke Family**



## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Come to the Waters, biblical stories of healing, deliverance, baptism, and new life which occur around water, is the current study book. The Friday class meets from 10:30 to noon at FPC, and the Sunday Class meets from 3:00 - 4:30 in the afternoon at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall Activities Room. See **Marilyn Hedgpeth** if you need a book.

## YOUTH GROUPS

Thank you to the **McDows** for providing the meal to the youth last Sunday evening. There are **no evening youth groups** this Sunday!

Blessings,  
**Sarah**

## YOUNG ADULTS / SCRATCH NOVEMBER POTLUCK

**Kristin Meade** is hosting the November Potluck on **Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m.** Bring your favorite fall dish and enjoy a fun evening with friends. Remember to respond to the EVITE.

## DAY TIMERS' LUNCHEON Tuesday, November 24

**11:30 a.m. at Hope Valley Diner**  
(formerly Rick's Diner)  
3710 Shannon Road, Durham  
**Lynn Hays** is hosting. Please RSVP to Lynn at 919-489-4476.

Durham County Library presents  
**"HOW DURHAM CHANGED US  
AND WE CHANGED DURHAM"**  
**Thursday, November 19  
7 p.m. at Durham's Main Library**  
**Frank Stasio** of WUNC Radio's *State of Things* will moderate a panel of retired clergy who shepherded flocks in Durham for over 30 years during a time of great change. **Rabbi John Friedman, Rev. Joe Harvard, Rev. Haywood Holderness, and Rev. Mel Williams** will be joined by **Bishop Elroy Lewis**, who will retire in July 2016. For more information call 919-560-0268 or visit [durhamcountylibrary.org](http://durhamcountylibrary.org).

## WALLTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

### JOINT WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, November 22  
3:00 P.M. at Trinity Presbyterian**  
Walltown Neighborhood Ministries, together with its partner organizations and congregations, will hold its annual joint worship service at Trinity Presbyterian Church (927 W. Trinity Ave). An all-women choir will provide music. As we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of families who are struggling to make ends meet, we are asking each individual to bring a bag of non-perishable food items, toiletries or cleaning supplies as a concrete sign of our desire as a community to share what God has given, us so that no one among us is in need. All food donations will go to the WNM Food Bank, which makes a regular distribution to 80 - 90 families each month. If you wish to donate gift cards, please choose from the following stores - Food Lion, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club or Costco. For more information contact Minister Sylvia Belcher, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 919-286-0332.

## MANY PEOPLE, ONE BODY

*1 Corinthians 12:12*



**DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A PLEDGE!**

## CARE PACKAGES

The **Pastoral Care Committee** is assembling care packages for our college students and young adults away serving our country. You are invited to support this project by bringing in flat items for the packages. **Still needed are: packets of instant oatmeal, hard candy** (i.e. jolly ranchers, peppermints), **granola bars, puzzle or joke books.** Donations should be placed in the labeled basket at the Mission Collection Center in the **foyer**. Items are needed **by Sunday, November 29.** The care packages will be sent out the first week of December.



## HISPANIC MINISTRY

**Iglesia Emanuel** plans to celebrate its traditional Thanksgiving community dinner on Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. for approximately 150 people. **We welcome donations of turkeys** (preferably cooked, but uncooked turkeys are also welcome) **as well as other donations of food.** Our children will perform a drama entitled "Luzy Sombra" (Light and Shadow). All are invited to join us! Thanks for your support.

- **Julio Ramirez-Eve**

## RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

FPC has another opportunity to participate in the **Circles of Support Program** with our neighbors at **Genesis Home**. A group from our congregation just finished our second year as a Circle, and we are excited to have the opportunity to do it again.

Durham Circles of Support is a community volunteer program where a group called a "Support Circle" provides support, guidance, assistance and mentoring to a formerly homeless family or individual to help them sustain housing and improve their quality of life. A few FPC members have already committed to be a part of the circle, but we still need a few more volunteers to round out FPC's "Circle." More info can be found at [genesishome.org](http://genesishome.org). If you are interested or would like additional info, please contact **Lucie House** ([luciehouse@gmail.com](mailto:luciehouse@gmail.com)).

## BLANKETS NEEDED

The **Presbytery of New Hope** is asking its member congregations to support the **Divan Center in Cary** in its Syrian Refugee Blanket Drive. Members of the greater community are asked to donate new or gently used blankets for many of the Syrian refugees. It does not matter where you are geographically or theologically; this offering addresses human need. There are individuals, there are couples, there are families with children of all ages, all of them refugees driven from their homeland. As we approach Thanksgiving may we express our gratitude for all God has given us as we reach out to these refugees in their time of need. (Matthew 25:36) **You may drop off blankets in the foyer at FPC from now until November 24<sup>th</sup>.** **Marilyn Hedgpeth** will see that FPC's donations are delivered to the Divan Center's drop off point.