

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 8th. 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 5th. 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.

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. If you are interested or would like additional info, please contact **Lucie House** (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 24th.** **Marilyn Hedgpeth** will see that FPC's donations are delivered to the Divan Center's drop off point.

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