

First Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 29, 2015



HAPPY 144TH BIRTHDAY, FPC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

2nd Sunday After Christmas

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

SERMON: "Five Epiphanies"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Text:

Old Testament	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 3:1-2
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12

Crucifer: **Kennedy Wilkins**

Acolytes: **Jack Kost, Annie Brown**

Crossaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters: **TBA**

Ushers: **Dick Boulden** (head), **Chris Brown** (flower delivery), **George Danser, Mary-Jo Keenan, Al Arrowood, Barbara Fish**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Epiphany always highlights Matthew's account of the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem. Come join us to participate in a discussion of The Legacy of Zoroastrianism in the Judeo-Christian Tradition. Were the Magi Zoroastrian priests? **Walter Moczygomba** is a senior at Duke University and a double major in Biology and Religious Studies and has accepted the invitation to lead this discussion having studied this semester with **Sam Miglaese** on the prophet Zoroaster. If you would like a copy of Walter's paper, contact the church office and a copy can be emailed to you.

Lectionary Class

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. The wise men from the East understood the significance of that glory when they saw the star. Do we see the presence of the Lord as clearly as they did? Do we act on that experience as boldly as they did? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

All are welcome to join us at 9:45, CE building, second floor, classroom end of hall.

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 for women on spiritual formation. We meet at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

The **Scratch / Young Adults** and the **Scripture Readers classes will not meet this Sunday, January 3**. You are invited to join another class discussion.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We're back in our regular classes this Sunday at 9:45 to discuss the story of Jesus' baptism from Luke 2: 1-14. Come prepared to get wet!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Church Office will be **CLOSED Thursday and Friday, December 31, 2015 and January 1, 2016** in observance of the New Year's holiday.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Community Worship at 6:45 p.m. at Iglesia Emanuel (2504 N. Roxboro St.)

Participating congregations:

Iglesia Emanuel, Covenant Presbyterian, Durham Presbyterian and First Presbyterian
Meditation by **Jennie Wilburn Belle**



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Thursday, January 14
Kickoff Fellowship Dinner
6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

(Watch your mailbox/email for an invitation)

FPC's Centennial Celebration is a year-long series of events during 2016 to commemorate our having worshipped in our current sanctuary and enjoyed beautiful music offered to the glory of God from our Austin organ for 100 years. The dinner will feature a menu from **Marie Trueitt's** Cookbook. **THERE IS NO COST FOR THE MEAL.** Childcare will be provided. **Peter Fish** will give a presentation on the church's history, looking back 100 years. Photos, taken by **Walter Shackelford** over the past few decades, will also be on display. Coming in January 2016, portions of FPC's historical timeline will reappear on the bulletin board in the foyer as part of the celebration!

COMPASSION

SUNDAY

January 17, 2016

Do something radically
compassionate for a stranger

- Pay for someone's meal
- Rake a neighbor's lawn; mow their grass
- Pay for someone's gas
- Take a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a meal to someone unexpectedly
- Give umbrellas, blankets to those on the street
- Or something else . . .

Cards will be in Sunday's bulletin for you to use to sign up to participate.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Thank you all for a beautiful and meaningful Advent and Christmas season! I felt so surrounded by the congregation's active love, as some took poinsettias to our home-bound; as some opened their homes for fellowship events; as some took care of all the details of communion and candles; as some practiced and performed beautiful music for all of the community to enjoy; as some visited the sick and fed the hungry in our neighborhood; as some answered the doorbell and gave out blessing bags, over and over again; as some cleaned up, and cleaned up, and cleaned up (thank you, Robert).

And now the New Year is before us: the 145th year of the congregation called First Presbyterian Church of Durham; the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary and organ; the year when we will surely welcome a new minister. It's exciting to be called by God at this point in our lives. How will we respond?

The Deacons have asked us to consider Sunday, January 17 as a Day of Compassion. Here's the plan: attend Sunday School and be commissioned during worship; stay and enjoy lunch; and then go do something radically compassionate for someone outside the church. Be creative! Let your heart determine your actions! And give thanks to God for a grace-filled start of this New Year.

In Christ,

Marilyn

YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

Timely payment of pledges by December 31 will allow First Presbyterian to pay its end-of-year bills promptly and to meet its benevolence obligations for 2015. **Please remember that the church must receive your charitable contributions by the end of the day (4:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, December 30, 2015, or the gift must be postmarked by December 31, 2015, if mailed, to be deductible on your 2015 taxes.** If you wish to make a donation through a gift of stock, please notify Tom Bloom, Business Administrator (t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org) as soon as possible. Members aged 70 1/2 + who own an IRA may be able to make a tax-excludable gift directly to First Presbyterian and have that gift satisfy any required minimum distribution for this year. Please contact your IRA administrator ASAP if you wish to consider this giving option for tax year 2015. Tom Bloom, Business Administrator, can provide any information needed by the plan administrator. (Note: This option has now been made permanent by Congress.)

DAYTIMERS had a lovely Christmas luncheon at Croasdaile Village on December 17th. Many thanks to **Ruth Roberson** for arranging.

PLEASE RETURN CHRISTMAS COSTUMES

Calling all angels, shepherds, animals and the Holy Family . . . please return any costumes that you borrowed for Christmas week to the church office so that we can clean them and have them ready for next year. Thank you!

OUR CONDOLENCES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to the family of **Anne Davis**, FPC member and resident of Croasdaile Village, who died on December 18th. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at a date to be announced.

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

Celia Dickerson, recovering from a fall
Sarah Jones and **Sarah Cole**, mother and grandmother of Shameka Jones, friend of Jean Wilson

Jinhwa Jeong (Kim), at UNC Hospital

Mary Clark **Paul Cornsweet**
Sarah & Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living:
Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village:
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**
Pavilion: **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
- **Anna Brawley**, daughter of Jane and Robert Brawley
- **Russell & Peggy Cockerell**, great uncle and aunt of Abi Bisette
- **Roger Durham**, father of Emily Durham
- **Dorothy Harward**, neighbor of Neal and Emily Wilkins
- **Helene Johnson**, mother of Jim Johnson
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Aquiles Navarro**, friend of Robin Morey
- **Pam Peters**, cousin of Sue Fricks
- **Edward Robinson**, brother of Joe Robinson
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht
- **Charles Schultz**, father of Amy Dillon
- **Anne Turlington**, aunt of Jack Kost
- **Judy and Chris Wood**, mother and stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

THESE DAYS

Remember to pick up a copy of **These Days** devotional booklet (January – March 2016) on your next visit to the church. Large and regular print copies are available, while supplies last.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

As 2015 draws to a close, I reflect on all of the fantastic experiences we have had together at FPC by the grace and love of God. 2016 promises new experiences and challenges and I feel blessed to be heading in to the new year in this church family and thankful for the love and support you all give to my family and our awesome youth. May God bless the year ahead for us all!

Sarah

REHEARSALS BEGIN!

♪ **Children's Choir Rehearsal** ♪
Sunday, January 3 after worship
(We will rehearse every Sunday in January in preparation to sing on February 7th.)

♪ **Youth Bells Rehearsal** ♪
Sunday, January 10 after worship

♪ **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** ♪
Wednesday, January 13 at 7 p.m.

♪ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** ♪
Monday, January 11 at 5 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle and Bible Study
Monday, January 4
10:30 a.m. in the East Parlor

TIME OUT RADIO SHOW

Monday, January 4
at 5:00 p.m.

Bill Hendrickson will interview **Connell Fullenkamp**, Duke Professor of Economics, on world economy for 2016. (Listen locally on WCOM, 103.5 FM, and elsewhere on the web: wcomfm.org.)

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will discuss *All the Lights We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr on **Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary-Jo Keenan** (mjkeenan39@gmail.com). Contact Mary-Jo for the address and directions to her home. **Dale Gaddis** will lead the discussion. New faces welcome.

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

PLANNING RETREAT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
following worship (about 12:30 p.m.)
(Lunch will be provided. Please confirm via EVITE that you will be attending. Remember to bring your calendars.)

Presbyterian Heritage Tour

SCOTLAND

September 6-17, 2016
led by **Carlisle Harvard & Joe Harvard**
We will visit historical sites and churches, meet local pastors and congregations, and attend educational lectures at the University of Edinburgh's New College.
For more information call
Carlisle Harvard at 919-812 2632.

NEW BOOK STUDY

FOR JANUARY

What are the essentials of Christianity: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer? "Who better than Rowan Williams (104th Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002-2012) to be our teacher in this clear and accessible exposition," says Walter Brueggemann. Our book, *Being Christian*, is a great overview for seekers and new Christians, as well as for cradle-roll Christians and questioners of the faith. We will test-drive this book in small groups, to see if it might work also for officer training or for new member classes. All are welcome. Classes will be held at the church on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. – noon, January 8 - 29, and at Croasdaile Village/Heritage Hall activities room on Sundays from 3 - 4:30 p.m., January 3-31. Books are \$10, and may be purchased from **Marilyn Hedgpeth**. All are welcome!



"Winter Concert"

Sunday, January 17

3:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Fend off the winter blues with Vox Virorum as they present a wintry mix of classic and exciting men's choral selections.

Free admission for FPC members.

Others: \$10 suggested donation.

For more info on Vox Virorum, go to:
<http://www.trianglings.org/vox-virorum-mens-chorus-2/>.

NAMI DURHAM COUNTY

BASICS EDUCATION

CLASSES

Thursday evenings,
January 21 - February 25
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Durham

Basics is a free, six-session program designed for parents or primary caregivers of children and adolescents from birth to 18 years old, with emotional and behavioral difficulties. For more information or to register, contact **Barbara Maier** – 847-212-6463 or naminc.ed@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

MANY PEOPLE, ONE BODY

1 Corinthians 12:12

As of December 21, 2015, **165 pledges** have been received totaling **\$731,049.82** which represents **87.46%** of our 2016 goal of \$835,885. Those of you who have not responded will be contacted by a member of the Stewardship Committee to make sure you received your pledge materials and to field any questions you may have. **Thank you for supporting the ministries for FPC!**

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