

First Presbyterian Church



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October 6, 2015

Sunday, October 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School / Newcomers' Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

Alex Stayer Brewington, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 22:1-15
Epistle Lesson	Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel Lesson	Mark 10:17-31

Acolytes: **Sam Henry, Matt Brockman**

Crucifer: **Parker Klinck**

Crossaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt, Carol McKnight**

After Worship Greeters:

Emily Durham Diy (rear/narthex)

Marie Sappenfield (side/ font)

Ushers: **Jo Bernhardt** (head), **Paul Cornsweet** (flowers), **Amy Dillon, Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, Al Arrowood, Barbara Fish**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall for a discussion of the newly published book, The Long Shadow of Vatican II. Momentous decisions were made at Vatican II that forever changed the way of thinking, worshiping, and acting in the Catholic community. The reforms made or considered more than 50 years ago by that council initiated a dynamic process of questioning, renewal, and transformation. **Sam Miglarese**, one of the editors of the book, will lead the conversation. The book will be available for sale for those interested.

Lectionary Class

We know that God gives good gifts to us. But sometimes it seems that God demands that we give up things that are dear to us. Is suffering or poverty required? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys is studying the Wisdom literature of the Old Testament. We will discuss selected chapters from Proverbs and continue with chapter 2 of 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

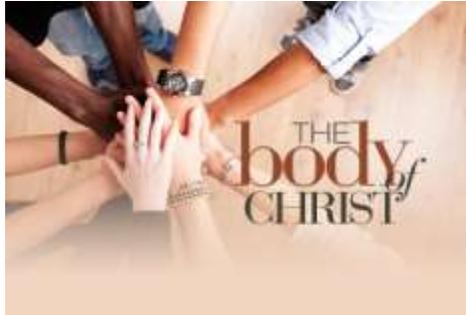
Susan Dunlap leads this class for women in a discussion on spiritual formation. Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

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.

VISITORS / NEWCOMERS

New members will be introduced during worship on Sunday, October 18. One session remains 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.

BEDDING NEEDED

(for overnight use)

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 drop it by the church (make sure your name is on it). **Jane Williams** (336-577-8240 or janepsych1@mac.com) is the FPC coordinator of this hospitality event.

Children's Sunday School

God's Great Garden (Grades 3-5)

Jesus exhibits a new kind of teaching, which amazes everyone around him. Sunday, we'll make 3D dioramas in shoeboxes of the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the towns of Nazareth and Capernaum where fishermen fished, and boats sailed, and wild animals roamed in the desert, and new kinds of healing took place. All are welcome!

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As Hurricane Joaquin has swirled into our lives this week, I have imagined all of the possibilities for disaster in our immediate area (it's called anxiety!): flooding, wind damage, power outages, food shortages. And I wondered if it wouldn't be a good idea for us to "neighbor check" one another by zip code, should any of these things occur. Now, it looks like the worst of the storm will be out at sea, and the worst of the flooding will be to our south. But perhaps it would be a good idea, nevertheless, to divide our congregation into zip code groups to take care of one another, just as Jesus did in all four gospel accounts when he fed 5,000 or more at-risk people. Then these neighbor groups might also be in place to gather and celebrate our new pastor when that occurs (keep praying!).

I'm so pleased with the divide and conquer attitude of our congregation during this interim time. Leaders have stepped up within the congregation and are doing a fantastic job of seeing visions and dreaming dreams, and then making those happen without too much poking and prodding from me. I love the empowered laity that I am seeing, which makes me even more hopeful about the future health of our congregation.

Peace,

Marilyn

NOTES

Special thanks to the **Wilkins** family for hosting a **First Friends** potluck game night this past Saturday evening at FPC. A fun time was had by all.

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).

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.

Sunday, October 18

National Children's Sabbath

FPC's children will participate in worship.

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

Following worship, everyone is invited to a picnic lunch in the courtyard!

Our Sympathies

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following: **Nancy McClure** (Day School Staff) on the death of her brother last week; **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey and family** on the death of her brother-in-law, **Howard Knickerbocker** (September 29); **Scottie Seawell and family** on the death of her uncle, **Donald R. Seawell** (September 30).

