

First Presbyterian Church

March 31, 2015

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



Sunday, April 5



9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(FPC Memorial Garden)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School***

Announcements – 10:55 a.m. ***

11:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Sermon: "Who Will Roll the Stone Away?"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Epistle Lesson	Acts 10: 34-43
Gospel Lesson	Mark 15:42 – 16:8

Acolytes: **Sam Henry, Graham Curtis**

Crucifer: **Parker Klinck**

Coasdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeters: **Edward & Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

Will McDow (rear/narthex)

Kristin Meade (side/font)

Ushers: **Brianna Honea** (head), **Gray Wilson**

(flowers), **Mary-Jo Keenan, Talitha Kwon,**

David Lorimer

Communion Elders:

Bread 1 (process): **Tom Bacon**

Bread 2: **Kate Busa**

Bread 3: **Beth Eisenson**

Bread 4: **Marcia Lorimer**

Bread (narthex): **Alice Raney**

Cup 1/ process: **Michael Schultz**

Cup 2: **Kristin Meade**

Cup 3: **Wes Carson**

Cup 4: **Bob Breitweiser**

Cup (narthex): **Phyllis Supple**

Shepherd (font): **Gwen Dilworth**

Shepherd (center): **Lea Bingham**

Shepherd (pulpit): **Harold Dunlap**

Shepherd balcony (font side): **Phyllis Verhey**

Shepherd balcony (pulpit side): **Joseph**

Ngumi

Head / replenish elements: **Mary Gitata**

FLOWERING THE CROSS

As part of our Easter tradition, everyone is invited to bring flowers or greenery to church on Easter Sunday to decorate the cross outside the Memorial Garden. You may add your flora to the cross as you enter the glass doors on your way to worship or Sunday School. Since spring has come in force, we should have a beautiful display of God's creation.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

This special PCUSA Offering will be received this Sunday. Your generous gifts to this offering provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry and help empower the poor and oppressed around the world.

EASTER LILIES

Following worship on this Sunday, members are invited to take an Easter lily home, or take one to someone who was not able to join us in worship.



Susan Dunlap, preaching

(The Chancel will be stripped.)

A light supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP to the church (919-682-5511)

if you plan to eat with us.

Communion Elders:

Peter Fish – Bread, pulpit side

Sarah Finbow – Cup, pulpit side

Alice Raney – Bread, font side

Jane Brawley – Cup, font side



April 3 at 12 noon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A spiritual pilgrimage and meditation of the Holy Week texts in Durham's downtown context, **beginning at St. Philip's Episcopal Church and ending at FPC.** All are welcome to walk this journey with us.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

It's Easter Sunday, the culmination of our Lenten journey. Topping off the great themes of Lent, **Sam Miglarese** and **Jon Nelson** will lead the class in a discussion of dying and rising and what it means in our lives. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

How can we believe an unbelievable story? Those who tell it have little credibility -- fishermen, fanatical converts, frightened women who said they saw an angel. But we are commanded not just to believe but to help spread the word. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Come and explore Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that addresses divisions within the church. Newcomers are encouraged to join the discussion. Class meets at 9:45 in our second floor classroom.

Scratch Class

Young adults are discussing topics from the lectionary-based online resource, **Faith Element**. Join us at 9:45 in our lower level classroom.

Family Matters Class

"Dreaming of Summer" is our topic this Sunday. Join us at 9:45, second floor, across from the Resource Room.

Spiritual Formation Class

This class for women is led by **Susan Dunlap**. Join us at 9:45, lower level classroom.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The class will meet on the second floor of the CE Building to discuss our visit to the Sikh Gurderwara, to prepare for our visit to Hall Wynne Funeral Home (April 12th), to prepare for our meeting with the Session on April 27th and for Confirmation Sunday on May 3rd. Mentors are invited to join us, as always!

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear saints,

Before this week is over . . . we will gather at the Lord's Table, where we will remember Christ's last words to his disciples as he encouraged them to love one another as he has loved them, to stoop to serve others, to remember him when we share meals and food with others, to remember him when we pour ourselves out for others. If we walk with him, we will feel his agony, his fear, his love, his trust, and his absolute courage.

Before this week is over . . . we will follow the cross with our faith neighbors around the historic streets of our neighborhood. We will notice the cracks in the sidewalk, the occasional cigarette butt, passing cars with music blaring, the stares of the people on the street, budding trees, happy babies in strollers. If we follow Christ all the way to the cross, we will feel his sacrificial love for all of these, locally and beyond.

Before this week is over . . . we will spend a Saturday wondering "what if". What if Christ had not risen from the grave? What if death does have the last word? What if the sting of death is ultimate? What if evil is stronger than goodness? What if evil wins?

Before the week is over . . . we will gather as the saints have always done, on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, and celebrate in awe and amazement the resurrection of our Lord. We'll bring "hallelujah" back into our vocabulary. We'll be one in Christ. I look forward to making this epic journey with you.

Peace,

Marilyn

NOTES

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 6 in observance of the Easter holiday.

A Colloquia in memory of **Allen Verhey** was held at Duke Divinity School on March 23rd. Greetings were shared by **Phyllis Verhey**, and speakers included **Mac McCorkle, Tim Beach-Verhey** and **Joe Harvard**. This event was hosted by the Presbyterian/Reformed House of Studies.

Many thanks to **Steve Rimmer, Robert Brawley, Sam Miglarese** and the **Chancel Choir** for a dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative on Sunday in worship.

Many thanks to **Dawn Carsey** and members of the CE Committee who made Hot Cross buns for Palm Sunday. It was great to wave palms and pray for our historic downtown churches on Sunday to celebrate the day: Trinity UMC was founded in 1861; FPC, in 1871; and St. Philip's, in 1879. We've been neighbors for many years!

Special thanks to **Barbara Buckley** who organized a grounds workday this past Saturday. The grounds look beautiful for Easter!

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

On April 1, **Cherrie Henry** will celebrate her second anniversary at FPC as Parish Associate in charge of our young adult ministry.

Congratulations to **Kirsten Rutschman**, who has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Sweden next year; to **Emily Bernhardt**, Duke associate professor in the biology department and daughter of **George and Jo Bernhardt**, who has been awarded a 2015 Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award from the Humboldt Foundation; and to **Ian Belle**, who has been awarded a PhD from the Department of Immunology at Duke University.

Our condolences to **Mercy Ndambiri** on the death of her co-worker and friend, **Gladys Njenga**, who died March 17th in Durham.

Added this week:

Roy Blackwell, father of Sheila Miglarese
Becky Brown, mother of Amy Sanchez
Genie V. Martin, cousin of Emily Wilkins
Brooks Minks, grandmother of Lucie House
The family and friends of Sam Sporn

Daniel Neece - Silieto, in NICU in Louisville
Wajid Bangura, grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital
Dewey Lawson, in rehab at Duke Regional

Walter Cleary **Bonnie Creadick**
Nowell Creadick **Edward Kwon**
Mercy Ndambiri **Ann Prospero**
Jacque Robins **Rosemary Seve**

Carolina House (Durham): **Julian Boswell**

Clare Bridge (CPHL): **Helen Garrison**

Croasdaile Village:

Pavilion:

Anne Davis, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren
Friendship Hall:
Bob Keever

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

The Forest at Duke:

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

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- **Patricia Adcock**, mother of Catherine Admay
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Ching-Chang Chin**, father of Li-Chen Chin
- **Gino England**, nephew of Larry Reed
- **Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck
- **Cherie Haines**, sister of Vernon Neece
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Tshiek family**, friends of the Fricks

FPC MEN OF FAITH

Annual Men's Retreat

April 17 – 18

6:00 p.m. Friday – 2:00 p.m. Saturday

Avila Retreat Center, Durham

Homer Ashby is leading this retreat

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

This year has really flown by! I can't believe we are already in Holy Week! This past week the youth talked about what Holy Week means for them now in 2015 and how we might be the light of Christ even in the darkness. Thank you to the **Pienkowski family** for providing our meal! Many blessings on this Holy Week!
Youth group will resume the Sunday after Easter.

Blessings,
Sarah

VCS AND MUSIC CAMP

REGISTER NOW!

Registration forms are now available for VCS at Camp New Hope, **June 15-19** from 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m., and for Music Camp for FPC members only, **June 15-19** at the church from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Forms are available on the FPC website, in the church foyer, and also will be mailed out to parents.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Monday, April 13

(Date changed due to Church office being closed on Easter Monday.)

Circle and Bible Study

10:30 a.m. – East Parlor

SCRATCH / YOUTH ADULTS

WEEKLY GATHERING

7:30 PM on Tuesdays
at Social Games and Brew

DAY HIKE TO HANGING ROCK

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 a.m. 'til early evening

Will you need a ride? Let **Cherrie Henry** or **David Lorimer** know and they will investigate the rental of a van.

"It's the Economy, Stupid" – Learnings and Reflections from South Africa

A Presentation by **Rev. Alan Storey**, of the Central Methodist Mission, Cape Town

Tuesday, April 28

11:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m.

Duke Divinity School, West Campus, Terrace View Room (031 Westbrook)

Light lunch served. Please RSVP to Amy Vargas-Tonsi at av71@duke.edu by April 21. Free and open to the public. Paid parking available in Bryan Center Parking Lot

~ Save the Date ~

SATURDAY, MAY 2

FPC DAY OF SERVICE

Opportunities to serve with Habitat, SEEDS and at FPC
Details coming soon . . . stay tuned!

The **THESE DAYS** devotional booklets for April – June 2015 have arrived. Pick up a copy (regular or large print edition) from the table in the foyer while supplies last!

BOOK STUDY/BIBLE STUDY

The Friday/Sunday study classes at FPC and Croasdaile Village are on spring break until after Easter. Stay tuned for future meetings.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The Deacons are recruiting members of the congregation who are willing to volunteer for various needs around the congregation. Volunteers may serve on a one time-basis, or as much as they would like. Currently, the church needs help with:

- **Congregational lunches** (set-up, clean-up, etc.);

- **Drivers to and from church** for members who cannot drive.

If you are interested in volunteering in either of these areas, please email

Lucie House (luciehouse@gmail.com) or email **Johanna Bernhardt** (Johanna.bernhardt@gmail.com).

MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

"Connecting Faith Resources with Mental Health"

Friday, April 10

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

sponsored by

Faith Connections on Mental Illness

St. Thomas More

940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill

For more info, contact: 919-942-6227; faithconnectmi@aol.com

www.faithconnectionsmentalillness.org

FPC Hosting

DCIA LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(Watts-Hill Hall)

SENIORS SPRING LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

11:30 a.m. Gathering (East Parlor)

12 Noon Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)

More details forthcoming

WOMEN'S VOICES CHORUS

Sunday, April 26 – 3:00 p.m.

FPC sanctuary

Composers through the ages have been inspired by poems, letters, and notes written to lovers, sons, mothers, sisters, and religious figures, expressing many different kinds of love. This diverse program will showcase a delightful mix of "love notes" by Brahms, Whitacre, Gershwin, and the Renaissance. Purchase tickets online: <http://womensvoiceschorus.org/product/love-notes/>

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