

First Presbyterian Church



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October 27, 2015



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

This Sunday we will remember in worship those who died in the faith this past year.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School /
Scripture Readers' Class

11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion
Sermon: "Old Heaven and New Heaven"
Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Epistle Lesson	Revelation 21:1-6a
Gospel Lesson	John 11:32-44

Acolytes: **Almira Mbah**

Crucifer: **Maryn Leonard,**
Griffin Momsen-Hudson

Crossdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

Kate Busa (rear/narthex)

Bob Breitweiser (side/ font)

Ushers: **Chris Brown** (head), **Dick Boulden**
(flowers), **Keith Merritt, Lisa Rist,**
Cris Rivera, Leslie McDow

Communion Elders:

Wes Carson - Head / Replenish Elements

Phyllis Verhey - Bread 1 / Process Bread

Emily Durham Diy - Bread 2

Aurelia Klinck - Bread 3

Kristin Meade - Bread 4

Bob Breitweiser - Cup 1

Will McDow - Cup 2 / Process

Joseph Ngumi - Cup 3

Caroline Rourk - Cup 4

Michael Schultz - Shepherd font aisle

Talitha Kwon - Shepherd center aisle

Eric Wiebe - Shepherd pulpit aisle

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community

What are the options at the polls for this November? What gifts do contenders bring; what holes need to be filled? Our politician-in-residence, **City Councilman Eugene Brown**, will go over some of the ins and outs of election policies and procedures for this election, and encourage all of us to vote our conscience! The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45, and all are welcome.

Lectionary Class

Join us for a discussion of Sunday's lectionary texts at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will discuss selected chapters from Proverbs and continue their study of Ecclesiastes. All are welcome to join. We meet at 9:45, second floor, classroom at the end of the 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 discussion. Join us at 9:45 in a basement classroom.

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends Sunday, November 1, 2:00 a.m.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, October 31!

October 11 – November 8



"Many People, One Body" A Minute for Stewardship

(given in worship on Sunday, October 25
by **Sam Henry**)

You may notice that today, over my strictly formal wear, I'm wearing a lovely red scarf. Some of you may recognize it as the scarf given to all young members of this church as they are confirmed. But really, the story of this scarf goes back much farther than that. And like most all good biblical stories, it starts with water . . .

When I am told of my baptism now, it seems like a scene from *The Lion King*. My small, still dripping head sealed with oil then held up to where the whole church could see who they had just blindly promised to care for and teach. But no matter how little they knew of me when they made those promises they, you, have still upheld your commitment to me even to this day.

Some of you know me as that kid in the Handbell Choir, or that kid who gets up every year or so to sing "O Lamb of God." And I know at least Sarah sees me as that rascal always running around with Matt Brockman. But when I got this scarf from the church, I could feel the love of everyone in the church wrapping warmly around me and saying again to me, what **Lori Pistor** said at my baptism, "You are Samuel Joseph Henry, child of the Covenant."



FPC'S FALL DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, October 31

Let's treat the community on Halloween!

Sponsored by Service & Mission Committee

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for **Duncan Vujic Profeta** last Sunday during worship. Duncan is the son of **Tim Profeta and Tanja Vujic**.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's time to entertain a new story: Jesus and the Paralytic from Matthew, Mark and Luke. How important was the community in addressing the needs of the paralytic and in bringing him into the presence of Jesus? Bring your friends and we'll see you on Sunday morning.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

FPC cares deeply! I was reminded just how deeply we love and care for each of our members as I was among many who came to the bedside of **Nowell Creadick** last week, to lay hands on and to pray, and to anoint him with the oil of healing and wholeness. It was a beautiful sight to witness and to be part of the peace that spread throughout his room as the saints surrounded him in prayer. He has been blessed with a fabulous care team led by **Deborah Momsen-Hudson**, who is working tirelessly to provide much-needed support.

FPC cares deeply! I was reminded just how deeply we love and care for those outside our walls also, by the efforts of many who participate in Durham CAN's initiatives to bring and maintain affordable housing in the downtown area. With the many high-end apartments and condos springing up, with the urban renewal and gentrification of our downtown community, many of our neighbors either are being forced out of their homes or are finding their rent rising to unsustainable levels. Because FPC has a tradition of caring for the Beloved Community, we support Urban Ministries, Genesis Home, Habitat, Durham CAN and all these ministries that care for the least of these. I am grateful for those like **Susan Dunlap, Tom Bacon, Sharon Hirsch, Homer Ashby, Lea Bingham, Jancy Strauman, Dan Hudgins**, and others who have a heart for those outside our walls.

FPC cares deeply! We currently have three members working towards ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, which is an all-time high. **Alex Stayer Brewington** and **I Sil Yoon** are now candidates for ministry; **Mary Berry** has just begun the process as an inquirer. It is great to be a nurturing community that fosters the spiritual growth of all of our members, from oldest to youngest. Could we do better? Absolutely! And my hope and prayer is that this is only a hint of the good things to come for our congregation. I am thankful to be part of a communion of saints that cares so deeply.

Peace,

Marilyn

CONGRATULATIONS to I Sil Yoon,

who was approved as a Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Saturday's gathering of the Presbytery of New Hope. At that meeting, **Reverend Steve Rimmer** transferred his affiliation from Associate Reformed Presbyterian to PC(USA). We are so glad to have Steve and the gifts he brings to our church. Elders who were honored for their long-time service to the church at Saturday's meeting included **Sheila Breitweiser** (25 years) and **Barbara Gerwe** (25 years).

NOTES

Primetimers had a nice gathering on Saturday evening at the home of **Eugene and Signe Brown**. Thanks to the Browns for hosting.

SESSION BRIEFS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

- Accepted Living Wage Recertification
- Approved the 2016 Needs Budget
- Approved revised Personnel Policy Manual

OCTOBER 26, 2015

- Approved **Torrell Armstrong** to replace **Wendy McCorkle** as treasurer, with many thanks to Wendy for her faithful service
 - Noted plans to become a supporting congregation for Durham's new **Step-Up Ministry**
 - Encouraged participation in Day of Service this Saturday, October 31
 - Discussed the pros and cons of electronic payment of offering
 - Approved motion to endorse the continued development of a Planned Giving program for next year
 - Encouraged officers, as leaders, to attend the Congregational Stewardship Dinner, and to pledge early in the process
 - Invited all to be part of the Durham Arts Council "Organ" crawl on November 13
 - Received report from Saturday's Presbytery Gathering from **Alice Raney**
 - Requested to hear from **Sarah Finbow** at next meeting about how the church might assist her in coming months
- Submitted by **Marilyn Hedgpath**, moderator

OUR CONCERNS

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams
Ron Brewington, uncle of Alex Stayer Brewington
Robin Morey and her friend **Aquiles Navarro** who is facing an immigration issue

Paul Cornsweet
Nowell Creadick
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
- **Parker Brown**, nephew of Neil Wilkins
- **Ruby Brown**, mother of Eugene Brown
- **Roger Durham**, father of Emily Durham
- **Genie V. Martin**, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- **Brooks Minks**, grandmother of Lucie House
- **Lindsay Morris**, sister of Emily McClure
- **Edward Robinson**, brother of Joe Robinson
- **Jean Robinson**, mother of John Robinson
- **Ryan Schlecht**, grandson of Ken and Mary Jo Schlecht
- **Judy and Chris Wood**, mother and stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,
The youth have been hard at work reading, talking about and writing prayers and picking hymns from the scriptures for this year's youth Sunday! After a fun Saturday at a corn maze and hard work (with some fun and fellowship mixed in, too!) I could not be more impressed with our youth! We will be participating in the Day of Service this Saturday by going gleaning, and we will continue work on our youth Sunday service on Sunday evening! A huge thanks to the **Wilkins** family for our meal this past week!

Blessings,
Sarah

FRIDAY/SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

It's back to the Bible (after Reformation Sunday) for the study groups, as the Friday and Sunday classes begin a study using "Come to the Waters," biblical stories of healing, deliverance, baptism, and new life which occur around water.

The study books are free, and all are invited to attend. The Friday class meets from 10:30 to noon at the church, and the Sunday Class meets from 3-4:30 at Croasdaile Village in the Heritage Hall Activities Room. Let **Marilyn Hedgpath** know if you need a book.

FIRST FRIENDS POTLUCK

(Adults only)

Friday, November 6

6:30 p.m. at the home of
Steve and Sharon Hirsch

Hosts will provide barbecue.
Please bring sides and desserts.
Please respond to the Evite.

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet on **Tuesday, November 10** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Dorothy Graham** to discuss John Hope Franklin's book, Mirror to America. **Celia Dickerson** will lead the discussion. Please let Dorothy know you will attend: dabginnc@gmail.com. New faces are welcome!

The Durham Arts Council invites you to the

DOWNTOWN DURHAM

ORGAN CRAWL

Friday, November 13

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

An exclusive, first time on-foot event, showcasing the music and architecture of three Durham churches of historical significance, paired with three courses of fine food and drinks. **FPC is one of the churches being featured.** Buy your tickets now, space is very limited! Call 919-560-2707 to purchase tickets (\$45.00 each) for a delicious three-course meal with wine; Private organ performances and tours of three Downtown Durham churches; Architecture expert and church renovator Terry Byrd Eason will share insight on each church.

JUNE CHALLENGE - UPDATE

Thanks to the generous response of the congregation, First Presbyterian's June Challenge grant raised \$21,500, which an anonymous donor matched with an additional \$20,000. The bulk of the funds will go to Downtown outreach (\$10,000 for FPC's Walk-In Assistance and \$10,000 for Step-Up Ministries, which is expanding its job and life skills training program to Durham) and Presbytery (\$10,000). An additional \$5000 will go to PCUSA World Mission, \$2500 to Meals on Wheels, and \$500 to Iglesia Emanuel's youth group for college trips. The remaining funds may go to Presbyterian Urban Ministries, which assists in administering our walk-in assistance, or other Downtown outreach. The committee extends its deepest gratitude to the congregation for always responding with compassion to those in need in our community, state, and around the world. – **Lea Bingham**

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world" - unknown

Well, you may be 10+ people or even a congregation (not one person) but you get the idea! Jennifer, her



mother in Wilmington and myself (with wife Dana) are so appreciative of your loving support for the Creadick family. You have made a tough time so much easier and hopeful. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! With love and prayer, **Jeff Cook**

Thank you so very much for your part in making our stay at First Presbyterian so enjoyable. The Women Roofers of Rutherford County had a wonderful and productive trip to Durham. It was especially memorable and nostalgic for me having grown up in Durham and seeing the changes as well as the things that had remained the same. My grandfather started the Ford dealership in Durham right down the street from you which is now the Durham Housing Authority's building. I was 16 years old when the first mustangs came out and the new mustangs were in a corral right next to the building – farm days! Thanks again for your generosity!

– **Jane Alexander Bell**

We had a great time in Durham and enjoyed our work with Habitat. We were so welcomed by everyone we met. Hopefully Jane (Williams) can find an opportunity for us to return! Thanks for sharing Jane with us – we love having her join us in our work in the western part of the state! Thanks again,

Lori Henrick and the Women Roofers

MORTGAGE BURNING

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Durham invites members of New Hope Presbytery to its Mortgage Burning Service being held **Sunday, November 15** at 3:00 p.m. at the Covenant Church. A reception will follow the service. R.S.V.P by November 1, 2015 at 919-682-1484.

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