

First Presbyterian Church

November 17, 2015



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

The **Children's Choir** will be singing. The children will rehearse at 9:30 in the sanctuary. The **Hunger for Change** Offering will be received during worship. Thank you for your generous giving to help combat hunger.

Sermon: "What a Vision!"

Sam Miglarese, preaching

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 24
Epistle Lesson	Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel Lesson	John 18:33-37

Crucifer: **Talitha Kwon**

Acolytes: **Jack Kost, Ellie Dilworth**

Crossdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeter: **Linn Lopez**

Elizabeth High

After Worship Greeters:

Aurelia Klinck (rear/narthex)

Laura Hanson (side/font)

Ushers: **Amy Dillon** (head), **Debbie**

Hamlin-Aggrey (flowers), **Al Arrowood,**

Barbara Fish, Margaret Keller, Tim

Strauman

Communion Elders:

Emily Durham Diy (head/replenish

elements), **Marie Sappenfield** (Bread

1/process), **Jerry Postema** (Bread 2),

Barbara Gerwe (Bread 3), **Jane Williams**

(Bread 4), **Kate Busa** (Cup 1),

Al Arrowood (Cup2/process), **Miriam**

Morey (Cup 3), **Lenore Champion** (Cup

4), **Joseph Ngumi** (shepherd-pulpit),

Phyllis Verhey (Shepherd-center), **Alice**

Raney (Shepherd-font)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community

When terrorism strikes in our world, how should we respond as Christians? With the events of last weekend in Paris fresh on our minds, now is a good time to reflect upon terrorism, its causes, and our responses. **Marilyn Hedgpeth** will lead a discussion of the on-going reign of terror in our world, even as we profess Christ as King. Join us in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45.

Lectionary Class

On the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate Christ as King. What does it mean to be subject to a king? What do we owe to our king? Join us at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

We will discuss selected chapters from Proverbs and continue our study of chapter 11 of Ecclesiastes. We meet at 9:45, CE building, second floor, classroom end of hall.

SCRATCH/Young Adults Class

We are resuming our study of theology of place this Sunday. Join us at 9:45 in the basement classroom.

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in grades 3-5 are in for a treat this Sunday as **Brianna Honea** leads us in a time of meditation and yoga. Please wear comfortable clothes, as we will be on the floor assuming various yoga poses. Parents welcome! We will meet in the Godly Play classroom at 9:45 to review our story, and then come to room 207 at 10:00 for yoga.

INVITE A FRIEND

As we approach Thanksgiving Day it gives us an extra opportunity to pause and reflect on blessings for which we are thankful. Perhaps you will include thanks for your FPC family. But have you ever thought about people who do not attend a place of worship, who do not have a church home? Do you know someone whom you can invite to come to worship at FPC? Sunday, November 22, is "Invite a Friend to Church Sunday". Won't YOU?

MANY PEOPLE, ONE BODY

1 Corinthians 12:12



DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

118 pledges have been received totaling **\$601,331** which represents **72%** of our 2016 goal of \$835,885.

Please return your pledge sheet as soon as possible. Contact **Tom Bloom** in the church office if you have questions or need pledge materials: 919-682-5511 ext 216 or send an email: t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org.

PHOTO ART DISPLAY

As part of the recent event to benefit the Durham Arts Council, three of our members displayed some of their fine art photography in Watts-Hill Hall. **Eugene Brown, Carol Carson,** and **David Smith** each selected some of their favorite photographic subjects to share. The display will be up through the end of November for all to drop by and see.

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

On the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. It sums up and captures all that has gone before and claims the central place that Jesus, whom we call the Christ, should occupy in our lives. We have witnessed Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. The mystery of life and death in our lives is identified with the life, death and resurrection of Christ our Lord.

For some this past year has been difficult and painful: our loved ones, including my mother, have died. There has been suffering, sickness, and failure. For others there has been the joy of life: a marriage covenant formed, a child has been born and baptized; a college and a new career started. Yet no matter what dimension of the mystery of life held sway over us this past year, time moves on and there is yet the sure promise that tomorrow will unfold new challenges and new joys.

But we must always remember this Sunday that which is beyond time. Our belief that Christ Jesus gives meaning to all existence finds expression in the odd, counter cultural language of King and Kingdom. Yet it is his Kingdom that absorbs and beckons us all at the same time. Christ is King indeed, but in so many hidden ways that only the blind can recognize him, only the lame run to greet him and only the thirsty drink from his cup. "I prefer a Church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security," says Francis I. Christ is King for a Church that dares to live out Christ's vision of peace, justice, and love as we try to build up the Kingdom in our community of faith in Durham, N.C., God's little acre.

Sam

NOTES

Many thanks to **Sarah Finbow**, to the youth advisors, but most importantly, to our youth, for an upbeat worship service of highest integrity this past Sunday. God was glorified in so many ways. And after the horrible events in Paris this past weekend, "Keep Calm and Believe On" was a providential theme for us to ponder.

The Church Office will be CLOSED Thursday and Friday, November 26-27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

SONAM FALL CONCERT

Sunday, November 22

3:00 p.m. – FPC sanctuary

Music about parents and children from the Renaissance and modern eras. Suggested donation: \$10. All proceeds go to support Durham Partnership for Children.

MARRIAGE

ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to new members **Samantha Canipe and Harrison Gilbert** who were married at FPC on November 14th.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Judy and David Smith** on the death of Judy's sister, **Carol Sattler**, who died November 16th in Madison, Wisconsin.

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

Jean Cary, outpatient surgery this week

Helene Johnson,
mother of Jim Johnson, in Aurora, OH

Russell and Peggy Cockerell,
great uncle and aunt of Abi Bisette

Mary Clark, patient at UNC-CH Hospital

Creadick Family
Paul Cornsweet
Sarah and Pete Finbow
Dewey Lawson
Snell Family

Brookdale Senior Living: *Julian Boswell*

Brookdale of Chapel Hill: *Helen Garrison*

Coasdaile 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
- **Anna Brawley**, daughter of Jane and Robert Brawley
- **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
- **Charles Schultz**, Amy Dillon's father
- **Judy and Chris Wood**, mother and stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

Dear Members of the Church,

I have enjoyed the beautiful flowers from the church. Thank you to the members who provided them and those who have delivered them and visited. This lovely note has come with them. "These flowers have graced the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Durham. They have heard the prayers and the hymns during worship and now convey to you the love and prayers of the congregation."



Sincerely,
Ken Goldner

YOUTH GROUPS

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your support, kind words, and prayers after our annual youth Sunday service. I am so very proud of the faith journeys that our youth are on, and am so thankful that this church continues to nourish this awesome group of youth! Their dedication and involvement is a direct result of all who have taught and walked along side of them since birth. A special thanks to our youth advisors who have put in countless hours volunteering to make this church a place that our young people call home. The youth will meet at their regular times this Sunday!

Blessings,
Sarah

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.

A CALL FOR TURKEYS

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 "Luz y Sombra" (Light and Shadow). All are invited to join us! Thanks for your support. - **Julio Ramirez-Eve**

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. **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 in Raleigh.

WALLTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

JOINT WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 22

3:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian

Walttown Neighborhood Ministries, together with its partner organizations and congregations, will hold its annual joint worship service at Trinity Presbyterian Church (927 W. Trinity Avenue). An all-women choir will provide music. Please bring a bag of non-perishable food items, toiletries or cleaning supplies for the WNM Food Bank. 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.

CELEBRATING ADVENT

Candles and candle holders for celebrating Advent in your home will **only** be available following worship on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29. You are invited to fill out cards with pearls of wisdom for new parents.

ADVENT FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 6

Activities and craft-making during Sunday School for the children and youth.

Local non-profits will be available following worship for an opportunity for alternative gift-giving.

Refreshments provided. All are welcome!

COOKIE EXCHANGE

FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

FPC families with young children are invited to bring cookies to share, exchange, and to put in blessing bags for our downtown neighbors. Bring a few dozen Christmas cookies and meet in Watts-Hill Hall on **Saturday, December 12 from 10:30 – noon**. RSVP to **Chris Brown** by email: jamesbro@gmail.com if you will participate.

ADVENT TABLEAUX

FOR CHILDREN

At the request of parents, this year's Advent Tableaux will take place on **Sunday, December 20 at 11 a.m.** This will allow more families who travel over Christmas to participate. We will meet in the sanctuary that day during Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. to distribute costumes and to practice the processional. The children's part in the service is at the very beginning, after which they can either sit with parents, or go to the nursery. Children who want to keep their costumes for Christmas Eve are welcome to wear them on December 24 for a shorter time with children during that service. We hope these **two events** will include more children, and make both services shorter and more amenable to children's schedules. Families are also invited to **bring cupcakes** to celebrate Baby Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve.

Save the Date!

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

Sunday, December 20

4:00 p.m. - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1200 West Cornwallis, Durham

Join **Lesley Curtis**, soprano and **Deborah Coclans**, piano, for a program of Christmas musical offerings and poetry. The program will feature Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium", poems by Dorothy Parker and Langston Hughes, and Christmas hymns.

Remember to return your
2016 Pledge Sheet
to the church office,
and to bring a **Hunger for
Change Offering** to worship
this Sunday!