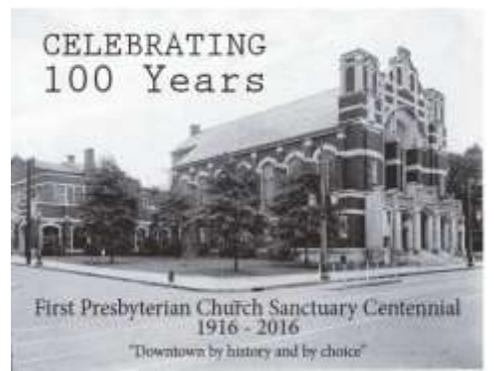


# First

# Presbyterian

# Church

## JANUARY 5, 2016



### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP AND  
HOLY COMMUNION

SERMON: "Decisive

Turning Point"

**Sam R. Miglrese**, preaching



### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
Worship at 6:45 p.m.  
at Iglesia Emanuel  
Fellowship

2504 N. Roxboro Street

Please bring non-perishable food items  
for the Iglesia Food Pantry.

Participating congregations:

**Iglesia Emanuel, Covenant  
Presbyterian, and First Presbyterian**  
Meditations by **Jennie Wilburn Belle,  
Julio Ramirez-Eve** and **Jimmie Hawkins**

### FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

This Sunday's celebration serves as a hinge between two seasons. **The Baptism of the Lord** is the last day of the Christmas season; the following week we begin what is known as "ordinary time." The Lord's baptism by John in the Jordan marks a climatic manifestation of the mystery of God among us. That mystery, first revealed on the night of the Savior's birth, is extended in Sundays after Christmas, to Epiphany as different facets of the great mystery of the Word-made-flesh. All have been presented to us and celebrated by us in the prayers and readings of each worship service.

This Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' anointing with Spirit that launched his ministry of compassion and healing to all who suffer. This is as it should be for a people to whom the birth of salvation has just been announced. But we, like the rest of the world, must also return to our everyday lives and routine. However, in less than six weeks' time, we begin again a special sacred season of Lent-Easter. For now, with Sunday's observance of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are reminded to be about the business of our own mission and ministry. Church committees and ministry groups will be shaking off their holiday slumber and renewing their efforts to be about the task of proclaiming the Good News of God's love. **Marilyn** met with program staff to sketch out the church ministry and worship calendar for 2016. It is a full one. Hopefully, our observance of the holy days just ending has renewed in us a sense of wonder that God dwells in our own human flesh, and that the work of Jesus the Christ is carried forward through our own weak human efforts. There is little that is "ordinary" about the privilege that is ours to share in the mission and ministry of Jesus!

*Sam*

Old Testament	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Epistle Lesson	Acts 10:34-38
Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Crucifer: **Peter Compton**

Acolytes: **Grace Abels, Ana Profeta**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

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

After Worship Greeters: **Caroline Rourk**  
(narthex/rear), **Jerry Postema** (font/side)

Ushers: **Sherry Everett** (head), **Lucie  
House** (flowers), **Jackie Mbah, Amy  
Dillon, Dale Gaddis, Celia Dickerson**

Communion Elders:

B1/process: **Emily Diy**, B2: **Michael**

**Schultz**, B3: **Wes Carson**, B4: **Kate Busa**

C1: **Jerry Postema**, C2/process: **Eric  
Wiebe**, C3: **Miriam Morey**, C4: **Barbara  
Gerwe**

Shepherds: **Talitha Kwon** (pulpit aisle),  
**Marie Sappenfield** (center aisle), **Lenore  
Champion** (font aisle),

Head/replenish elements: **Alice Raney**

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Faith and Community Class

This Sunday, we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the renewal of our baptismal covenant. Using Rowan Williams' book, Being Christian, **Marilyn Hedgpeth** will lead a discussion about baptism and its implications for forming our individual and communal lives. Old idea, new context: how will the two intersect? Class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45, and all are welcome.

#### Lectionary Class

Something happens in baptism - a cleansing, a rebirth, an anointing, a spiritual empowerment. Is the power in the water itself, or in the hands of the baptizer? Was the voice of the Lord heard at your baptism? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

#### Journeys Class

Journeys will continue an exploration of the wisdom literature by reading and discussing Proverbs and Song of Solomon. 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** Annual Planning Retreat this Sunday, January 10 following worship. Lunch will be provided.

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

#### Thursday, January 14 Kickoff Fellowship Dinner

6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Please respond by January 10th

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 the cookbook of long-time church hostess, **Marie Trueitt**. **THERE IS NO COST FOR THE MEAL, but please make a reservation.** Childcare will be available. **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. Portions of FPC's historical timeline now appear on the bulletin board in the foyer as part of the celebration!

### COMPASSION SUNDAY

January 17, 2016



The Deacons of FPC invite members to do something radically compassionate for a stranger as a way to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. You might do something like . . .

- Pay for someone's meal
- Rake a neighbor's lawn; mow their grass
- Pay for someone's gas
- Take a meal to someone
- Give umbrellas or blankets to those on the street
- Visit prisoners
- Invite widows for a meal together

Cards will be in Sunday's worship bulletin for you to use to sign up to participate. You do not need to give your name. Remember to return completed card to the church office.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Let's get back to some serious measuring and map-making, as we see where Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, and how that area looked then and now. Friends are always welcome to come!

### SAVE THESE DATES!

June 13-17

#### Vacation Church School 2016

New Hope Camp and Conference Center  
(After VCS Music Camp for FPC children)

June 26-July 2

#### Youth Appalachian Service Project

Week 1, June 13-17

Week 2, June 20-24

#### Durham Youth Summer Service Camps

July 8-10

Massanetta Middle School  
Youth Conference

July 17-23

Triennium Youth Conference

July 24-30

Montreat High School  
Youth Conference

## A SERVICE OF WITNESS

A Service of Witness to the life of **Jinhwa Jeong**, FPC member and wife of **Harrison Kim**, will be held on Wednesday, January 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Cary Presbyterian Church, 614 Griffis Street, Cary.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Doug and Marsha Butler** on the birth of a granddaughter. **Chloe Eve Bernstein** was born December 31, 2015 in Cary. Chloe's parents are **Amanda Butler** and **Darren Bernstein**. Chloe joins big sister, **Ivy**.

### Added this week:

**Becky Crockett**, recovering at home  
**Ellie Johnson**, niece of Jim Johnson  
**Helene Johnson**, mother of Jim Johnson  
**Mary Clark** **Paul Cornsweet**  
**Celia Dickerson** **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**

*Please remember to keep the pastoral staff updated on the progress of your loved ones and friends.*

## INVITATIONS

**Muslim Community of Durham  
Dawah (Outreach) Event  
Saturday, January 9**

**2:00 p.m. Parkwood Mosque**  
5122 Revere Rd, Durham NC 27713  
Open to all faiths and will focus on teachings of Islam and responsibilities of Muslims to neighbors.

**2016 DCIA Banquet  
Thursday, January 21**

5:45 – 8:00 p.m.  
**at Judea Reform Congregation**  
1933 W. Cornwallis Rd  
\$15 per plate; RSVP by January 19 to [dcia@dcia.org](mailto:dcia@dcia.org) or 919-688-2036  
Keynote Address will be given by **Imam Abdullah Anteppli**, Chief Representative of Muslim Affairs, Duke University

**Vox Virorum 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.trianglesings.org/vox-virorum-mens-chorus-2/>.

**Presbyterian Heritage Tour  
SCOTLAND**

**September 6-17, 2016**

This tour will be 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 info, call **Carlisle**: 919-812-2632.

## YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

I am excited for all the fun things 2016 has in store for our youth groups! We are starting the year off with fellowship and fun - the youth will meet for bowling this Sunday evening! Parents will meet after worship this Sunday as well to discuss spring and summer plans! Any who might be interested in volunteering with this amazing group are also welcome to attend!

Blessings,  
Sarah

## REHEARSALS

♪ **Children's Choir Rehearsal** ♪

**Samantha Arten** will rehearse with the children every Sunday in January following worship in preparation to sing on Transfiguration Sunday, February 7

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

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

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

## BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will discuss **All the Light 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](mailto:mjkeenan39@gmail.com)). Contact Mary-Jo for the address and directions to her home. **Beth Eisenson** will lead the discussion. New faces welcome.

## NEW BOOK STUDY FOR JANUARY

**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, through January 29, and at Croasdaile Village/Heritage Hall activities room on Sundays from 3 - 4:30 p.m., through January 31. Books are \$10, and may be purchased from **Marilyn Hedgpeth**. All are welcome!



### 2016 Souper Bowl Chili CookOff!

Do you think you have the best chili recipe?? This year's Souper Bowl Sunday will be a chili cook off contest! Anyone is invited to make their best chili recipe to share on **February 7th** after worship! The best recipe will win the golden ladle prize and all proceeds from sales will go to fight hunger in Durham - just like in years past! Please contact **Sarah Finbow** ([s.finbow@firstpres-Durham.org](mailto:s.finbow@firstpres-Durham.org)) if you are interested!

## RESOLUTIONS OF SERVICE

All of us make New Year's resolutions this time of year. Maybe it's to get more exercise, eat more chocolate, spend more time with family, or seek a better work/life balance.

The **Service and Mission Committee** would like for everyone to consider a New Year's Resolution of Service, and we are going to make it easy for you to keep this one. Members of First Presbyterian Church have a long history of service to those in need, and we have new opportunities for service that we'd like everyone to consider as we start the new year. Some are with our traditional community partners like **Habitat, Genesis Home, Florence Forth**, and our own **Vacation Church School**. Others are with new organizations that are just getting started in Durham, such as **Step Up Ministries**. Over the next few weeks you will be hearing about some of these service opportunities. Also, we will have a sign up table in the foyer after church to make it easy for you to add your name and join a group from the church working to further God's kingdom and build a stronger community here in Durham.

New Year's resolutions can be frustrating and so hard to keep, but a Resolution of Service will bring immediate rewards for you and those who are served. Join us in making 2016 a Year of Service at FPC! – **Tom Bacon**

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of December 31, 2015, **175 pledges** had been received totaling \$758,379.82, representing **90.73%** of the 2016 Pledge Goal of \$835,885.05.

## 2015 SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Christmas Concerns - \$2,630.00**

Funds to be divided between **Durham's Emergency Energy Fund** and the **Religious Coalition for a Non-Violent Durham**.

**Christmas Eve - \$ 3,562.13**

Funds will be divided between **Durham's Welcome Baby** organization and **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Refugee Resettlement Program**.

**Christmas Joy - \$1,397.00**

Funds support the Assistance Program of the PC(USA) Board of Pensions and student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

**Hunger for Change – \$3,950.63**

Funds help combat hunger in our community and around the world.

**One Great Hour of Sharing - \$4,748.92**

Funds support hunger relief, disaster assistance and self-development of people through PC(USA) special programs.

**Peacemaking - \$893.23**

Funds are used to support peacemaking efforts locally and around the world.

**Pentecost - \$1,407.00**

Funds support local and PC(USA) programs for at-risk children, youth and young adults.

**June Challenge - \$22,000.00**

Funds used for Service and Mission Committee's discretionary projects

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund - \$2,400**

**FPC Walk-In Ministry – \$10,725**

**Thank you so very much for your generous giving in 2015!**