

First Presbyterian Church

Did you see the white smoke?

FEBRUARY 2, 2016



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7



9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship and
Holy Communion

Sermon: "Veiled in Flesh"
Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Text:

Old Testament	Exodus 34:29-35
Epistle Lesson	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Gospel Lesson	Luke 9:28-36

Crucifer: **Jack Brigman**

Acolytes: **Lily Brigman, Jenna Leonard**

Crossdaile Driver: **Paul Cornsweet**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

Miriam Morey (narthex/rear)

Barbara Gerwe (font/side)

Ushers: **Chris Brown** (head), **George**

Danser (flowers), **Celia Dickerson,**

Sherry Everett, Susan Seahorn, Emily Wilkins

Communion Elders:

Head/Replenisher – **Michael Schultz**

Bread 1/Process – **Aurelia Klinck**

Bread 2 – **Kristin Meade**

Bread 3 – **Bob Breitweiser**

Bread 4 – **Marie Sappenfield**

Cup 1 – **Jerry Postema**

Cup 2/Process – **Emily Diy**

Cup 3 – **Phyllis Verhey**

Cup 4 – **Jane Williams**

Shepherd Pulpit side – **Joseph Ngumi**

Shepherd Center – **Eric Wiebe**

Shepherd Font side – **Will McDow**



2016 Souper Bowl Chili Cook-Off Contest Sunday, February 7

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 a big pot of chili using your best recipe to share on Sunday after worship! The best tasting chili will win the Golden Ladle prize and all proceeds will go to fight hunger in Durham – just like in years past! Contact **Sarah Finbow** to participate: s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12 Noon

Worship in the FPC Memorial Garden

6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary followed by supper at 6:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Both services will include the imposition of ashes.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith & Community Class

This Sunday we welcome **Erin Roesch**, Director of Development and Employer Recruitment for **StepUp**, a new initiative in Durham. FPC is strongly supporting this new endeavor, and we want our members to understand its focus. Erin will explore God's call to build opportunities for people on the margins in Durham through the lens of Exodus 23: 10-11. The class meets in Watts Hill Hall at 9:45. All are welcome!

Lectionary Class

Even the greatest mountaintop experience comes to an end. We return to our ordinary daily activities and frustrations. What remains from the mountaintop? Does it continue to transform and inspire us, or is it just a memory? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Job has blasted his friends for their insensitivity. Where will he go from there? Join Journeys this Sunday to find out. All are welcome to join the discussion at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

Spiritual Formation

Susan Dunlap leads this class for women on spiritual formation. We meet at 9:45 in the 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.

Scripture Readers' Class

Join **Steve Rimmer** in the Wilson Parlor at 9:45 to learn the art of reading scripture and serving as liturgist in worship. Bring a Bible (NRSV). Interested persons welcome!

Scratch/Young Adults

GRATITUDE! Listen to this poignant podcast from Snap Judgment and come ready to talk about what you're thankful for and how you practice gratitude in your daily life, prayer life, and church involvement. Join us at 9:45 in our basement classroom. Link to podcast: <http://snapjudgment.org/gratitude>

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

We don't normally clap and cheer at Session meetings, but last night was an exception. When **Beth Stringfield** rose to present the PNC report and said, "We have extended a call to a candidate, and they have accepted to be our next Pastor and Head of Staff," sighs of relief and cheers of acclamation went up from the Session. Thanks be to God! We have a new Pastor in sight! Beth, her face flushed with excitement, could not have been more gracious in thanking the Session and the whole church for praying for the PNC and allowing the PNC time to work their process in order to find "the right candidate" to step into leadership at FPC. She says the PNC was enthusiastic and unanimous with their decision. So, many thanks to **Paul Baldasare**, chair, and the rest of the PNC for the gift of your time, commitment and discernment.

What's next? The Session has called for **a Congregational Meeting on February 14 for the purpose of approving the call, and the terms of call for the new Pastor**. It is then that we will find out who our new Pastor will be. The congregation must vote to approve the recommendation that will come from the Presbytery and the PNC. All voting members will be asked to participate. In the meantime, please remain prayerful for smooth transitions. It is never easy when Pastors leave one call to accept another. Pray for hospitality and welcome as we look ahead to receiving a new Pastor. And please express gratitude to our wonderful, dedicated PNC members. **You will receive a letter from them this week.**

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3: 20-21)

Marilyn

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will you make valentines for the children at Duke Hospital this Sunday? One of our deacons will deliver them to the children there in honor of Florence McDow. **Grades 3-5** will also begin a study of the Transfiguration story, told in all the Gospels.

SESSION BRIEFS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2016

- Accepted a report from **Beth Stringfield** on behalf of the **Pastor Nominating Committee**, that they had enthusiastically and unanimously extended a call to someone as Pastor/Head of Staff, and that call had been accepted. **The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 14 to vote on the call and the terms of call for the new Pastor/Head of Staff, and also to vote on the four at-large members for the Nominating Committee for officers.**
- Approved \$250 from the Allen Verhey Memorial Fund to support the Second Annual Allen Verhey Memorial Student Colloquium at Duke University in March.
- Approved the FPC Investment Purpose and Scope Preamble
- Approved a request to liquidate all FPC holdings at the earliest opportunity with Sapere and deposit them into Fidelity custodial accounts.
- Approved a request to spend \$34,000-\$36,000 to repair the church house gutters, downspouts and roof.
- Approved a request to donate two unused pianos to Iglesia Emanuel
- Discussed developing and process for handling petitions;
- Formed a task force to develop a safety plan for the staff and Dayschool during the week, and for worshipers on Sundays;
- Elected **Kate Busa** and **Alice Raney** to represent FPC as commissioners at the March 5th Presbytery meeting

OUR SYMPATHIES

We extend sympathies to **Elizabeth High** and family on the death of her brother, **Robert Hadskey**, on January 29th. A funeral service is being held on February 3rd in Mississippi.

OUR CONCERNS

Sue Fricks, surgery this week at Duke Regional Hospital

Beth Brockman, recovering at home
Caroline Rourk, recovering at home

Mary Clark **Sarah & Pete Finbow**

Brookdale Senior Living: Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill: Helen Garrison

Coasdaile Village:

Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**

Pavilion: **Jean Moore**

Bob Rankin **Jerry Tyren**

Hillcrest:

Shirley Frederick, Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant **Ken Goldner**
Peaches McPherson

S. Clay Adams, colleague of Li-Chen Chin

Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson

Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson

Cheryl (and husband Paul) Martin,

sister-in-law of Beth Neece

Ralph Wagner, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, February 9

6:30 p.m. at the home of **Lee Courtland**
This is our special meeting of the year when Lee feeds us comfort food and we explore different genres from our usual selections. This time, we will be reading (out loud) and discussing the play *An Enemy of the People*, an adaption by Arthur Miller of the play by Henrik Ibsen. **Mary-Jo Keenan** sent out a link for those who do not have the play. Let her know if you didn't receive it. Lee needs to know if you are coming so please RSVP: LenoraSCourtland@gmail.com.

MISSING A DISH?

We currently have several clear glass casserole dishes, some bowls, and pans at the church that do not belong in the FPC kitchen. If you provided a meal at church, or to a family in their home, and left behind the container, it may now be here at the church. **Items not claimed by February 15th will be donated.** Thank you for claiming your containers from the Mission Collection area in the foyer.

WHO IS YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT?

FPC staff have been made aware of a need to have emergency contact information on file for members. A form is now available for members to complete and file with the church office listing whom you wish to be notified in such cases. All information will remain confidential with the church office and used per your instructions.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart located on the column as you exit the foyer to the parking lot. Info regarding the flower donation process is located there. Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2016 with **Phyllis Verhey** (919-973-2929 or pverhey@nc.rr.com) as soon as possible.

YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

I want to thank our awesome youth, advisors, and parents for the sweet shower in honor of **Baby Finbow** held this past Sunday! **Pete** and I can't wait to share all of the wonderful books with the baby in a few short weeks! Thanks also to **Celia Dickerson** and **Paul Cornsweet** for providing our meal. We also are so appreciative to the whole congregation for your love and support over the past months and in the months to come! We are so blessed to call this church home!

Blessings,

Sarah

CHURCH LEAGUE

BASKETBALL

FPC has **two teams** in the Hope Valley Baptist Church adult basketball league. Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church gym (corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Road). Come support FPC's teams!

Remaining Games

Thur Feb 4 7 PM FPC2 vs FPC1
Mon Feb 8 7 PM FPC2 vs Hope Valley
9 PM FPC1 vs Westminster 1
Thur Feb 11 8 PM FPC1 vs Hope Valley
9 PM FPC2 vs South Durham
Thur Feb 18 7 PM FPC1 vs Hope Valley BC
9 PM FPC2 vs Westminster 1
Tournament play begins
Monday, February 22 at 7 PM.

For more info contact **Carl Rist:**
rist@frontier.com

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

"100 ITEMS" PROJECT

As part of our Centennial Celebration, from February - April, we're challenging the children's Sunday School classes to collect 100 items each month for an organization First Presbyterian supports. During February, we are collecting the most urgently needed items for Urban Ministries of Durham. Our goal is to collect pairs of new underwear for boys and girls, sizes 2T-4T, and gently used winter coats for kids (all sizes). Please encourage your children to get involved! Donations can be placed in the bin by the bookcase at the top of the stairs in the Sunday school hallway.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Join the Faith & Community Class on **February 14th** (9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall) to learn about charitable estate planning techniques that offer ways to leave a legacy of faith for future generations. We will discuss several ways in which an individual or family may choose to structure their estate plans, including ways to support their church or other favored charities. We are reminded that our wills are the last gifts we make. Through careful planning, this last gift made can truly reflect the values and wishes of the donor.

Then on **February 21st** come meet **Olanda Carr** from the Presbyterian Foundation in Charlotte. He will share a message about the legacy of faith and how other congregations are engaging in this important mission during the Sunday School hour in Watts-Hill Hall.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, February 5

FIRST FRIENDS POTLUCK

Hosted by the **Momsen-Hudsons**
Please respond to the EVITE

Saturday, February 6

YOUNG ADULTS POTLUCK

6:00 p.m. at the home of
Stephen and Mary Berry
Please respond to the EVITE

Sunday, February 14

♥ VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY ♥

for Young Children and Middle Schoolers
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Saturday, February 20

PRIMETIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER

6:30 p.m. at the home of
Chuck and Jean Wilson
Watch your mailbox.

More information forthcoming.

June 13-17

Vacation Church School 2016

New Hope Camp and Conference Center
(An After-VCS Music Camp will be offered at FPC for FPC children)
VCS and the Music & Arts camp registration forms will be available in the foyer on Sunday.

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 Youth Conference

July 17-23

Triennium Youth Conference

July 24-30

Montreat Youth Conference

School for Conversion Events

"Unlearning Whiteness"

Friday, February 19, 2016

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Blacknall Memorial PC

(1902 Perry St.)

A workshop for people of so-called privilege who see the need for a better way to "reeducate themselves out of racial ignorance." Facilitated by **Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove** and featuring **Bob Zellner** and **Julia Dinsmore** as speakers, you will hear stories, can share your own experiences, and explore ways of moving forward. Registration required. Go to: <http://www.schoolforconversion.org/unlearning-whiteness-workshop-february-19-2016/>

21st Century Freedom Ride

March 15-18

A pilgrimage to un-learn and re-learn the stories from the Freedom Movement of the 1950s and 1960s while exploring what the lessons of the movement can teach us in today's work for justice. This year's ride will travel to Nashville and the Highlander Center, exploring the role the church played in the freedom movement. Some spaces are still available. Registration required. Go to: <http://www.schoolforconversion.org/21st-century-freedom-ride-march-15-18/>