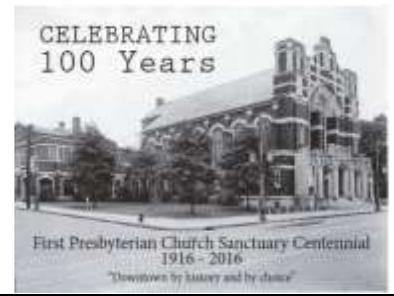


First Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 9, 2016



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship



Sermon: "Test"

Sam R. Miglares, preaching

Worship Text:

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Gospel Lesson	Luke 4:1-13

Crucifer: **Almira Mbah**

Acolytes: **Frances Zehmer,**
Juliana Miglares

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

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

After Worship Greeters:

Aurelia Klinck (narthex/rear),
Laura Hanson (font/side)

Ushers: **Lucie House, Jackie Mbah**
(flowers), **Amy Dillon, Deborah Hamlin-
Aggrey, Jane Williams, Al Arrowood**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

Join us on Sunday to learn about charitable estate planning techniques for leaving 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. 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. All are welcome at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Lent is a time for self-examination, but before we can begin that process, we need to re-affirm that it is God whom we worship and serve. Jesus deflected the devil's temptations by putting the focus on God. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Journeys will discuss three different articles on the Wisdom literature of the Old Testament. The articles are by Jack Miles, Marcus Borg and Arnold Rhodes. All are welcome 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.

Scratch/Young Adults

Topic: Evangelizing and Faith in public! Listen to this podcast from The Gravy about some church coffee shops in Knoxville, TN: <http://www.southernfoodways.org/gravy/separation-of-church-and-coffee-gravy-ep-2/> Are these coffee shops like any other? Are they vehicles for sharing the gospel? Join us at 9:45 in our 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.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:00 Noon - Holy Dusting

Join us for a roll call of the saints in the Memorial Garden and a 30 minute service of prayer, music and imposition of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.

6:00 p.m. - Worship & Communion

A service in the sanctuary that includes the imposition of ashes, followed by a light supper at 6:30 in Watts-Hill Hall, prepared by **Cris Rivera**. All are welcome!



PRAYER SERVICE

FOR THE FINBOWS

Friday, February 12

10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

According to processes and policies outlined by the Presbytery, the Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 14. The meeting will be held at the end of worship. At that time the Pastor Nominating Committee will provide the congregation information about the candidate for Head of Staff and call for a vote to approve. At this same meeting, four at-large representatives will be elected from the membership to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2019 Officers.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you, friends, for making valentines for the children at Duke Hospital. Chris Brown will be delivering those this week. We have been asked to bring 100 pairs of underwear or coats for our Centennial offering. Do you think you can do it? The collection bin is upstairs in the Sunday School department.

Our **third-fifth graders** will be making maps again on Sunday. Come prepared to get your hands a little dirty.

A VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

for Young Children and Middle Schoolers
Sunday, February 14

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

- Make valentines and blessing bags for our Walk-in ministry
- Meet Middle Schoolers who might want to babysit in the future!

FROM THE

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

*First Sunday of Lent
Valentine's Day*

If you are like me, you are probably feeling caught by surprise that Lent is here ALREADY! It seems like we just finished Christmas! But that's what happens when Easter, as the cornerstone of the church year, is a variable date and falls early. This year, Easter Sunday will be on March 27th.

So, on this first Sunday of Lent I ask you to go into the desert and ask yourself what connection does the dying and rising of Jesus Christ have with our daily lives? I encourage you to spend these 40 days focused on responding to this question which captures the essence of this time of fasting, prayer and penance. For most of us and most of the time, the "dying and rising" we encounter is clothed in very ordinary garb. We miss so much that is deeply significant if we look for the mystery of Christ in us only in the spectacular or extraordinary events of life. Rather, it is in the everyday, the mundane and ordinary, that most of us discover the presence of Jesus, dying and rising in us over and over again. May this Lenten season be for you a time of wonderful discovery of that mystery at work in your life.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Sam

NOTES

- Many thanks to **Tyler and Deborah Momsen-Hudson** for offering a warm welcome on a cold night for the **First Friends** on Friday evening at their home.
- A hearty thank you also goes out to **Stephen and Mary Berry** for hosting the SCRATCH/Young Adults group in their home on Saturday evening.

The Seventeenth Annual

MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP

"Grace Made Manifest in the Church"

Guest Lecturer:

Dr. Douglas F. Ottati,

Ottati is the Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice at Davidson College in Davidson, NC. For many years, he taught at Union Seminary in Richmond, VA. His scholarly interests include contemporary theology and ethics and the history of theology and ethics, particularly in America.

Sunday, February 28

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

"The Spirit and the Church"

11:00 a.m. Worship

"Why Do You Eat and Drink with Tax Collectors and Sinners?"

7:00 p.m. Presentation

at Trinity Avenue PC, Durham

"A Welcoming Community of Grace and Forbearance"

Monday, February 29

11:00 a.m. - Seminar at FPC (RSVP for lunch)

"The Church and a Peculiar Discipline of Grace"

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

Darren Skeen, player/coach of Westminster's basketball team

Sharon Gravenstein, sister-in-law of Jane Brown

Family of Alex Bozette, friends of Jane Brown

Johnny Boles, cousin of Michael Honeycutt

Desirée Volkwijn, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn, in rehab at Duke General Hospital
Emerson R., friend of Logan Brown

Beth Brockman

Sarah & Pete Finbow

Shirley Frederick

Caroline Rourk

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: *Sue Fricks, Randall McLeod*

Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Ken Goldner

Peaches McPherson

S. Clay Adams, colleague of Li-Chen Chin

Mary Clegg, daughter of Jeanne Hervey

Robert Hadskey, brother of Elizabeth High

Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson

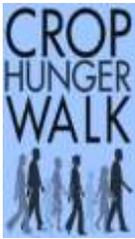
Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson

Lewis Johnson, father of Wendy McCorkle

Cheryl Martin (and husband Paul),

sister-in-law of Beth Neece

Ralph Wagner, cousin of Bill Hendrickson



This year's walk is **Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m.**

starting in front of Duke Chapel. Signups for FPC's team will begin soon! Not able to walk this year?

That's okay; you can sponsor a walker! For more

information, contact **Paul Cornsweet**: 919-358-7874 or pec326@earthlink.net.

MISSING A DISH?

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?

A form is now available for members to complete and file with the church office listing whom you wish to be notified in case of emergency. All information will remain confidential with the church office and used per your instructions. **Submitting information is strictly voluntary.**

VCS AND MUSIC & ARTS CAMP

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

This year Vacation Church School takes place June 13-17 at Camp New Hope from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (with a Music and Arts Camp following at FPC for FPC's children). The theme of this year's VCS is "Blown Away," focusing on the Holy Spirit in our lives. Registration forms are in the mail for children ages 4 – 6th grade, and for youth counselors. You may also pick up forms in the church foyer. The registration deadline is April 1. Adult volunteers are still needed.

YOUTH GROUPS

Dear friends,

The youth would like to thank everyone for your overwhelming support of the Souper Bowl of Caring this past Sunday! We had so many great entries to our chili cook off! Congratulations to the **Brown** family who won our "Golden Ladle" award! Together our congregation raised over **\$740**, all of which will go to Backpack Buddies and the Iglesia Emanuel food pantry to help fight hunger right here in Durham.

Youth groups will meet as usual this Sunday with the Middle School also joining our elementary school for a Valentine's Day party starting at 4:30. Thank you to our advisors and all of the adults who will be taking over while I am on maternity leave!

Blessings,
Sarah

Centennial Celebration for Children's Sunday School

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. In February, we are collecting the most urgently needed items for **Urban Ministries of Durham**. Our goal is to collect **new underwear for boys and girls, sizes 2T-4T and gently used warm winter coats for kids** (all sizes). Please encourage your children to get involved! Items can be placed in the bin by the bookcase at the top of the stairs in the Sunday School hallway.

Saturday, February 20

PRIME TIMERS'

COVERED DISH SUPPER

**6:30 p.m. at the home of
Chuck and Jean Wilson**

Watch your mailbox.

More information is forthcoming.

SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday, March 19

PALM CROSS FOLDING

with FPC and Epworth PC

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the

home of **Andy and Cherrie Henry**

June 26-July 2

Youth Appalachian Service Project

July 8-10

Massanetta MS Youth Conference

July 17-23

Triennium Youth Conference

July 24-30

Montreat HS Youth Conference

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

This year 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 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 February 22

LENTEN SUPPERS

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday, February 27

Tuesday, March 8

6:00 p.m. in member homes

(North, Central, South Durham/Chapel Hill) Potluck supper followed by (7:00) family-friendly Worship and Holy Communion. Members will be invited to homes according to neighborhoods and ZIP codes. Look for an EVITE soon!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

"Wearing God"

Fridays, February 12 – March 25

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon FPC, Room 205
(Childcare available, if requested)

Sundays, February 14 – March 13

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Croasdaile Village in Heritage Hall

Join us for a Lenten reading and discussion led by **Marilyn Hedgpeth**. Lauren Winner's latest book, "Wearing God: Clothing, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God," explores a handful of metaphors from the everyday and paints new perspectives on connecting with God. All are welcome to purchase a book and join the discussions.

YOUTH LENTEN STUDY

"Christ's Ministry of Food"

Sundays, February 14 – March 24

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Youth advisors will lead middle schoolers from **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** in activities and outreach that derive from food; high schoolers from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** All youth and friends are invited to join the study. Supper is provided from **6:00 – 6:30 p.m.** for both groups.

CHORAL SOCIETY OF DURHAM

"VESPERS" CONCERT

Friday, February 26,

8:00 p.m. FPC Sanctuary

The Choral Society of Durham, under the direction of **Rodney Wynkoop**, will present Rachmaninoff's All Night Vigil. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the *All-Night Vigil* (commonly called the Vespers) presented complete and in the original Church Slavonic. Tickets \$22 (students-free) can be purchased online from this website: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2126901>. The discount code for FPC members is CSD1516. For more info call 919-560-2733.

DAY SCHOOL NEEDS OUR HELP!

There is a new state requirement that every day care center must have an emergency shelter with **three days** worth of supplies for **64 children** and **14 staff**. This mandate was issued after the approval of the Day School's 2015/16 budget, so no funds were allocated for these supplies. First Presbyterian Day School needs the items listed below by February 29th. If you would like to contribute supplies for the FPDS Emergency Shelter Plan, there will be sign-up sheets in the foyer on Sunday, February 14 after the worship service. **Item(s) are needed by Sunday, February 28th.**

Needed Items include:

64 new baby blankets or small fleece throws

14 new adult-sized blankets

14 flashlights with batteries

400 gallon jugs of drinking water

Cases of Enfamil and Powered or canned milk

Cases of hand sanitizer/cleaning agents

Cases of disposable diapers and baby wipes

New clothing for infants through age 4

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