# First Presbyterian Church



# SANCTUARY AND ORGAN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION "LOOKING BACK"

Sunday, April 17

9:45 a.m. Sunday School / Newcomers' Class

11:00 a.m. Worship Sermon: "The Simple Witness of a Table Grace" Wallace Alston, preaching

A **fellowship lunch** will be available in Watts-Hill Hall following the service. Donations will be received to help offset the cost of the meal. Former associate pastor, *John Rogers*, and his wife *Anne* will be our guests at the service and at the lunch following.

Worship Texts:

Old Testament	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 23
Epistle Lesson	Revelation 7:9-17

Crucifer: *Almirah Mbah* Acolytes: *Grace Abels*, *Juliana Miglarese* Croasdaile Driver: *Miriam Morey* Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney* After Worship Greeters: *Jerry Postema* (Side/font), *Al Arrowood* (Rear/Narthex) Ushers: *Celia Dickerson* (head), *George Danser* (flowers), *Sherry Everett, Lucie House, Margaret Keller, Tom Keller* 



### **CROASDAILE VILLAGE**

Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m. Bob Yoder will lead the service.

### **SENIORS SPRING**

### LUNCHEON

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

11:30 a.m. – Gather in the East Parlor 12 Noon - Luncheon in Watts-Hill Hall Suggested donation for the meal: \$8 The program will feature a presentation by *Joe White*, manager of the Durham County Main Library. He will talk about the upcoming library renovations.

# APRIL 12, 2016

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#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 14** 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary All are welcome!

Newcomer's Class

# FOR VISITORS AND

### **INQUIRING MINDS**

The Newcomer's/Inquirers' Class will continue on this coming Sunday morning, April 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Wilson Parlor of the Church house at 9:45 a.m. (prior to the worship service). Associate Pastor, Sam Miglarese, will lead a discussion about faithful discipleship, types of membership, stewardship, mission, and fellowship opportunities. A tour of the Church property will follow. The final class will be held on Sunday morning, April 24<sup>th</sup>. New members will be received on April 24th. Please contact Shirley Frederick at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres durham.org to indicate your interest or with questions.

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Faith and Community Class** This Sunday we welcome *Liz Millar* from the NC Council of Churches' Medicaid Expansion Project. Liz will talk about streams of funding for health insurance in our state, cite statistics about who's covered and who isn't, and give the history of the recent pull-back by the NC State Legislature. Please join us for a lively discussion at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall. All are welcome.

#### Lectionary Class

Last week Peter was commanded to "tend my sheep." What kind of care and protection do the sheep need? Have you experienced the care of a good shepherd? Join us for at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

**Journeys Class** Job accuses God but continues to praise and obey him. Would we do the same under similar circumstances? All are welcome to join Journeys as they read and discuss the Book of Job at 9:45 on the second floor of the CE building.

**Scratch/Young Adults** This class uses podcasts to kick-start our conversations about the intersection of Christianity, the modern world, and faith in general. **Carlo Diy** leads the discussion. Join us at 9:45 in the basement – room across from the youth room.

**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.

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades 3-5)

We welcome back **Delia Kwon** to tell us a little more about lakes, rivers, water, distance, and locomotion around the Sea of Galilee in ancient times. Place is important, and so are details about Jesus and his disciples. Join us at 9:45!



# FROM THE

### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will gather in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church to commemorate 100 years of worshiping together in its beautiful holy space. The first worship service here was held on April 16, 1916, as then **Rev. Edward Leyburn** preached an inaugural sermon entitled, "The Temple of the Lord and the Lord of the Temple;" after which FPC held a week-long revival with afternoon and evening services. Perhaps we should have a revival, too!

In our celebration this weekend of 100 years, 5,200 worship services (at least) in this sacred space, we welcome back two former, well-loved ministers to honor how far we've come: *The Reverend Wallace Alston (and Alice)*, who served as Pastor from 1969-1974; and *The Reverend John Rogers (and Anne)*, who served as Associate Pastor from 1970-1971. And our new Pastor, *The Rev. Mindy Douglas*, will also be with us on Sunday. Reverend Alston will be preaching.

But our 100-year-old sanctuary will have its own sermon to preach, without words. It will preach with its wide central aisle that welcomes all, regardless of age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation and economic circumstance. It will preach with its communion table, pulpit and font, front and center, forming a triangle linking Word to Sacrament as central elements of worship. It will preach with its hard, wooden pews that say, "Sit up and pay attention; important things are happening here!" It will preach with its 100-year-old Austin organ, which has guided the singing of the primary choir, the congregation, and the back-up singers, the chancel choir, all these years. It will preach through the swooping shadows of pigeons just outside the stained-glass windows, reminding us that the Holy Spirit is oh so near!

Come celebrate the journey, and join us for worship and lunch on Sunday. Blessings,

Marilyn

NOTES

• KUDOS to *Sam and Sheila Miglarese* for hosting a wonderful turnout of **Primetimers** at their home on Saturday evening.

 Jennie and Ian Belle's wedding was featured in April's edition of *Durham Magazine*. The wedding was held at FPC!
Many thanks to those who participated in the third annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Brunch held Saturday at FPC. Community service awards were presented to *Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve* and *Rabbi Jon Friedman*, among others. *Homer Ashby, Rebecca Barnes* and *Marilyn Hedgpeth* were in attendance with our neighbors and elected officials.

### **OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Iglesia Emanuel** is now a full-fledged church! The charter service was held last Sunday at 1:00 p.m., and many from FPC attended to support **Pastor Julio Ramirez Eve** and his congregation. **John Fricks** was on the Presbytery commission, and gave a history of the Hispanic Fellowship, which began at FPC some 15 years ago. The sanctuary was packed, the music was vibrant, and the celebration was wonderful.

### Added this week:

Ruth Roberson, recovering from a fall

Sarah and Pete Finbow Bob Velkey

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham) Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill Helen Garrison

> <u>Croasdaile Village</u> Friendship Hall: *Bob Keever* The Pavilion: *Jean Moore Bob Rankin*

*Jerry Tyren Karsten Rist*, father of Carl Rist

> Hillcrest Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke Fran Bryant Ken Goldner Peaches McPherson

• *Elizabeth Chomba,* niece of Mercy Ndambiri

- *Mary Clegg*, daughter of Jeanne Hervey
- Molly Fabri, aunt of Sheila Breitweiser
- *Ellie Johnson*, niece of Jim Johnson
- Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson
- Virginia Lagow, grandmother of Heather Wallace
- **Cheryl Martin** (and husband Paul), sisterin-law of Beth Neece
- Chuck Schultz, father of Amy Dillon
- *Desiré Volkwijn*, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn
- Laurie Wallace, mother of Heather Wallace

# PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

HELP! We've depleted our fund for giving aid to church members in need. This is one way we nurture and love one another: by helping with rent, medical expenses, repairs and emergencies. To contribute, please make a check to FPC, memo: Pastor's Discretionary. Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed!

### YOUTH GROUPS

What great fun we had on Sunday evening playing board games with a twist! Thanks to *Christyn Klinck* for providing the meal.

We will meet on our regular schedule again this Sunday evening (April 17): Middle schoolers from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. and high schoolers from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Our focus will be a service project. Supper will be provided between 6:00 - 6:30 by **Delia Kwon**. We'll try again to hold our "grade dinners" on the following Sunday evening, April 24.



SATURDAY, APRIL 16 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. For more details, contact *Barbara Buckley* at 919-402-8551 or by email: bjbuckley1@frontier.com

### FIRST FRIENDS (Adults only) SATURDAY, APRIL 23 GARDEN PARTY

**6:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Seahorn** (2812 State St) Host will provide a meat dish, salad / appetizer, and beverages. Please bring a side dish (and favorite beverage) and a lawn chair. Check the EVITE for more information.

### **BOOK GROUP**

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet to discuss Atul Gawande's "Being Mortal: Medicine & What Matters in the End" at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 10**. *Sue Fricks* is hosting and *Dale Gaddis* will lead the discussion.

Save the Date!

SUNDAY, MAY 22

4:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

# A Service of

**Installation for** 

The Rev. Mindy Douglas as Pastor/Head of Staff of

First Presbyterian Church, Durham

### CENTENNIAL PROJECT "BARREL OF JOY"

For the month of April, we are collecting items for Genesis Home (now part of Families Moving Forward). The items they need the most are **toilet paper** and **dish detergent soap** (for hand washing dishes). Also needed are **laundry detergent, fabric softener, twin bed sheets, paper towels,** and **cleaning supplies** of all types. Place your donations in the "Barrel of Joy" near the Mission Collection station in the foyer. Thank you for supporting this mission project!



**JAZZ AND SILENT AUCTION** 

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 Fundraiser for NCCU's Presbyterian Campus Ministry 7:30 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

and Watts-Hill Hall Please join us for an hour of jazz followed by a silent auction (refreshments provided). The music will be performed by *Generations*, a local seasoned jazz ensemble. Donations welcomed at the door. Please contact *Laura Armstrong* at larmstr6@nccu.edu for more information.

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3:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary The first half of the program includes "From Behind the Caravan" by Abbie Betinis, based on the mystical Persian poetry of Hâfez. The second half presents diverse works about brave women from the three faiths of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Women's Voices Chorus will partner with the Women's Choir of Durham's Northern High School on a number of these pieces. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$15.00 for adults. Tickets can be purchased online, from any chorus member, or at the door on the day of the concert. FPC members will receive a discount. All tickets purchased online (http://womensvoiceschorus.org/ product/the-womanly-song-of-god/) will be available for pickup at the ticket table in the church foyer on the day of the concert.

### SUPPORT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Over this past weekend, the Red Cross responded to 18 fires in the Eastern North Carolina region that displaced 73 people. In each case, families will need financial assistance, shelter, food, and mental health services to help them begin their recovery. The Red Cross relies on the generosity of the community to continue to help families affected by home fires each day. To make your contribution, visit <u>www.redcross.org/enc</u> or contact:

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