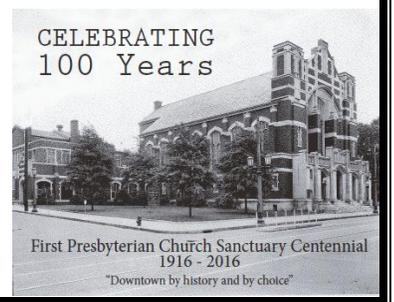


First Presbyterian Church

APRIL 19, 2016



Sunday, April 24

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

11:00 a.m. Worship and Baptisms
Alden Kaufeld and **Dylan Law** will be baptized, and **new members** will be introduced during worship. The **Hunger for Change Offering** will also be received during worship.

Sermon: "Last Things: Tidying Up"
Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts:

Psalm Lesson	Psalm 148
Gospel Lesson	John 13:31-35
Epistle Lesson	Revelation 21:1-6

Crucifer: **Frances Zehmer**

Acolytes: **Aurelia Klinck, Jenna Leonard**

Croasdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez, Elizabeth High**

After Worship Greeters:

Wes Carson (Side/font),

Lenore Champion (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Amy Dillon** (head), **Deborah Hamlin-Aggrey** (flowers), **Michael Honeycutt, Carolyn Merritt, Karen Swope, Keith Merritt**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

This Sunday we have a treat as we welcome FPC member **Arthur Clark** to speak about his new book, *Eye of the Tiger: China 1944-1945*. This is the story of a three-year post-graduate education which took him around the world as an Air Force intelligence officer. The class meets in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45. All are welcome.

Lectionary Class

God continues to surprise us, by coming among us to comfort us and by welcoming those whom we had considered unworthy. What other surprises does God have in store? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Journeys Class

Job seems to deny God because he does not understand His ways. Is this true? What do you think? 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.

Women's Spiritual Formation Class

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades 3-5)

We will wrap up our unit on Jesus and the storm, with **Alec Bethune** back to give us some mapping experience. Might be a good time for an end-of-the-month feast, too. Friends are always welcome to join us.

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.

"INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH" SUNDAY

Research shows that at any given moment in time, 2 to 5% of the people in any given community are looking for a church home. Research also shows that the majority of people who find a new church come initially because **someone** invited them. Let's all give it a try! Invite a friend to worship with us at FPC this coming Sunday, April 24th!

NEWCOMER'S CLASS

The final session of the Newcomer's Class will be held on this coming Sunday morning, **April 24th, in the Wilson Parlor of the Church house at 9:45 a.m.** (prior to the worship service). **Kathy Parkins**, Minister of Music, will lead a discussion about the church liturgical seasons, planning of the worship service and related issues. She will be followed by **Peter Fish**, long time member and church historian, who will give an overview of the history of FPC. The Session will meet to receive new members at the end of the class. Please contact **Shirley Frederick** at 919-682-5511 or s.frederick@firstpres-durham.org with questions.

🎵 CONCERT 🎵

WOMEN'S VOICES CHORUS

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

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 will be available for pickup at the ticket table in the church foyer on the day of the concert.

(<http://womensvoiceschorus.org/product/the-womanly-song-of-god/>)

CELEBRATING
100 Years

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Centennial
1916 - 2016

"Downtown by history and by choice"

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I try not to use too many superlatives in talking about the church, but Sunday's worship and lunch were such a wow! I felt that the Lord was "making his face shine upon us" as we worshipped in the style of 1916, and celebrated God's abiding presence in our sanctuary for 100 years.

A round of applause for all who helped plan and carry out Sunday's wonderful Sanctuary and Organ Centennial Celebration! Kudos to **Caroline Rourk** and her **Centennial Planning Committee** for sending out invitations, planning for the luncheon, and making sure our guests were well-cared for; to **Peter Fish** for providing helpful historical information regarding worship in 1916 and the history of the building and organ; to **Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield** for a superb lunch; and to the **Fellowship Committee and Deacons**, and those who stayed to clean-up; to **Kathy Parkins** and the **Chancel and Bell choirs** for beautiful music. (Special thanks to **Valerie McMillian** and **Robert Daye** for taking on much of the background work behind this event.) And lastly, we are grateful for **Rev. Dr. Wallace Alston and Alice**, for coming to preach and be with us, and to **Rev. John Rogers and Anne**, for helping to lead worship. Rev. Rogers left a copy of his new book, *With All Our Prayers*, for our church library. Inside the cover, he has written: *For First Presbyterian Church, Durham, congratulations on your sanctuary centennial, and with gratitude for your nurture and encouragement of a young couple, 1970-1972.* Every blessing . . . indeed!

Grace and peace,

Marilyn

NOTES

Special thanks to **Bob Yoder** for leading a communion service at Croasdaile Village on Sunday afternoon.

SESSION BRIEF

In a Called Meeting on April 18, the Session of First Presbyterian Church issued the following statement:

Because we believe and profess that every person has been created equally in the image of God, and because we stand in solidarity with our LGBTQ+ members and friends, we, the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Durham, deplore House Bill 2 and the discrimination that it espouses.

A more complete statement to the church is pending, as is a statement to be released to our neighboring churches and to our elected officials.

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **George Danser and Jean Cary** who are new grandparents to little **Jack Thomas Danser**, who was born to **Andy and Shelley Danser** on April 11.

Added this week:

Peaches McPherson, recovering at Duke Hospital from hip surgery

Sarah and Pete Finbow
Bob Velkey

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham)
Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village
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

- **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)**, sister-in-law of Beth Neece
- **Chuck Schultz**, father of Amy Dillon
- **Desiré Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn
- **Laurie Wallace**, mother of Heather Wallace



JAZZ AND SILENT AUCTION

Fundraiser for NCCU's
Presbyterian Campus Ministry

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

**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.

OFFICER MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 25

6:00 p.m. – Diaconate

6:30 p.m. – Joint Officers' Supper

7:00 p.m. – Session

YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Groups this week will be dinners hosted by:
Brent Curtis -- Middle School
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
(rumor has it that there might be home-made ice cream)
Jennie Zehmer - High School
5:00-6:30 or 7 p.m.
(backyard bonfire) with pizza

FIRST FRIENDS

(Adults only)

GARDEN PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

**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. Rain date is April 30th.

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

MAY POTLUCK

SATURDAY, MAY 7

**6:30 p.m. at the home of
Wayne and Lucie House**

615 Churchill Dr, Chapel Hill

Check out more details on the EVITE.

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

The Reverend Mindy Douglas
as Pastor/Head of Staff of
First Presbyterian Church, Durham

SCRIPTURE

READERS' CLASS

Did you know that there is a technique that makes reading scripture aloud more effective? **Steve Rimmer** will again offer a class to all who are interested in improving their scripture reading skills and serving as a liturgist in worship. Check out this class on the first Sunday in June (**June 5**) to see if this is something you would like to be a part of. The class will meet in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. Please bring your Bible; the NRSV translation is preferred.

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!

BLESSING BAGS

The Walk-in Ministry appreciates all the donations it receives for blessing and toiletry bags. We average handing out about 50 bags each week. We are again in need of all items to make blessing bags: **brown lunch bags, snack crackers, snack-sized cookies, nutrition bars, fruit snacks, and small bottles of water** for the Walk-in Ministry. Drop items off at the Mission Collection Station in the foyer. If you wish to assemble bags at home and drop them off ready to give, that is also appreciated.

COMMUNITY INVITATIONS

NC Council of Churches

presents

2016 Critical Issues Seminar:

Race, Power, & Privilege

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

St. Matthews UMC

600 E. Florida St, Greensboro

Morning Preacher:

Rev. Dr. T Anthony Spearmen

There will be a number of workshops on topics such as racial patterns in poverty and affluence and in educational achievement; immigration, and voting rights changes; eco-justice and the General Assembly's record as it impacts people of color.

Christian Ethics and HB2

Sunday, April 24

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

215 N. Church Street

The public is invited – FREE admission!

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. David Gushee,

Mercer University Professor

William S. Meyer,

Department of Psychiatry, DUMC

Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearmen

3rd Vice President, NC NAACP and

incoming NC Council of Churches president

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