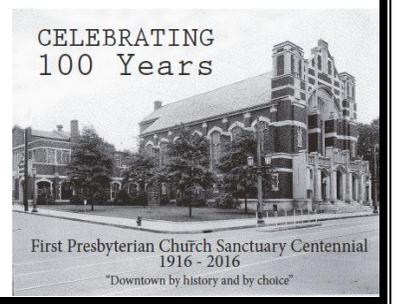


# First Presbyterian Church

MAY 31, 2016



## Sunday, June 5

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Teacher Appreciation Sunday



Come taste and see the goodness of our Sunday School year, beginning at **9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall** with breakfast for everyone, provided by the Christian Education Committee. Each class will be called forward to give a presentation, and the teachers will receive a gift of thanks. Summer plans for each class will be announced as well. It's a wonderful opportunity for some cross-generational fellowship, and a celebration of the Christian nurture taking place at FPC.

**11:00 a.m.** Worship and Communion  
**FPC's High School Seniors will be acknowledged in worship.**

**Sermon:** "What are the Chances?"  
**Mindy L. Douglas, preaching**

### Worship Texts:

Old Testament	I Kings 17:17-24
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 146
Gospel Lesson	Luke 7:11-17
Epistle Lesson	Galatians 1:11-24

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

**Phyllis Verhey** (Side/font),  
**Eric Wiebe** (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Julie Whiddon** (head), **Jo Bernhardt, Paul Cornsweet, Tom Keller, Carolyn Merritt**

Communion Elders:

Bread: **Michael Schultz** (B1, process),  
**Bob Breitweiser** (B2), **Aurelia Klinck** (B3), **Will McDow** (B4)

Cup: **Eric Wiebe** (C1), **Talitha Kwon** (C2, process), **Jane Williams** (C3),  
**Phyllis Verhey** (C4)

Shepherds: **Marie Sappenfield** (font aisle), **Miriam Morey** (center aisle), **Jerry Postema** (pulpit aisle)

Head / replenish elements: **Lenore Champion**

## SCRIPTURE READERS CLASS

The Scripture Readers Class will meet in the chapel at 9:45 on **Sundays, June 12 and 19**. (We **will not** meet this Sunday, June 5 as previously advertised.) As preparation for the class, please be ready to read Zechariah, chapters 3-10; and Luke 15:11-32.



## Summer Sunday School

**Sundays, June 12 - September 4**

Many classes will be combined for the summer, but Sunday School will continue from week to week for the entire congregation. Adults can either attend the Lectionary Class for the summer or study **Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi**, by Amy-Jill Levin (Watts-Hill Hall). Levin, a Jewish scholar of the New Testament, posits that Jesus intended for the parables to be provocative, and that we should look for the discomfort which they provoke within us. Her book will be available for purchase the first few weeks of the class. Children and youth will watch movies and celebrate Christmas in July (all of July).

### NEW OFFICERS

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

#### Training

**Sunday, June 5**

**Sunday, August 14**

**Sunday, August 21**

following worship with lunch provided

RSVP to **Lyn Francisco** for lunch

([l.francisco@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:l.francisco@firstpres-durham.org))

#### Ordination and Installation

**Sunday, August 28 during worship**

### A BOOK SIGNING



You are invited to a preview and book signing by **Rebekah McLeod Hutto** of her new children's book on Pentecost, *The Day When God Made Church*. The event will take place **Saturday, June 4**, from 10 a.m. - noon on the playground at **Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church**, 3541 Rose of Sharon Road. Rebekah is a former Duke Divinity School intern at FPC who now serves as Associate Pastor at The Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Rebekah, her husband, **BJ**, and their two children, **Hannah Ruth and Elijah**, look forward to spending quality time with you, your children, and grandchildren. It's a great playground. Bring a picnic, or a snack, and come on out and join us!

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

**Theme: "Blown Away"**

**June 13-17**

at Camp New Hope (8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)  
**A Music and Arts Camp follows daily at FPC until 5:00 p.m.**

There will be an **ORIENTATION AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL** on **Sunday, June 12 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the camp** for families of those attending this year's VCS. Come meet your counselors, tour Camp New Hope, pick up your T-shirt, and enjoy some Maple View Farms ice cream with your camp friends.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

As we enter into this season after Pentecost, I hope that you are still aflame with the fire of God's love that the Holy Spirit stirs within us. Too many of us feel that we are unworthy of such love, but God's love is deep enough, wide enough, broad enough and high enough to encompass us all. What wonderful news this is! Oh, that we could receive it daily, believe it truly, and live into it boldly. My prayer for all of you this week is that you will do just that!

A friend of mine shared a poem with me recently. It is part reminder and part mandate. I do not know who wrote it, so forgive me for not citing the source here.

*The world is loud;  
turn inward to a quiet heart.  
The pace of life is hectic;  
slow down and be still for a moment.  
You have forgotten to breathe;  
take a long, slow inhale and feel your  
body relax with the exhale.  
Busyness has stolen your focus;  
clear your head and turn to God.*

What a great poem to lead us into summer following this Memorial Day weekend. As you go through your week full of demands and expectations, possibilities and regrets, joy and sorrow, remember always to take a moment here and there to regain your focus, clear your head, and turn to give thanks and praise to our God who loves you endlessly and without condition. Rejoice in such love and live lives of peace and joy, full of grace and gratitude.

To God be the Glory,

*Mindy*

## COMMUNION SERVICE AT THE FOREST AT DUKE

**Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m.**

## HELP WANTED

Are you savvy about **Microsoft Access**? If so, please make yourself known to **Kathy Parkins!** She needs your immediate help!

## FLOWER MINISTRY

Flowers enhance the beauty of the sanctuary and are given by members and family to the glory of God and in remembrance or in honor of loved ones. After the service, the flowers are divided and taken to those who are unable to be with us on Sunday morning.

There are several open Sundays available this summer. A sign-up calendar is posted **on the wall near the volunteer's office** along with an information sheet. We encourage you to consider being a part of this important ministry.

— The Worship and the Arts Committee

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to the following:

- **Henderson, Jane and Caroline Rourk** and family, on the death of their son and brother, **Malcolm Henderson Rourk, III** on May 26 at Duke Hospital. A funeral service will be held June 1 at 11:00 a.m. at FPC. The family will greet friends at a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following the service;
- **Florence Shackelford** and family on the death of **Walter Shackelford**, a cradle roll member of FPC who died May 27<sup>th</sup> at the age of 96. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Few Chapel at Croasdaile Village.

## OUR CONCERNS

**Sarah and Pete Finbow**

**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**

**Hillcrest: Randall McLeod**

**Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson**

**Roy Blackwell**, father of Sheila Miglarese  
**Molly Bowden**, former FPC member  
**Elizabeth Chombi**, niece of Mercy Ndambiri  
**Foster Family**, friends of Chris Brown  
**Ellie Johnson**, niece of Jim Johnson  
**Helene Johnson**, mother of Jim Johnson  
**Virginia Lagow**, grandmother of Heather Wallace  
**Margaret Pfeiler**, grandmother of Julie Maxwell  
**Jim Sanderson**, brother of Sheila Breitweiser  
**Chuck Schultz**, father of Amy Dillon  
**Desiré Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn  
**Laurie Wallace**, mother of Heather Wallace

## MEMORY BOOK

The Sanctuary and Organ Centennial Celebration Committee wants to capture your FPC memories and your hopes for the future! A memory book will be in the church foyer (by the bulletin board) for the next few months for you to leave any thoughts you have about what FPC means to you – looking back and looking forward! You can send thoughts by email to **Caroline Rourk** or write them on a note card and place them in the book.

## YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

**VCS at Camp New Hope**

June 13-17

**ASP Mission Trip**

June 26 – July 2

**Middle School Conference**

July 7-10

**High School Conference**

July 24-30

## SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS

**JUNE POTLUCK**

**Saturday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

hosted by **Gray and Amy Wilson**

Bring a dish to share.

Coming? Respond to the EVITE!

Not getting the EVITEs?

Contact Valerie in the church office to be added to the invite list.

## BOOK GROUP POTLUCK

The Things That Matter Book Group will meet on **June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Gerwe**. This is the meeting when we enjoy a delicious potluck meal and select books for the coming year (starting in September). We normally select books in the following categories: fiction, non-fiction, and spiritual/religious. Please bring a dish to share (light summer fare is always good) and no more than three book suggestions. We will be selecting a total of 6 titles (to be discussed on the second Tuesday in September, November, January, March, May and July), and deciding what special category we will undertake in February (e.g. in February 2016, we did a play reading together; in February 2015, we shared favorite Maya Angelou poetry). **Please RSVP to Barbara ([bebegeerwe@gmail.com](mailto:bebegeerwe@gmail.com)) if you will join us for the potluck.**

## NIA FITNESS CLASS

Led by **Heather Wallace**, White Belt  
**Tuesdays, through July 26**  
**4:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall**

Wear comfortable clothes for moving and bring a water bottle. You can also bring a yoga mat or a towel for our floor play part of the class (optional). You are encouraged to dance barefoot. All people, all bodies, all fitness levels are welcome to participate. **The class is free to FPC members.** Friends are welcome. Donations accepted!

**HELLO**  
my name is

We only have to learn one name; **Mindy** has to learn many. So, **please wear a nametag frequently and often**, as Mindy puts names and faces together.

**LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING COMMITTEE**

**GROUNDS WORK DAY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Contact **Barbara Buckley** for more info:  
919-402-8551 or [bjbuckley1@frontier.com](mailto:bjbuckley1@frontier.com)

## HELP FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

The pantry at Meals on Wheels is almost empty. While they have a caterer for daily meals, they make weekend meals themselves. The 80 clients who receive two extra meals each Friday depend on these meals to get them through the weekend. The Food Bank does not have a steady supply of items for Meals on Wheels' weekend meals during the summer as the Food Bank's efforts are geared towards supporting children who are not in school. Meals on Wheels could really use the following items this summer:

**Fruit cups** (unsweet – individual size)  
**Applesauce** (unsweet – individual size)  
**Soup** (low sodium if possible – pop top)  
**Canned meals** (i.e. spaghetti) – pop top)  
**Peanut Butter/Cheese Cracker** snacks  
**Tuna and crackers** packages  
**Breakfast/ Nutrition bars**  
**Granola bars** (chewy/soft)  
**Juice boxes**

**Ensure** (Nutritional Supplement)  
Thank you in advance for adding a few extra items to your grocery cart for Meals on Wheels! Items should be brought to FPC this summer for weekly delivery to Meals on Wheels!

## ITEMS NEEDED

One of our neighbors who recently moved to an apartment is in need of the following:  
**Electric stove** (good working condition)  
**Refrigerator** (small or full size)  
**Queen-sized bed linens** (gently used)  
**Couch** (gently used)  
Please contact the church office if you have items to donate: 919-682-5511. Thank you for considering this request.

## AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS

In a series of extreme weather conditions, the South Central U.S. has experienced continued flooding and storm damage. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with impacted mid councils in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi to bring God's hope and healing to all affected by flooding. Gifts from One Great Hour of Sharing are helping Presbyterian congregations as they reach out to their affected communities to provide emergency items like water, food and other urgent supplies to neighbors in need. Members of the PDA National Response Team (NRT) will be helping with assessments, connecting with long-term recovery groups, and serving as a present witness of the larger church during this difficult time. PDA has disaster coordinators and NRT members already on the ground in Houston, Texas assessing the needs. NRT members are also being deployed to Louisiana and Mississippi to assess the needs and assist the affected congregations and Mid Councils about next steps. You can support these efforts through your prayers and faithful giving. Use this link to give toward flood relief: <http://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/?appeal=PDA&package=DAWeb>, memo: **DR000191**.

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