

Our Core Values

Diversity and Inclusivity: As God has claimed us in the waters of baptism with our differences, we are called to invite and nurture a diverse and inclusive community.

Reformed Worship: Through a shared liturgy of Word and Sacrament, FPC invites all, in creative and faithful ways, to focus heart, soul, and mind to the Glory of God.

Faith Exploration: FPC welcomes and encourages all to explore the call to discipleship and to consider questions of faith at all points on their journey with the Risen Christ.

Pastoral Care: God has loved us first; so too, we love and care for one another, nurturing mind, body and spirit throughout life's journey.

Historic Placement: "Downtown by history and by choice," we are committed to being a witness to God's steadfast love and justice in the heart of the city.

Social Mission: FPC advocates for social justice and responds to the "cries of the poor," remembering Jesus' promise to be found among the hungry, homeless, sick and imprisoned.

Faithful Stewardship: Called to be stewards of the gifts God has provided, we support the foundation that enables this faith community to be generous in hospitality and in faithful ministry.

Community: As a reflection of God's beloved community, we seek to affirm and challenge one another; rejoicing together as the Body of Christ.

All are welcome!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes individuals of every race, nationality, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

2018-2019

Christian Nurture Opportunities



"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind..." (Acts 2:2a)

Change is in the air at First Presbyterian Church! We have a new Associate Pastor of Youth and their families, who is bringing fresh wind/fresh spirit to the congregation. With any such transition, we are re-energized, like the early church, by the Holy Spirit unsettling us in our old ways, and reestablishing us in God's new ways. Our task as members of the body of Christ is to be open to the Spirit, and to take the risks inherent in any new ventures. We are excited about the Ministry of Christian Nurture at First Presbyterian Church. Our goal is to create safe spaces where all might seek understanding of faith, form Christian community, care for one another, pray together, and follow Jesus out into the world as healers of brokenness and advocates for justice and peace.

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Sunday Morning Study

Sunday School Superintendents

Jean Wilson, Linda Dobson, Lisa Gabriel, Mary Ann Compton

Infants and Toddlers

Childcare is provided, beginning at 9:30. Most parents prefer to keep infants with them during worship, which is certainly allowable, but **one and two-year-olds** meet in the nursery on the second floor of the Education Wing, **room 203, and older children, up to age 4**, meet in the playroom, **room 206**.

FPC has a **Child and Youth Protection Policy** which requires two care-takers in each classroom. These caretakers are able to contact ushers during worship, should parents need to be reached. Copies of the policy are available from the table in the foyer and on the church's website.

All children are welcome in worship!

Nursery care for children 0-6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building, **rooms 203 and 206**. The young children join worship following the sermon for baptisms and communion, and stay for the remainder of the service. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the toddler room.

There is a changing table in the narthex behind the sanctuary, and children's reading and activity books are available in the narthex.

Sunday School for Young Children

These children are invited to the second floor of the Christian education building.

Older twos – fours meet in the playroom, **room 206**, and will follow the PC(USA) *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* curriculum.

Five year olds, kindergarteners, first and second graders also use the *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* curriculum, and meet in **room 202**.

Other Study Opportunities

Presbyterian Women Bible Study: led by Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
First Monday of the month during Circle; 10:30 a.m. - noon in the East Parlor
Curriculum: "God's Promises" (Horizon Bible Study)

Bible/Book Study: led by Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. – noon in Room 205
Study: Isaiah /Kerygma

Men of Faith: led by Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
Last Friday of the month, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at Nosh's Café, Erwin Rd
Study: Current events / topics of interest

2019 McPherson Lectureship:

February 24-25, 2019

Dr. Mary Louise Bringle, Guest Lecturer

Professor of Religious Studies, Brevard College, NC



Evening Youth Groups

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. - Middle Schoolers

Advisors: Brent Curtis, Sarah Beaverson, John Weicher (Associate Pastor)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - High Schoolers

Advisors: Lenore Champion, Graeme Peterson,
Courtney Trutna, John Weicher (Associate Pastor)

For more information about activities for youth, contact
John Weicher, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families:
919-682-5511 x 213; j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org.

Journeys & Scratch Young Adults

Prophetic Voices

A hybrid class of seasoned and younger members, this inter-generational class will explore Prophetic Voices this year, beginning with Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham Jail, The Belhar Confession from South Africa, readings from Flannery O'Connor, and later, Walter Brueggemann's Prophetic Imagination. The class will meet in room 205, Christian education building.

Teachers: Andy Henry, Carlo & Emily Diy, Michael Schultz & Heather Wallace, and Cherrie Henry (Associate Pastor)

SCRATCH (Young Adults)

"AfterChurch" – Scratch/Young Adults lunch and lectio divina for 45 minutes: September 9, 23, and October 7, 14 and 28. If you want to become good at anything, you have to practice! This Fall on Sundays, the Scratch/Young Adult group will meet AFTER CHURCH (that is after Church School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 11 a.m.) in the parlor room down under our sanctuary for a cheap (\$3!) lunch, time to catch up with one another, and a bit of time to practice the old spiritual discipline of slow reading sacred texts (lectio divina). Our plan is to stay not more than 30-45 minutes once everyone is gathered. Please talk with our leaders Mary Berry, Alex Stayer-Brewington, and Rev. Cherrie Henry, if you have questions. Childcare available upon request. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness

Sponsored and taught by FPC's Racial Equity group, this will be an eight-part mini-course on themes of racism, diversity, white privilege, and barriers to inclusivity. The core of the study will be based upon the book *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church* by Joseph Barndt. Anyone can participate. The class will meet in the **basement conference room, below the sanctuary.**



For more information contact Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor:
919-682-5511 ext. 220, or m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org.

Third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders

FPC is excited to begin a Rotation Model of study this year, which will let the children experience one Bible story a month in a variety of ways. Using the *Godly Play* curriculum for the foundational stories of the Old Testament, children will express and experience these stories through maps, LEGO models, drama, music, games, gardening, feasting and prayer. They will be getting their hands dirty and using all of their senses to understand the stories so basic to our Judeo/ Christian tradition. Guests and friends are always welcome. Join us in **room 201 in the Christian education building.**

Confirmation (grades 7-9, and up)

It's a confirmation year for our 7th – 9th graders. Together with their adult mentors, our confirmands will spend the first semester of this year visiting and observing other faith communities in Durham to notice what we have in common, and how we differ. We will be learning to be good guests in our pluralistic neighborhood. Then after Christmas, we will spend some classroom time together exploring what it means to be a Christian in the Reformed Tradition. Most classes will take place during the Sunday School hour, in the **youth classroom, below the sanctuary.**

High School (grades 10-12)

High Schoolers meet downstairs in the **youth classroom, below the sanctuary.** They start by discussing *The Apocrypha*. Visitors are always welcome.

Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

Age	Teachers	Curriculum
1	Momo Matsunami, childcare supervisor (Room 203, Christian education building)	
2/3/4	Amy Sanchez, Elizabeth Klinck, Bob Pleasants, Amy & Gray Wilson Kristin Meade (sub) (Room 206, Christian education building)	<i>Growing in Grace and Gratitude</i>
5 / K / 1 / 2	Nancy Kost, Kathy Colville, Julie Maxwell Katherine Whitmore (Room 202, Christian education building)	<i>Growing in Grace and Gratitude</i>
3rd -6th grades	Celia Dickerson, Walt Barron Alec Bethune, Delia Kwon, Oscar Carrasco (Room 201, Christian education building)	<i>Godly Play / Rotation Model</i>
7th -9th grades	Lenore Champion, Kim Abels Marilyn Hedgpeth (Associate Pastor) (Youth classroom, below the sanctuary)	<i>Theoacademy Confirmation</i>
9th -12th grades	John Weicher (Associate Pastor) Emily Hansel, Sharron Johnson, Sarah Beaverson, Leah Graves (sub), Leslie McDow (sub) (Youth classroom, below the sanctuary)	<i>The Apocrypha</i>

Sunday School Classes for Adults

Classes begin promptly at 9:45 a.m.

Adult Lectionary Lectionary Texts
 What Scripture readings we will be using in worship on Sunday? This class reviews the four texts from The Revised Common Lectionary, offering background information and insight that will enhance the worship experience for the day. This class is team-taught and welcomes lively discussion. The class meets in the **East Parlor**.

Teachers: David Smith, Robert Brawley, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Sue Fricks, and Jerry Postema

Faith and Community *Love Letters of Faith*
 What topics are pertinent to expressing our faith within the contemporary context of our community? We are excited to kick off this year with a series on *Love Letters of Faith*, featuring the letters of the Apostle Paul, Dorothy Day, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Guest presenters from the church and the community lead the class. October will feature discussions on the paper, *Reclaiming Jesus*, and on *The Barmen Declaration of Faith*, found in the PC(USA) Book of Order. The class meets in **Watts-Hill Hall**.

Teachers: Sam Miglarese, Mindy Douglas, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Robert Brawley, Joe Harvard, and guest presenters from the community

Women's Spiritual Formation
 A group of women who meet for sharing, mutual support and prayer on Sunday mornings; led by Susan Dunlap (Parish Associate). All women are welcome to join. The class meets in a **basement classroom B-16, below the sanctuary**.

The Pleasures of Parenting
 A time of discussion and support for parents who find raising children in today's world to be an exciting and daunting task, led by Mindy Douglas (Pastor/Head of Staff) on Sunday mornings, 9:45 a.m. The class will meet on the **second floor of the church house**.

Membership Inquiry Class
 What membership means at FPC, three class sessions led by clergy and lay persons held Sundays at 9:45 a.m. on the following schedule: September 9, 16, 23; January 13, 20, 27; May 5, 12, 19. The class will meet in the **Wilson Parlor**.