

Advent Caroling and Evening Worship

Join us on our Main Street steps for caroling at 5:45 p.m. followed by worship at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The evening worship is followed by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.



“Magnificat Moments”

Wednesday, December 5

“For those who grieve”

Jennie Belle, *preaching*

Wednesday, December 12

“For the children”

Cherrie Henry, *preaching*

Wednesday, December 19

“For the faithful”

Mary Berry, *preaching*

Christmas Concerns



During Advent, share Christmas wishes with friends in the FPC congregation by making a donation to Christmas Concerns. Proceeds will be used to support parents of two families in sanctuary in Durham and Chapel Hill.

To participate in Christmas Concerns, write a check to FPC, earmarked “Christmas Concerns,” and put it in the offering plate. Then sign an ornament and hang it on the Christmas Concerns “Giving Tree” located in the foyer. The names of those who send greetings and participate in this project will be listed in the December 18th newsletter.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited

Thursday, December 6

Human Kindness Holiday

Card-Making Project

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the home of
Cherrie and Andy Henry

Friday, December 7

Primetimers Covered Dish Supper

6:30 p.m. at the home of
Eugene and Signe Brown
Bring a dish to share.

Saturday, December 8

Durham Holiday Parade

10:00 a.m. downtown

FPC children, youth, families and friends are invited to walk as “lights of the world” in the Durham Holiday Parade.

Saturday, December 8

First Friends Advent Potluck

(Adults only)

6:30 p.m. at the home of

Stewart Fisher and Melinda Ruley
Bring a dish to share.

Tuesday, December 12

Daytimers Christmas Luncheon

11:30 a.m. at Croasdaile Village

2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway

Gather in the Great Room

Meal donation: \$12.25 per person

RSVP to Maxie Honeycutt



Come, Lord Jesus

Advent and Christmas 2018

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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.

Church Office Schedule

CLOSED Tuesday through Friday, December 25 – 28; Monday, December 31, 2018; and Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Staff will be on-call. Leave a message at the church for staff if needed.

First Sunday of Advent December 2

9:45 a.m. Advent Festival/Sunday School

During Sunday School children and youth will enjoy the Advent Festival in Watts-Hill Hall.

11:00 a.m. - Worship and Communion

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and seasonal music during worship. Remember to bring blessing bag supplies. **After worship** adults join the Advent Festival and attend the Alternative Giving Fair in Watts-Hill Hall.

Alternative Giving Fair

The Alternative Giving Fair will take place following worship, featuring non-profit friends in the community who will be selling gifts and honor cards to benefit their organizations.

Past participants include:

Café Justo Durham CAN
Families Moving Forward Farm Church
FPC Prayer Shawl Ministry
Habitat for Humanity Housing for New Hope
Our Children's Place Prevent Child Abuse NC
Senior PharmAssist Society of St. Andrew
Student Farm Workers
Urban Ministries of Durham Threshold
Welcome Baby Wheels4Hope

Remember to bring your checkbook!



Second Sunday of Advent December 9

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Service begins with the Children's Pageant, "Journey to Bethlehem." The story is told by the children using handbell sound effects.

Third Sunday of Advent December 16

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols

6:00 p.m. - Potluck Supper and Carols Sing-A-Long

Bring a dish to share. If you play an instrument, bring it along (with a music stand) and join the improvised orchestra that accompanies singing of carols around the Christian symbols tree.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Come prepare for a silent night/holy night. The Children's Choir will be singing. The **Hunger for Change Offering** will be received during worship.

The **PC(USA) Joy Gift Offering** will be received, supporting financial assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24

10:00 a.m. - "Live" Radio Broadcast of King's College "Lessons and Carols" (in the sanctuary)

3:00 p.m. - Worship with Communion and candles (in the sanctuary)

A simple 45-minute service featuring carols from around the world.

5:00 p.m. - Communion and Candlelight Service (in the sanctuary)

The birth of the Christ Child is celebrated in word and song with Communion by candlelight. Childcare provided for younger children. An offering will be received to support Durham's Welcome Baby and the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC.



First Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 30

No Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

No Evening Youth Groups

*Happy 147th Birthday to FPC
on December 31, 2018!*



Epiphany Celebrations

Saturday, January 5

SONAM Concert at 7:30 p.m.
in the FPC sanctuary

All proceeds will benefit Book Harvest.

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday, January 13

Baptism of the Lord

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

**11:00 a.m. - Worship, Communion and
Affirmation of the Confirmation Class**