

This Week at a Glance!

<p><b>After Worship:</b>  <b>4:30 PM</b>                  Youth Groups                  (on the grounds at FPC)  <b>8:00 PM</b> (via Zoom)                  MnM's Fellowship</p> <p><b>Newsletter                  Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>Monday, January 10</b>  <b>Presbyterian Women                  will not meet today.</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> (via Zoom)                  Worship Planning  <b>2:00 PM</b> (via Zoom)                  Program Staff Meeting  <b>6:00 PM</b> (via Zoom)                  Christian Educ Committee                  Property Committee  <b>6:30 PM</b> (via Zoom)                  Service &amp; Mission Committee  <b>7:00 PM</b> (via Zoom)                  Worship &amp; the Arts Committee</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 11</b>  <b>Newsletter today</b>  <b>3:30 PM</b> (via Zoom)                  The Things That Matter                  Book Group  <b>6:15 PM</b> (via Zoom)                  Book Study:  <i>How the Word Is Passed</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 12</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> (via Zoom)                  Book Study:  <i>How the Word Is Passed</i>    <b>No Chancel Choir</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, January 13</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, January 14</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday, January 15</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, January 16</b>  <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>  <b>9:45-10:45 AM</b> (via Zoom)                  Faith Formation Classes                  (Playground option for younger children)  <b>11:00 AM</b> (in-person &amp; online)                  Worship Service                  Cherrie Henry, Preaching    <b>4:30 PM</b>                  Youth Groups (Combined)</p>	



The church office will be closed on  
**Monday, January 17, 2022**  
 in observance of the  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday holiday.**

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator  
 Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director  
 Vernon Cooper, Sexton  
 Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff  
 Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate  
 Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Sybil King, Administrative Assistant  
 Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor  
 Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator  
 Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music  
 John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 9, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John Weicher

PRELUDE *Three Variations on "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"* Elaine S. Dykstra

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96) John Weicher

Leader: A voice came out of the cloud, saying:

**People: This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!**

Leader: Sing, and bless God's name;

**People: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

**People: God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN NO. 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* St. Anne

\*CONFESSION OF SIN Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
 making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
 separated from siblings in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
 and show reluctance to welcome one another.**

**We allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism**

**so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY Carlo Diy

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory.**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us**

**so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 Carlo Diy

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

(Pew Bible, OT Page 672)

Those who are able, please stand.

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Joseph S. Harvard  
Leader: The Word of the Lord. (Pew Bible, NT Page 60)  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** “Do You Know Who You Are?” Joseph S. Harvard

**\*HYMN** Lord, When You Came to Jordan Sung to Merle’s Tune

*Lord, when you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized,  
What was your vow and vision of love and sacrifice?  
Was there a sudden splendor of prophets, priests, and kings,  
A wind that stirred the waters, a blur of mighty wings?*

*Was this God’s crowning moment of all you had become,  
The Spirit’s power and blessing: “Go now, you are my son?”  
Did scripture join with scripture in words of sharp surprise  
“The Lord’s Messiah shall conquer, rejected and despised?”*

*Faith rests content with questions of when and why and how,  
But craves the gift of seeing what God is doing now.  
Lord, bring us to our Jordan of newly opened eyes,  
Through love, immersed in living, as you were once baptized.*

**\*REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS** Mindy Douglas

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**People: I do.**

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Leader: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**People: I will, with God’s help.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From *A Declaration of Faith* John Weicher

**We believe that in baptism the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God’s promise to include us and our children in his gracious covenant, cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life, as participants in Christ’s death and resurrection. Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ’s people and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond. In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord’s. For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love God. For both, God’s grace and our response to it are not tied to the moment of baptism but continue and deepen throughout life.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** John Weicher

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS** Mindy Douglas

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**May the words of our mouths  
and the meditations of our hearts  
and the giving of this offering  
all show our thankfulness to you,  
O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** David Smith

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** David Smith

**. . . Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 307** God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

**\*BENEDICTION** Joseph S. Harvard

**\*POSTLUDE** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Benjamin M. Culli

We welcome to the pulpit today the **Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Harvard**, pastor emeritus of FPC. Joe retired in 2013 after serving as pastor for more than 30 years. He and wife Carlisle live in Durham where they remain active in the community supporting non-profit organizations that are near and dear to their hearts.



**Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.**

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On January 2, 101 joined us for in-person worship and 67 households watched the live-streamed broadcast.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by **Alice Raney** in loving memory of her mother, **Ethel Lipscomb Girvin** and grandmother, **Ethel Carr Lipscomb**.

**Many thanks** to **John Fricks**, **Jody Maxwell**, **JL Klinck** and **Keith Rokoske** for their technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings.

Portions of *today’s worship texts* were reprinted from *Call to Worship* (2021-2022 Year C) and the *Presbyterian Hymnal*.

**Worship bags and activity bulletins** are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

**Hearing Assistance Receivers** are available for use during worship from the audio console located at the rear of the sanctuary or you may request one from John Fricks. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

**Childcare:** A staffed nursery and children’s playroom are available on the second floor of the Christian education building for use during worship.

**Large print worship bulletins** along with **children’s worship / activity bulletins** are available in the foyer.

**Restrooms** are located off the narthex (to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary), on the second floor of the Christian education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house.

**Masks and social distancing:** The congregation will continue to be masked when inside as an act of generous hospitality to children who cannot yet be vaccinated and transplant recipients and others on medications that reduce the efficacy of vaccines. We also encourage you to social distance when possible.

Free copies of the **These Days** devotional book for January-March 2022 are now available from the church foyer/narthex. Pick up a copy today. Contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.



We are pleased and excited to announce the return of former pastors to the pulpit in January as our 150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary celebration continues Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in 2022.

January 16 – Cherrie Henry  
 January 23 – Sam Miglarese  
 January 30 – Lori Pistor

The 150th Anniversary service will take place on Sunday, February 13.

Other special presentations are planned as follows:

February 20 - FPC youth will lead worship.

March 20 – Nora Tisdale, preaching

March 27- Macky Alston returns as our 2022 McPherson Lecturer.

All are welcome to join us in-person in the sanctuary. Worship will also be live streamed.

### Musicians Needed



The First Presbyterian Wind Ensemble has been playing together and providing music for occasional worship services for more than nine years. During that time, our numbers have varied (sometimes a quintet, sometimes more or less) and so has our instrumentation. Now we're looking for a new member or two. If you play (or played) a woodwind instrument, such as clarinet, oboe, flute, sax, bassoon, or French horn, please contact David Smith (davidjudysmith@frontier.com) or any of the other members of the group for more information. We would especially like to find a clarinetist.

### FPC Hosting Community Blood Drive

Thursday, February 3, 2022

1:00-6:00 p.m. at FPC in Watts-Hill Hall

Primary contact/organizer: **Julie Whiddon**

Julie's email: [foxylady2642@yahoo.com](mailto:foxylady2642@yahoo.com)

Julie's phone number: 919-730-6673

Sign up online to donate blood at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) using code: *firstpres* or contact Julie Whiddon. For more information on donating blood, pick up a brochure from the table in the church foyer.

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**Flower donors needed for February:** The signup chart with instructions on donating flowers for worship is now available online. Use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-flowers2> to learn more and to sign up to donate flowers for worship in 2022.

~ Our Concerns ~

**Gerald Arrowood**, brother of Al Arrowood, in Hospice care

**April Cain & James Evans**, sister and brother-in-law of Kathy Parkins, diagnosed with COVID

**Gera Fleming**, mother of Christyn Klinck, recovering from surgery

**Chris Irwin**, cousin of Linda Barenchi, recovered from COVID; preparing for heart surgery

**Home:** *Paul Cornsweet* *Harold Dunlap* *Kerry Holbrook* *Mitzi Lesher-Thomas*

### Care Communities:

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Julian Boswell**

**Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

**Jim Wolfe**

### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

**Greer & Jenn Brown**, friends of Logan Tice

**Jim Brown**, father of Chris Brown

**John Carter**, brother of Conrad Carter

**Mimi Cummings**, mother of Drew Cummings

**Flora Estrella**, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

**Lynn Everett**, mother of Luke and Rob Everett

**Grace**, Chris James' great-niece

**Roger Kalthoff**, husband of Jane Williams

**Jim Lesher**, father of Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

**Vivian Mast**, friend of Josh Walters

**Aaron Pritchard**, friend of Kathy Parkins

**Shawantha Purcell**, friend of Jane Brown

**Ty, Laurel, Joe, & Cheli Seddon**, family of Martha Seddon, former FPC Parish Administrator

**Richard Smith**, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

**Heath Tuttle**, son of Chris & Carrie Tuttle

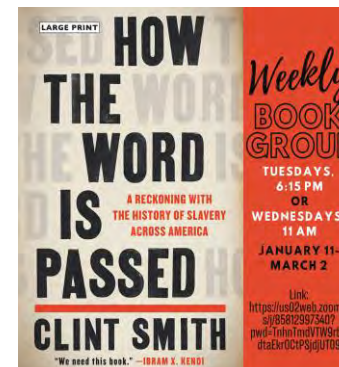
**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Toni Vandekemp**, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp

**Jean Vollrath**, friend of Jean Cary

**Deb Walsh**, friend of Celia Dickerson

**John Wakefield**, cousin of Vernon Neece



### WINTER BOOK STUDY

How the Word Is Passed

by Clint Smith

BEGINS Tuesday, January 11/Wednesday, March 2

Join the weekly study via Zoom

6:15 p.m. on Tuesday nights

11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings

About the book:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/30/books/review/best-books-2021.html>

The Zoom link will be the same each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85812997340?pwd=TnhnTmdVTW9rbHdtaEkrOCtPSjdjUT09>

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