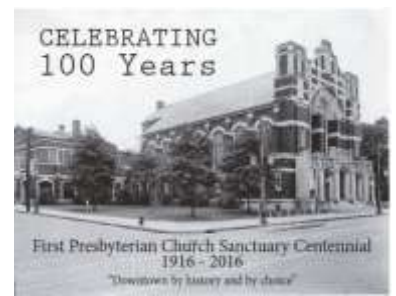


First Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 23, 2016



“INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH” SUNDAY

People telling people---that's how we hear about a good book, or great movie, or a new restaurant. What about your church and your faith journey? We are all journeying together and each of us is at a different milestone. Will you share the opportunity to join with us in our faith journeys with a friend, neighbor, or colleague who might not have this experience? Demonstrate the reality of Jesus' presence by reaching out to a friend or neighbor. **Sunday, February 28th** is "Invite a Friend to Church" Sunday. Won't **YOU?**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Seventeenth Annual McPHERSON LECTURESHIP “Grace Made Manifest in the Church”



Guest Lecturer:
Douglas F. Ottati
Dr. Ottati is the Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice at Davidson College in Davidson, NC. For many years, he

taught at Union Seminary in Richmond, VA. His scholarly interests include contemporary theology and ethics and the history of theology and ethics, particularly in America.

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
“The Spirit and the Church”

11:00 a.m. Worship
Sermon: “Why Do You Eat and Drink with Tax Collectors and Sinners?”

7:00 p.m. Community Presentation at Trinity Avenue PC, Durham
“A Welcoming Community of Grace and Forbearance”

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

11:00 a.m. Clergy Seminar at FPC
“The Church and a Peculiar Discipline of Grace”

(RSVP to l.francisco@firstpres-durham.org if you wish to have lunch; no cost)

Crucifer: **Parker Klinck**
Acolytes: **Riley Pienkowski, Sam Henry**
Croasdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**
Narthex Greeters: **Linn Lopez, Elizabeth High**

After Worship Greeters:
Kristin Meade (narthex/rear),
Miriam Morey (font/side)
Ushers: **Johanna Bernhardt** (head),
Paul Cornsweet (flowers), **Brianna Honea, Jane Williams, Margaret Keller**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All adult Sunday School classes are invited to hear Doug Ottati's presentation at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

♪ CHORAL SOCIETY ♪ OF DURHAM

“VESPERS” CONCERT Friday, February 26 8:00 p.m. FPC Sanctuary

The Choral Society of Durham, under the direction of **Rodney Wynkoop**, will present Rachmaninoff's All Night Vigil. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the *All-Night Vigil* (commonly called the Vespers) presented complete and in the original Church Slavonic. For FPC members, tickets are discounted with code CSD1516 and can be purchased online at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2126901>. Student admission is free. For more info call 919-560-2733.

LENTEEN BOOK STUDY

“Wearing God”

Fridays, through March 25
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon FPC, Room 205
(Childcare available, if requested)
Sundays, through March 13
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Croasdaile Village in Heritage Hall

Join us for a Lenten reading and discussion led by **Marilyn Hedgpeth**. Lauren Winner's latest book, Wearing God: Clothing, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God, explores a handful of metaphors from the everyday and paints new perspectives on connecting with God. All are welcome to join the discussions.

LENTEEN SUPPERS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday, March 8
6:00 p.m. in member homes
(North, Central, South Durham/Chapel Hill)
Potluck supper followed by (7:00) family-friendly Worship and Holy Communion. Members will be invited to homes according to neighborhoods and ZIP codes. Don't know where to go? Contact the church office: 919-682-5511.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades 3-5)

We have been talking about the transfiguration of Jesus this month, and this Sunday we will make diorama's of that mountaintop scene. Come prepared to cut, paste, draw and build.



Thanks to all the members of FPC who signed up to bring items for the Day School's Emergency Shelter and to the members who contributed money to purchase needed supplies. We are very grateful to those of you who have already brought in your donations and to those of you who are planning to bring them in by Sunday, February 28. Please remember to attach your name to your donation before you drop it off.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Great is the mystery of faith: that is the rubric under which I categorize the events of the last few weeks – from the long-awaited calling of a new pastor, to the tragic loss of a baby. Cheering, clapping, sighs of relief; crying, wailing, and sighs too deep for words; a strange accompaniment of gestures and sounds surrounding the prayers of the whole people of God at the corner of Roxboro and Main.

And what do we say about these things? What I tried to say at the memorial service for little **Jane Beatrice** is that divine love comes down to meet us as a body broken, and that it always surprises us when it takes this form. It is the body broken that meets us in Jesus, with whom we walk towards Jerusalem and the cross during this season of Lent. It is the body broken that meets us at the Lord's Table, as we gather in north Durham, south Durham, central Durham and Chapel Hill for home communion and dinner. It is the body broken that unites us as believers of every time and place through the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of our feeble faith.

Olanda Carr, in his beautiful sermon on Sunday, reminded us that in all things, we give thanks. And we are called to give thanks in a loud voice, like the one healed Samaritan leper, who returned to thank Jesus rather loudly and lavishly. This is the strange stuff of faith; the great mystery of faith.

Our McPherson lecturer this week, **Doug Ottati**, comes at a perfect time to help us articulate our faith and look for the bright spots of grace shining in the darkness. I hope you will join me in welcoming him to FPC.

Peace,

Marilyn

NOTES

The staff is most grateful to **Michael Honeycutt** and the **Membership Committee** for the lovely tribute this past Sunday, and for the beautiful gesture of planting a tree to honor the staff for its dedication and hard work during this interim period of FPC's history.

Many thanks to **Chuck and Jean Wilson** for graciously hosting an overflow crowd of **Primetimers** on Saturday night.

Daytimers had a nice gathering for lunch at the Bleu Olive today. Thanks to **Mickey Velkey** for making the arrangements.

FPC also thanks regional hosts for the Lenten potluck/home communion meals taking place tonight: **Bill and Marcia Lorimer, David and Marie Sappenfield, Wayne and Lucie House, George Danser and Jean Cary.**

HUNGER FOR CHANGE

Each fourth Sunday of the month during worship, FPC receives the "Hunger for Change" offering. We have gotten off to a slow start in 2016 in receiving this offering. Worship was cancelled last month on the fourth Sunday due to icy conditions. Let's everybody bring a generous offering to help with hunger relief this Sunday!

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Sarah and Pete Finbow**. **Little Jane Beatrice Finbow** departed this life on February 17th. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at FPC on February 20th.

"Jesus said,
'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

OUR CONCERNS

Karsten Rist, Carl Rist's father, a patient at Duke Hospital
Sheila Miglarese, recovering from surgery
Mary Ann Ruegg, recovering at The Forest
Scottie Seawell, recovering at home
Emerson R., friend of Logan Brown

Beth Brockman
Sarah and Pete Finbow
Shirley Frederick
Sue Fricks
Alden Kaufeld
Caroline Rourk

Brookdale Senior Living:
Julian Boswell

Brookdale of Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village:
Friendship Hall: **Bob Keever**
Pavilion: **Jean Moore**
Bob Rankin **Jerry Tyren**

Hillcrest: **Randall McLeod**

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

S. Clay Adams, colleague of Li-Chen Chin
Johnny Boles, cousin of Michael Honeycutt
Bozette family, friends of Jane Brown
Mary Clegg, daughter of Jeanne Hervey
Sharon Gravenstine, sister-in-law of Jane Brown
Ellie Johnson, niece of Jim Johnson
Helene Johnson, mother of Jim Johnson
Lewis Johnson, father of Wendy McCorkle
Cheryl Martin (and husband Paul), sister-in-law of Beth Neece
Darren Skeen, friend of FPC
Desirée Volkwijn, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn
Ralph Wagner, cousin of Bill Hendrickson

YOUTH LENTEN STUDY

"Christ's Ministry of Food" Sundays, through March 24

Youth advisors will lead middle schoolers from **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** in activities and outreach that derive from food; high schoolers from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** All youth and friends are invited to join the study. Supper is provided from **6:00 – 6:30 p.m.** for both groups.

Saturday, March 5

YOUNG ADULTS/SCRATCH

MARCH POTLUCK
6:00 p.m. at the home of
Geoffrey and Patricia Kennedy
(Watch for the Evite)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle and Bible Study
Monday, March 7
10:30 a.m. East Parlor
Bible Study, Lesson 7

Saturday, March 19

PALM CROSS FOLDING

with FPC and Epworth PC
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the
home of **Andy and Cherrie Henry**

SAVE THESE DATES

June 26-July 2
Youth Appalachian Service Project

July 8-10
Massanetta MS Youth Conference

July 17-23
Triennium Youth Conference

July 24-30
Montreat HS Youth Conference

FIRST FRIENDS

We need hosts for our 2016 gatherings. If you are interested (even if you can't commit yet), please contact Christyn Klinck at cfklinck@gmail.com or 919-402-1951.

- First Friends can gather at your home or at another location, including the church.
- Hosts typically provide an entree and non-alcoholic drinks (but this is flexible).
- Gatherings can be with or without kids.
- Gatherings can have a theme--game night, Advent, Summer Yard Party, etc. -- or be just for fun.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

As part of our Centennial Celebration, from February – April, we're challenging the children's Sunday School classes to **collect 100 items each month** for an organization First Presbyterian supports. In February, we are collecting the most urgently needed items for **Urban Ministries of Durham**. Our goal is to collect **new underwear for boys and girls, sizes 2T-4T and gently used warm winter coats for kids** (all sizes). We still need underwear in sizes 2T-4T (especially boys) and kids coats of all sizes. Items can be placed in the bin by the bookcase at the top of the stairs in the Sunday School hallway.



Durham's 2016 Walk is **Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m.** starting in front of Duke Chapel. Signups for FPC's team will begin soon! Not able to walk this year? That's okay! You can

sponsor a walker!

For more information, contact FPC's 2016 coordinator **Paul Cornsweet** at 919-358-7874 or pec326@earthlink.net

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart located on the column as you exit the foyer to the parking lot. Info regarding the flower donation process is also located there. You may also contact **Phyllis Verhey** (919-973-2929 or pverhey@nc.rr.com). Families with standing reservations to donate worship flowers should confirm their Sunday(s) for 2016 with Phyllis as soon as possible.

VCS & MUSIC ARTS CAMP

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

This year Vacation Church School takes place June 13–17 at Camp New Hope from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (with a Music and Arts Camp following at FPC for FPC's children). The theme of this year's VCS is "Blown Away," focusing on the Holy Spirit in our lives. Registration forms are in the mail for children ages 4th – 6th grade, and for youth counselors. You may also pick up forms in the church foyer. The registration deadline is April 1. Adult volunteers are still needed.



Remember to bring your **Hunger for Change** offering this Sunday!