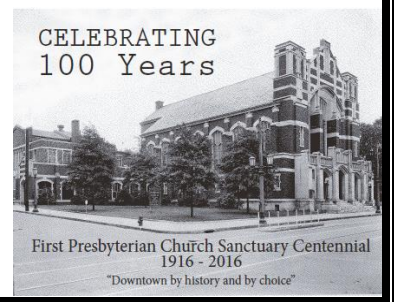


First Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016



Sunday, September 11

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, we welcome to the pulpit **Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty**, Senior Director, Theological Education Funds Development at the Presbyterian Foundation (former Coordinator of Theological Education and Seminary Relations for the PCUSA). Lee is a St. Andrews University, Louisville Seminary, and McCormick Seminary graduate. He will lead a discussion on theological education with the youth Sunday School classes and will preach in worship.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

Sermon: **"Faithful Questions Lead to Remarkable Reversals"**

Worship Texts:

Old Testament	Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 14
Epistle Lesson	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel Lesson	Luke 15:1-10

Acolytes: **Griffin Momsen-Hudson, Sam Henry**

Crucifer: **Parker Kinck**

Worship Liturgist: **Jennie Alwood**

Crossdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeters: **Maxie Honeycutt, Carol McKnight**

After Worship Greeters:

Emily Diy (Side/Font)

Lenore Champion (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **George Danser** (head), **Sigfried Fullenkamp, Jo Bernhardt, Barbara Fish**

Communion Elders:

BREAD: **Will McDow** (B1/process),

Marcia Lorimer (B2), **Jerry Postema** (B3), **Miriam Morey** (B4)

CUP: **Kate Busa** (C1), **George**

Bernhardt (C2/process), **Caroline**

Rourk (C3), **Michael Schultz** (C4)

SHEPHERDS: **Phyllis Verhey** (Font aisle)

Eric Wiebe (Center aisle), **Al Arrowood**

(Pulpit aisle), **Alice Raney** (Head / replenish elements)

Get Acquainted Lunch

Interested in joining FPC? If yes, come to a Get Acquainted Lunch after worship **THIS Sunday, September 11**. You are also invited to attend new member orientation classes that will be held on the Sundays that follow. Contact **Sarah Finbow** (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) to sign up for the lunch and the classes.

FPC's Music on Main presents

MARK KROOS, GUITARIST

Sunday, September 11

4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Kroos plays a double-neck guitar. He is one of the only people in the world touring his trade. His instrumental style is characterized by open harmonies, polyphonic textures, incredible tapping technique, and is as entertaining to watch as it is to listen to. **Admission is free**, but your donations at the door are gratefully accepted. For a preview, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/171844116579224/>

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

FAITH AND COMMUNITY CLASS

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one that has often left people confused and without clear answers. This week we begin a study of the conflict using Walter Brueggemann's book, *Chosen*. Join us at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall as we discuss the first chapter, "Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." This complicated issue will give us plenty to talk about! Come one and all.

LECTIONARY CLASS

In this week's readings, Jeremiah tells of the Lord's fierce anger and unrelenting judgment against the people while Jesus, on the other hand, tells a parable about the joy in heaven over one sinner found like a lost sheep. Is there a contradiction here, or just a different set of circumstances? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**.

JOURNEYS CLASS

Can God be the creator of a world that includes both beauty and violence? Journeys will struggle with this question while discussing chapters 2 and 3 of *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. All are welcome to join the discussion at 9:45 in **basement classroom B-17**.

SCRATCH / YOUNG ADULTS CLASS

Heather Wallace will lead our study of Lauren Winner's book, *Wearing God*. This Sunday we will discuss using metaphor to describe God. Read pages 1-16 and 24-30. We're meeting on the **second floor, CE building, room 205** at 9:45.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Susan Dunlap will lead our discussion. This class meets in **basement classroom B-16**, at 9:45.

FAMILY MATTERS

This parent-led class will be using *Searching for Happiness* as a guide this fall. Join us on the **second floor, CE building, room 209** at 9:45.

WHO IS JESUS?

The Friday morning Book Study will begin this **Friday, September 9, at 10:30 a.m. in room 205**. We will be discussing the first lesson in the Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study, "Who Is Jesus?" We will examine who Jesus is through the various "lenses" of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Hebrews, Paul, the non-canonical gospels, other Abrahamic faiths, and contemporary culture. Books are available from the shelf in the classroom. During Marilyn's sabbatical, the class will be led by **Hendrika Vande Kemp**. All welcome!

"LOOKING FORWARD"

Sunday, September 18

11:00 a.m.

Centennial Worship

Following worship, a fellowship lunch will be available in Watts-Hill Hall. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal. Remember, also, to sign the Centennial Memory Book located in the foyer.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Wow. What an exciting Labor Day weekend service of worship we had on Sunday! I expect many of you have heard about the fire alarm going off toward the end of the sermon, the firefighters in worship, and the evacuation. We finished worship under the crepe myrtles on a beautiful mid-Sunday. I hope you have also heard about what happened *before* the fire alarm went off. Our own **Jane Williams** accompanied the sermon (on Jeremiah 18:1-11) which was about God as potter. She threw two beautiful pots on her potter's wheel while I preached on the way God shapes and forms us in our lives. The podcast will prove to be interesting but a little confusing as there are frequent long pauses as I stopped to watch Jane work. It also will be interrupted by a fire alarm. :)

As a few people in the front and back of the sanctuary began to smell smoke, we evacuated the sanctuary and re-assembled outside to sing and pray together the end of our worship. As we worshiped together in this surprising place, it became clear to many of us gathered that God was in our midst and that even in the chaos (perhaps always in the chaos) God is present. We know this when we pause long enough to recognize it.

After the service concluded, one of you pointed out to me the words we had said together in our Affirmation of Faith that morning: "We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings." Seems that on Sunday we had a chance to show that we not only acknowledged God's care and control in apparently random happenings, but also enacted our belief in this!

Clearly, worship at FPC is not to be missed! One never knows what might happen and how the Holy Spirit might move. See you Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Mindy

P.S. Thanks be to God for **Robert Daye**, non-anxious church members, and the Durham firefighters!

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

Our heartfelt congratulations to Parish Associate **Rev. Cherrie Barton Henry** who was recently awarded a Lilly-funded Clergy Renewal Sabbatical Grant. The generous grant will permit Cherrie to take a sabbatical the summer of 2017. Joined by husband **Andy** and son **Sam**, Cherrie will spend time in pilgrimage walking El Camino in Spain and exploring the United Kingdom among other things. The grant also provides funding for FPC and Efland Presbyterian Church to hire a pastor to fulfill her duties while she is away.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Forest at Duke
Sunday, September 11
2:00 p.m.

The service will be led by *Steve Rimmer*

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Please read the **attached letter** from the Worship and the Arts Committee regarding donating flowers for worship.

CONFRONTING RACISM

Save the date!

Alan Storey will speak on **Sunday, September 18** at 7:00 p.m. in the East Parlor at FPC about confronting racism in the church and society in his native South Africa and what lessons we can learn. For more info regarding this event, contact *Catherine Admay* or *Jon Abels*.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Stephanie and Greg Lamm (Katerina and Daniel)* on the sudden death of Stephanie's mom, *Patricia Alt*, on September 1st.

OUR CONCERNS

Bob Keever, receiving hospice care

Al Crumbliss, recovering at home

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):
Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile Village:

Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: *Randall McLeod*

Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson

- *Lisa Bennett*, friend of Mary-Jo Keenan
- *Elizabeth Chomba*, niece of Mercy Ndambiri
- *Ellie Johnson*, niece of Jim Johnson
- *Helene Johnson*, mother of Jim Johnson
- *Paul McCombs*, friend of FPC
- *Margaret Pfeiler*, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- *Janice Rattray*, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley
- *Sue Sanderson*, sister-in-law of Sheila and Bob Breitweiser
- *Chuck Schultz*, father of Amy Dillon
- *Martha Smith-Trout*, mother of David Smith
- *Pat Utigard*, cousin of Caroline Pritchett
- *Desiré Volkwijn*, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn

The **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will meet for rehearsal with *Samantha Arten* this Sunday, September 11, following worship in the choir room on second floor of CE building.

STAFF SABBATICALS

Marilyn Hedgpeth,

Associate Pastor, returns October 22
Kathy Parkins,

Minister of Music, returns November 13
Please respect their time away. Contact the church office if assistance is needed in their ministry areas.



Youth Groups begin **THIS SUNDAY, September 11** with kickoff activities from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for all middle school and high school youth.

High Schoolers' **LOCK-IN** begins **Saturday, September 17** at 3:00 p.m. and ends with worship on Sunday morning, September 18.

GROUNDS WORKDAY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Contact *Barbara Buckley* for details on the work to be performed: 919-402-8551 or bjbuckley1@frontier.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE & BIBLE STUDY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:30 a.m., East Parlor
New faces welcome!

NIA FITNESS CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 13

I am happy to announce a new fall Nia series. It was a joy dancing with you this summer, and I'd love to see old and new faces this fall as we find pleasure, joy, and healing through movement. We're meeting on **Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.** - *Heather Wallace*

BOOK GROUP

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet **Tuesday, September 13** at 7:00 p.m. in the home of *Marila Stone* (marilacordeiro@hotmail.com) to discuss *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. *Dale Gaddis* will lead the discussion. New faces are welcome to join us!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 20
6:00 p.m. in the East Parlor

FIRST FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Annual Beach Trip
September 23-25

The **deadline** to reserve space for your family is September 11. You may respond to the EVITE, or contact *Kathy Conner* (919-382-6332 or kwc.enoriver@yahoo.com) or *Deborah Momsen-Hudson* (919-732-9595 or dmomsenhudson@gmail.com) or just tell them when you see them.

FPC LEGACY SOCIETY

Charter Members' Luncheon
Wednesday, September 28
11:30 a.m. at Hope Valley Diner
Watch your mailbox for an invitation.

ARE YOU PARTICULARLY TECH-SAAVY?

Do you want to share your gifts with this church and help our staff navigate particularly challenging tech questions? If so, please see *Mindy Douglas* after worship or send her an email: m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org

SAFETY AT FPC

We are a downtown church committed to providing hospitality to the stranger. While we are not experiencing safety issues at this time, our location and mission come with certain safety concerns. **Here are two safety tips:**

- When you exit the church facilities in the evening after a meeting or choir practice, please go into the parking lot along with others and not alone.
- Even though your heart may tell you to give money to those who approach you in the parking lot for assistance, please refrain. It would be helpful to suggest to the person that they may wish to come by the church and/or stop by Urban Ministries in the morning for help. The church provides help to those needing it on a daily basis and also partners with Urban Ministries to enhance our efforts to serve our neighbors.

- **FPC Ad Hoc Safety Committee**

CRAYONS2CALCULATORS



The response of FPC to the call for school supplies to Fill That Bus was incredibly generous! We donated more than nine boxes of supplies to teachers and students for this school year. Thanks so much to all who shared their resources.

Your generosity to the **WALK-IN**

MINISTRY is so very much appreciated. We hand out 50-60 blessing bags (including toiletry kits) each week, so keep those snack and toiletry supplies coming! All donations are appreciated by our neighbors in need!

Copies of the **2016-2017 FPC**

PROGRAM CALENDAR are now available for pick up at the church. If you prefer an electronic copy, contact Valerie in the church office and one can be emailed to you.

QUARTERLY DINNERS

Families Moving Forward provides a home to families with children who are experiencing homelessness. FPC will be preparing the dinner and providing childcare on **Thursday, September 15, and again on Thursday, December 21.** If you are interested in helping at one of these dinners, contact *Lea Bingham*, at 919-358-1774 or leabingham@gmail.com

BEER AND HYMNS

(benefit for DurhamCares)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 p.m. at Fullsteam Brewery
(Downtown Durham)

Come enjoy some live music by a local band while supporting a good cause!