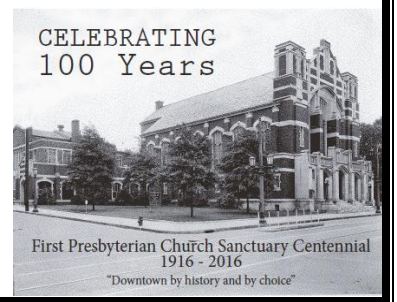


First Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

This week I share with you the letter written by our Presbyterian sisters and brothers in Charlotte Presbytery following the events of last week:

On behalf of the Presbytery of Charlotte, we are heartbroken and distressed at the events that transpired on September 20, 2016 surrounding the police shooting of Keith Lamont Scott. We pray God's comfort on all those who grieve for him this day. We also grieve the subsequent violence that followed. We pray for the healing of Charlotte Mecklenburg Police officers and any citizens that were injured. May God guide us to peaceful protests and peace in our city. As Presbyterians, we not only pray, but we stand with those who hurt. We are present with those who grieve and we work for justice for all people. We call upon all churches to continue to pray and to bear witness to Christ's call for justice. Let us pray this prayer together: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace and Peace...

Rev. Katie Harrington, Presbytery Moderator and Co-Chair of Racism Task Force

Rev. Albert Moses, Co-Chair of Presbytery Racism Task Force

Rev. Allan Purtill, Presbytery Council Moderator

Rev. Amantha Barbee, Moderator of Mission, Justice and Outreach Committee

Rev. Betty L. Meadows, Transitional General Presbyter

Tamara Williams, Presbytery Stated Clerk

As we move toward World Communion Sunday, I invite us to join in praying this prayer and working for peace and justice for all in our own communities and in the world. With a thirst for peace for all,

Mindy

The Anti-Racism Task Force

(the small organizing group at FPC) will meet immediately after worship **THIS Sunday** in the West Parlor.

World
Communion
Sunday



Sunday, October 2

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship & Communion

To honor World Communion Sunday, on Sunday, October 2, please **wear clothing of your country of origin or of a special affinity**. While we may be hurting for the peoples in these countries, we can be in unity with them as we celebrate this worldwide observance of communion with a festive spirit.

The **Children's Choir** will sing in worship. Parents, the children will have a brief rehearsal at **9:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary.

The **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, which supports the efforts of Presbyterians to work for peace, will be received during worship. The Offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace.

Sermon: **"Write the Vision"**
Mindy Douglas, preaching

Worship Texts:	
Old Testament	Habakkuk 1:1-4 ; 2:1-4
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 37:1-9
Epistle Lesson	2 Timothy 1:1-14
Gospel Lesson	Luke 17:5-6

Acolytes: **Charlie Kelley, Maryn Leonard**

Crucifer: **Jenna Leonard**

Worship Liturgist: **Cris Rivera**

Croasdaile Driver: **Michael Honeycutt**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:
Kate Busa (Side/Font)
Libby Gulley (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **Karen Swope** (head), **Julie Whiddon**, **Grace Abels**, **Jennie Alwood**, **Geoffrey Kennedy**, **Delia Kwon**

Communion Elders: **Miriam Morey** (head)
BREAD: **Lenore Champion**, **Karen Romines**, **Libby Gulley**, **Dewey Lawson**
CUP: **Jane Williams**, **Delia Kwon**, **Carter Momsen-Hudson**, **Barbara Buckley**
SHEPHERDS: **Almira Mbah**, **Gray Wilson**, **Joseph Ngumi**, **Miriam Morey** (Head / replenish elements)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for **children** (through 5th grade) are held on the second floor of the Christian Education building at 9:45.

Middle and high school youth meet in their designated classrooms in the basement (below the sanctuary) at 9:45.

FAITH & COMMUNITY CLASS (Adults)
This week we will host our Presbyterian Co-worker, **Kate Taber**, who will join us via Skype from Bethlehem (Yes, as in "*O Little Town of ...*"). As a part of our conversation on Israel-Palestine, Kate will share with us her perspective on what the Presbyterian Church is doing in the Middle East. You don't want to miss this! Class meets in **Watts-Hill Hall** at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome.

LECTIONARY CLASS (Adults)
How do we respond when times are bad? With lamentation, or complaint, or thoughts of revenge? Or with perseverance and steadfast faith? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the **East Parlor**.

JOURNEYS CLASS (Adults)
Journeys is discussing *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. All are welcome to join the discussion in **basement classroom B-17** at 9:45.

SCRATCH CLASS (Young Adults)
We are using Lauren Winner's book, *Wearing God*, as our study book. Join us on the second floor, CE building, room 205 at 9:45 for what is an interesting and informative class led by **Heather Wallace**.

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

FAMILY MATTERS
(for parents with young children)
This parent-led class is using *Searching for Happiness* as a guide for our study. Join us on the **second floor, CE building, room 209** at 9:45.

New Members' Class

Interested in joining FPC? If yes, you are encouraged to attend the new member orientation class that just began! The class meets on Sunday mornings in the Wilson Parlor during the Sunday School hour (9:45 – 10:45 a.m.). Contact **Sarah Finbow** (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org) for more information on how to become a member of First Presbyterian Church.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

On Saturday, October 1, the parking lot will be sealed and re-stripped.

There will be no parking available from 10:00 p.m. Friday till 7:00 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Monday, October 3, our new parking lot traffic pattern will go into effect. Here are the particulars:

The **only entrance** to our lot will be from Liberty Street. Drivers coming north on Roxboro are asked to pass the lot, turn right onto Liberty, and use that entrance.

The **only exit** will be onto Roxboro Street (please note that you may only turn right onto Roxboro Street; crossing Roxboro Street to Parrish Street is illegal).

Signs and arrows painted on the lot will help guide the traffic flow and there will be a crosswalk painted in front of the Day School. Handicapped spaces will be obvious and well-marked. We anticipate and appreciate your full cooperation with these new traffic patterns.

Thank you,
The Property Committee



OCTOBER 1

AND

OCTOBER 29

9:00 a.m. – Noon

NOTE: On Saturday, October 1, remember

to park next door and walk over to FPC due to the resurfacing of the church parking lot. Contact **Barbara Buckley** for details on the work to be done:
bjbuckely1@frontier.com or 919-402-8551.

OUR CONCERNS

Added this week:

Tyler Adams, son of Mindy Douglas
Freda Rose Hamilton, friend of FPC

Jane Graper, receiving hospice care

Bob Keever, receiving hospice care

Al Crumbliss

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):

Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:

Helen Garrison

Coasdaile Village:

Ann Prospero (Pavilion room 213)

Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren

Hillcrest: Randall McLeod

Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner,

Peaches McPherson

- **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
- **Chuck Schultz**, father of Amy Dillon
- **Desiré Volkwijn**, wife of Kay-Robert Volkwijn

Please keep the pastoral staff updated on the progress of your family and friends.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE & BIBLE STUDY

Monday, October 3
10:30 a.m. in the East Parlor

TIME OUT RADIO

Monday, October 3

Bill Hendrickson's guest, **Tom Carsey**, professor at UNC, will be talking politics in 2016. Time Out is broadcast live at **5:00 p.m.** on WCOM at FM 103.5 locally and heard elsewhere on wcomfm.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 5
6:00 p.m. in the East Parlor

NOTE: The Property, Service & Mission, and Worship & the Arts Committees will meet on their regular schedule on Monday, October 10.

FPC ASSESSMENT TEAM

Wednesday, October 5
6:30 p.m. in CE Building, room 205

SERVICE & MISSION COMMITTEE

LISTENING SESSION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

following worship in the East Parlor
Come help us set priorities for our involvement in social justice. We need to know what issues are of greatest concern for church members. **Beth Eisenson** will facilitate this October session.

FRIDAY BOOK STUDY

The Friday morning book study meets Friday September 30, at 10:30 a.m. in room 205 with the fourth lesson in the Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study "Who Is Jesus?" In this overall study, we are examining who Jesus is through the various "lenses" of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Hebrews, Paul, the non-canonical gospels, other Abrahamic faiths, and contemporary culture. The fourth lesson focuses on the Gospel of John. Books can be picked up from the shelf in the classroom. During Marilyn's sabbatical the class will be led by **Hendrika Vande Kemp**. New participants are always welcome.

BRAZIL BIRD SLIDE SHOW

Two of the most popular areas in Brazil among nature-loving travelers are the Amazon basin and the Pantanal. Both can be found in Mato Grosso state in west-central Brazil, and that's where **David and Judy Smith** went in July.

As usual, they returned with lots of photos and movies of the birds and animals that they saw. Join them for a slide show on **Monday, October 3, at 7:00 pm in Watts-Hill Hall.**

SCRATCH (Young Adults)

October Potluck

Friday, October 7

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

at the home of **Matthew Eggleston**
2210 Sparger Road, Durham

Bring a favorite dish to share. Note: There is a cat in the home. Please respond via EVITE.

PRIMETIMERS

Covered Dish Supper

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 15

6:30 p.m. at the home of

Ginny and Andy Widmark

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON

MENTAL ILLNESS

NAMI Basics free education course for parents and caregivers of children with emotional, mental and neurological condition are being held at FPC

September 29 - November 3

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Registration requested.

Call/email **Barbara Maier**

919-231-5016 / bmaier@gmail.com

Copies of the ANNUAL REPORT

for the 2015-2016 church year are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex, as well by email. The report is also available for viewing and printing via the church's website: <http://firstpres-durham.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2015-2016-Annual-Report-Summary-WEBSITE.pdf>

THESE DAYS devotional booklets have arrived for October–December 2016. Regular and large print copies are available in the foyer and narthex. Pick up a copy while supplies last!



Youth Group meets weekly on Sunday evenings as follows:

Middle Schoolers: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

High Schoolers: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Supper for both groups from 6:00 - 6:30
All youth (6th-12 grade) are invited to participate in youth groups. Contact **Sarah Finbow** (s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org or 919-682-5511) for info on youth activities at FPC!

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The FPC Centennial Celebration is a year-long series of events during 2016 to commemorate our having worshipped in our current sanctuary and enjoyed beautiful music offered to the glory of God from our Austin organ for 100 years.

Save the Date!

MONDAY OCTOBER 17

Centennial Celebration Final Fellowship Dinner

6:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

FALL DAY OF SERVICE

Set aside time to be in service to others! Watch for details!

New Hope Camp & Conference Center 13th Annual Fundraising Event

BBQ DINNER & MUSIC

Saturday, October 1

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

New Hope Camp Dining Hall
4805 NC 86 S, Chapel Hill

Call to place order (919-942-4716) or pay at the door. There will be face painting, games, wagon rides and more!

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

All school age children at **Families Moving Forward** attend "Study Buddies" Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. whenever school is in session. Dedicated volunteers *commit to being a Study Buddy* once a week for the entire semester or school year, helping our children with homework, test preparation and projects. Volunteers must be high school graduates with basic knowledge of core subjects (and most of the Study Buddy children are in Kindergarten through 5th grade.) Although we need volunteers every night (Mon-Thurs,) we are in dire need on Thursday nights. Your help will change the trajectory of a child's life! Please contact **Tasha Melvin** of Families Moving Forward at 919-683-5878 x28 with any questions.

To the First Presbyterian Church,

The Triangle Area

Shape Note Singers

have been singing

monthly in your

building for several

years and we are very

grateful. Thank you so much!

- **Triangle Shape Note Singers**

