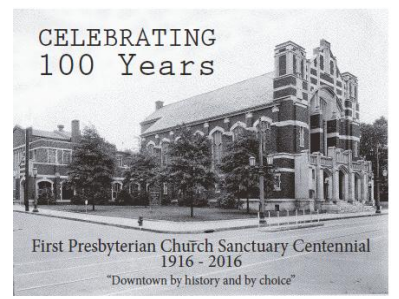


First Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 4, 2016



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

How wonderful it was to be together yesterday for World Communion Sunday! What a joy it was to be together, to welcome visitors in our midst, to hear our children sing, to enjoy the beautiful music of the choir with Lesley Curtis, Mary Kay Robinson, and Tom Warburton. The prophet Habakkuk challenged us to remember God's vision of peace for a world in chaos and to write it large in our own lives. We came to Christ's table, along with our brothers and sisters around the world. There we were fed, nurtured, and sent out to bear the light of Christ and the love of God into the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Earlier that morning, many of us in the Faith and Community class met with our PC(USA) mission co-worker in Jerusalem, **Kate Taber**. As we heard Kate talk about the Christian community in Israel, and the ongoing battle over land between Israelis and Palestinians, we found our worldview stretched and informed in new and different ways. How inspiring, on this World Communion Sunday, to connect with someone across the globe who had celebrated the sacrament in her community that morning and who is guided by the Gospel message as she works for peace and justice in a land so very different from our own.

This week, I pray you will notice the times when you are offered a chance to be a peacemaker—at work, at home, at school, in your car, in your family, in your neighborhood, or in the checkout line at the grocery store. Sometimes a deep breath and a moment for empathy, insight, and understanding can make the difference between a harsh word spoken in anger or irritation and a word of grace and peace shared in love. May God grant you patience and strength in such moments and may those you encounter have such a word or act of grace and peace ready for you as well.

Your partner in seeking peace,

Mindy

PARKING LOT CHANGES

On Monday, October 3, our new parking lot traffic pattern went 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).

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.

Sunday, October 9

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Grace and Gratitude"
Mindy Douglas, preaching

Worship Texts:	
Hebrew Scripture	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 66
Epistle Lesson	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Gospel Lesson	Luke 17:11-19

*Acolytes: Minna Fullenkamp,
Isabel Brown*

Crucifer: Aurelia Klinck

Worship Liturgist: Bob Breitweiser

Croasdalle Driver: Michael Honeycutt

*Narthex Greeters: Maxie Honeycutt,
Carol McKnight*

After Worship Greeters:

George Bernhardt (Side/Font)

Al Arrowood (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: **George Danser** (head), **Amy Dillon** (flowers), **Chris Anglin**, **Carolyn Merritt**, **Mac McCorkle**

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 Sunday we welcome to our class **Dr. Chuck Byrd**, member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, as we continue in our study of the book *Chosen* by Walter Brueggemann. Chuck will lead our discussion of the third chapter, "Holy Land?" Join us on Sunday at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall to learn more about the *conditions* set by God upon this *unconditional* gift of land to the people of Israel.

LECTIONARY CLASS (Adults)

Sometimes the Word of God breaks into our lives in miraculous, unexpected ways. At other times, God commands us to live ordinary lives in the place where we find ourselves. But we can always pray, praise, and give thanks. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

for the purpose of electing members to the Nominating Committee for officers. **Nominations are now open for the four (4) at-large positions on this committee.** Nomination cards will be in the worship bulletin on Sundays, October 9 and 16. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, October 16.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Save the Date!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Centennial Celebration Final Fellowship Dinner

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

Please reserve space for your family by completing a reservation card or responding to the EVITE.



Listening Sessions

Please plan to attend one of the Listening Sessions sponsored by the Service and Mission Committee during October and early November. We are interested in your ideas about how First Presbyterian Church engages in service to others both with our gifts of time and money.

October 9

Sunday School—SCRATCH Class
Leader: **Sheila Breitweiser**

October 19, 7:30 p.m.

Home of Margaret and Miguel Rubiera
Leader: **Margaret Rubiera**
(Please e-mail margaretmr29@gmail.com or call 919-425-1413)

October 23

Sunday School—Family Matters Class
Leader: **Laura Armstrong**

October 30, 12:15 p.m. (After Church)

Leader: **Beth Eisenson**

November 6

Sunday School—Faith & Community Class
Leader: **Mindy Douglas**

Date/Time to be determined—Youth

Leader: **Jody Maxwell**

Thanks for your interest and participation!

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.

NOTES

Thanks to **Mary and Stephen Berry** for hosting the **SCRATCH** group in their home and to **Harriett Mitchell** for arranging **Daytimers** at Bennett Pointe Grill during the month of September.

Welcome



Christopher (Chris) Karnadi will be serving as a ministry intern at FPC. Chris is from Akron, Ohio, and a second year Master

of Divinity student at Duke Divinity School. Contact information for Chris:
Email: christopher.karnadi@duke.edu
Mobile: 330-310-8308.

OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Jody, Julie, Ben, and Charlotte Maxwell** on the death of Jody's aunt, **Hether Turner**, on September 30.

OUR CONCERNS

Jane Graper, receiving hospice care
Bob Kever, receiving hospice care

Al Crumbliss
Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):
Julian Boswell

Brookdale (Farmington Rd) Chapel Hill:
Helen Garrison

Croasdaile 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
- **Freda Rose Hamilton**, friend of FPC
- **Ellie Johnson**, niece of Jim Johnson
- **Helene Johnson**, mother of Jim Johnson
- **Paul McCombs**, friend of FPC
- **Margaret Pfeiler**, grandmother of Julie Maxwell
- **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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sunday, October 23

The FPC Membership Committee will meet after church on Sunday, October 23, in the East Parlor. A light lunch will be served. Any one interested in serving on the Membership Committee is asked to contact **Michael Honeycutt** at 919-294-9189 or mhhoneycutt@aol.com

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 unless otherwise notified by the chair/co-chair.

FPC ASSESSMENT TEAM

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

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.

FRIDAY BOOK STUDY

The Friday morning book study meets at 10:30 a.m. in room 205 using 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. During Marilyn's sabbatical the class will be led by **Hendrika Vande Kemp**. New participants are always welcome.

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 the EVITE.

PRIMETIMERS

Covered Dish Supper

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 15

6:30 p.m. at the home of
Ginny and Andy Widmark
Please respond to the EVITE.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 a.m. – Noon

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

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/e-mail **Barbara Maier**
919-231-5016 / bmaier@gmail.com

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!



Middle schoolers will be on retreat at Camp Don Lee October 7-9.

High schoolers will meet for regular youth group on Sunday (October 9) from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. with supper available at 6:00 p.m.

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!

INTERESTED IN USHERING

If you would like to usher and are not already on the ushering schedule, please contact **Mary-Jo Keenan** by e-mail: mjkeenan39@gmail.com or call her 919-672-8437. Thank you.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

FALL DAY OF SERVICE

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

DURHAM BRANCH NAACP

42ND ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

Saturday, October 29
6:00 p.m.

at the Friday Center, Chapel Hill
For tickets (\$60 each) or table reservations, call **Dan Hudgins** at 919-489-8757.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

All school age children at **Families Moving Forward** attend "Study Buddies" Monday through Thursday from 6:30 – 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.



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S SABBATH!

We will observe National Children's Sabbath during worship on **Sunday, October 23**. The Children's Choir will sing. Plan to join us!

Copies of the **ANNUAL REPORT** for the 2015-2016 church year are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex, as well by e-mail. The report is also available for viewing and printing via the church's website.