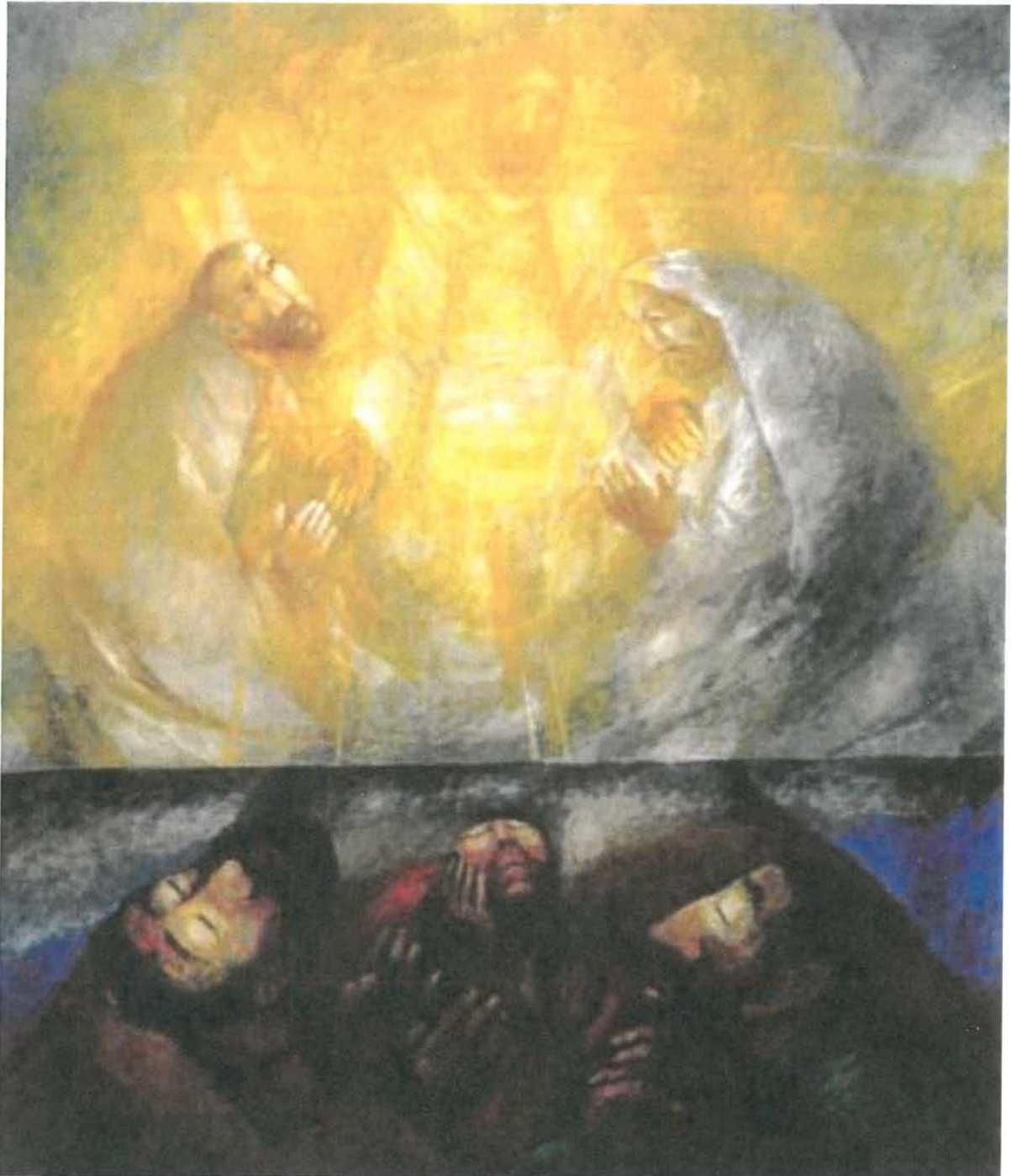


TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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February 11, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Pastorale on "Beautiful Savior"

James Biery

INTROIT

Beautiful Savior

Silesian folk melody

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.
Beautiful Savior, ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 60:1)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord, the God of gods has spoken
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sam Miglarese

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (see page 5)

Glory to God (Vasile)

*THE PEACE

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Matt Brockman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

(Pew Bible, OT Page 332)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 50:1-6 (Pew Bible, OT Page 519)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9 (Pew Bible, NT Page 44)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Glory on the Mountaintop" Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* Sam Miglarese

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

***HYMN NO. 190** *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* Geneva
(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Samantha Arten, Children's Choir Director

Children's Choir Anthem: "Light of Light" Nancy Gifford

*Light of light, ever bright, bringing day to darkest night,
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us eyes to see. Laudamus te.
Blessed one, Mary's son, Savior of a world undone,
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us hearts to love. Laudamus te.
Evermore we adore God of majesty and awe,
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us voice to praise. Laudamus te.
Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.*

(There is no Children's Choir rehearsal today. Children may return to the nursery
Or join their parents in the pew after "A Time with the Children.")

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *O Lux Beatissima* (sung in Latin) Howard Helvey

*O Light most blessed, fill the inmost hearts of all the faithful.
Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.*

***Doxology with Alleluias** *Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Creating and liberating God, you called your people into covenant with you and sealed your trust with Moses on the mountain and in a still small voice to Elijah on a mountain. Your son, Jesus, redeemed us by the blood of your new covenant, and on the mountain in Galilee he ascended to your right hand on high. And so we gladly thank you, celebrating your glory with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, and singing the hymn of your unending praise.

All (sung): *Sanctus* Hymn No. 565 (Haugen)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Dazzling God, abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may become a temple of your presence, and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Transfiguring God, through this holy sacrament make us your sons and daughters and be close to all children who have no one to share your love and mercy with them. Give us grace to listen to your voice, and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. You are invited to dip your hand in the baptismal font and remember your baptism.

Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Communion Hymn No. 137 (all sing)

He Came Down

He Came Down

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 673**

Jesus, Light of Joy

Lauda Anima

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

Wilbur Held

Reminder to Members: as you exit the sanctuary today, there will be containers at the Main Street (narthex) doors and in the foyer to leave your name tag for availability on next Sunday.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the **Ritual of Friendship pad**, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, February 4, we welcomed 7 visitors to our worship service.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the **Lorimer family** and in loving memory of **Bill Lorimer**.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for “A Time with the Children.” Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. Following “A Time with the Children,” the children may return to the nursery or join their parents in the pew. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

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

Name Tags: Church member and visitor name tags are now available in the foyer (lower level, elevator entrance) on Sunday mornings. If you enter into the sanctuary through the narthex (rear of the sanctuary), your name tag can be picked up and dropped off there (add a yellow dot to the back of your tag). Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings, and drop it in the containers provided at the end of worship. We encourage everyone to wear a name tag, including our visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

Portions of today’s worship texts were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* and *Feasting on the Word*.

Acolytes / Crucifers needed: Interested in serving as an acolyte or crucifer during worship? We are looking to welcome more people, regardless of age, into this important aspect of our weekly worship! Please email s.finbow@firstpres-durham.org if you are interested!

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

Glory to God (Vasile)



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

~ Our Concerns ~

We extend sympathies to *Steve and Sharon Hirsch* on the death of Steve's father, *John Hirsch*, who died this week in Atlanta, GA; and to *Nancy Hope* and family on the death of her husband, *Rev. Dr. Samuel Rainey Hope*, former FPC pastor (1974-1979), who died February 7 in Montreat, NC.

Added this week:

Mary Clark

Dorothy Graham

Joe Harvard, recovering at home

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark, at Duke Hospital

Angelita Cruz, sister of Lina Yoder, ill in Manila

Sue Noel, resident at Croasdaile Village and friend of Bill Hendrickson

Paul Cornsweet

Beth Eisenson

Bob Keever

Julie Maxwell

Russell and Ruth Roberson, recovering at home in Croasdaile Village

Florence Shackelford, recovering in the Pavilion at Croasdaile Village

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson*

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Marc Crawford, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Heath, Rebecca, and Julia Huberg, family from South Dakota (Heath is receiving care at Duke)

Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

Pam and David Martin, friends of Chris and Meredith Brown

Jonathan Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt

Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

Jerry Walter, friend of Brian and Jeanette Castle

Christina Z., mother of Franzi Rokoske

~ Serving Today ~

Narthex Greeter: *Maxie Honeycutt*

After Worship Greeters: *Brent Curtis* (side/font); *Carol Carson* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Amy Dillon* (flowers), *Karen Swope, Amy Sanchez, Catherine Dumas*

Communion Servers:

Head / Replenish elements: *Alice Raney*

Bread: *Cris Rivera* (B1, process); *Miriam Morey* (B2); *Carol Carson* (B3); *Jane Wettach* (B4)

Cup: *Andy Henry* (C1); *Caroline Rourk* (C2, process); *Brent Curtis* (C3); *Ellie Dilworth* (C4)

Shepherds: *Sigfried Fullenkamp* (pulpit aisle); *Jerry Postema* (font aisle); *Jane Williams* (center aisle)

Parents Night Out and Evening for Young Children

On **Sunday, February 18**, from 5:00 – 6:15 we will gather in the church foyer again, and send parents down the street to Bull City Burger for a fun time of fellowship. Marilyn Hedgpeth and members of the Christian Education Committee will stay with the children to talk about the New Testament stories of Jesus feeding people, leading to the Lord's Supper. We'll make and bake our own bread, and have our own love feast around tables in the way of Holy Communion. Then we'll gather for dinner before parents return at 6:15. Please let **Marilyn Hedgpeth** know if you will be attending this Sunday.



Indonesia Bird Show

Indonesia is a nation made up of thousands of islands, and many of those islands are home to special endemic birds, mammals, really big lizards, and other creatures. In November of 2017, **David and Judy Smith** made their second birding trip to Indonesia, visiting five islands. (Along the way, they also stopped briefly in Singapore, a small and densely populated island that still has some remarkably good natural areas.) Join David and Judy on **Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00 in Watts-Hill Hall** for a photographic exploration of the wildlife of Indonesia and Singapore.

Membership Inquiry Classes Coming This Spring

The new year is upon us, and with it many exciting opportunities at FPC. Some of you have been visiting FPC for quite some time; some of you have already joined; and some of you are entertaining the concept of membership. To address your questions, and to introduce you to other like-minded people, we will be offering a series of six Membership Inquiry Classes this spring for those who have expressed a curiosity about membership. **These classes will begin with an introductory luncheon following worship on Sunday, March 4, and continue on Sundays thereafter (excluding Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday) at 9:45 – 10:45 through April 29.** We do not require anyone to take these classes before joining; you are welcome to join at any time, as your schedule allows. Just let the pastors know if you are ready to join, and we'll convene the Session of the church to make that happen.

These classes are an opportunity for you to ask your questions, and to make an informed decision with knowledge of the history, ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church. Let **Marilyn Hedgpeth** know, please, if you would like to attend the luncheon on March 4 (so we'll have enough food for you and your children), and the series of classes which follow. Know that we would love to include you and get to know you better.

The schedule, topics, and presenters are as follows:

March 4 – Fellowship luncheon, and introductions (following worship)	Marilyn Hedgpeth
March 11 – Scripture and Prayer (9:45 a.m.)	Marilyn Hedgpeth
March 18 – Baptism and Eucharist (9:45 a.m.)	Sam Miglarese
March 25 – No Class (Palm Sunday)	
April 1 – No Class (Easter Sunday)	
April 8 – History and Theology (9:45 a.m.)	Mindy Douglas
April 15 – Liturgical Year and Worship (9:45 a.m.)	David Smith
April 22 – Presbyterian Polity and Theology (9:45 a.m.)	Phyllis Supple
April 29 – The Christian Life/Meeting with the Session (9:45a.m.)	Mindy Douglas

(Those who wish may join during the worship service at 11:00 a.m.)



February 14, 2018

Both services will include the imposition of ashes on our foreheads.

A Service of Holy Dusting

12 noon in the FPC Memorial Garden (weather permitting)

Evening Worship with Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

A light supper will be served at 5:30, before the evening worship.

**Holy Listening:
Poetry Reading & Writing**

led by Marilyn Hedgpeth

*An introduction to poetry as a
spiritual discipline:
both reading and writing.*

We'll look at some of the poetry of the Bible, as well as poetry by Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Wendell Berry, Gerard Manly Hopkins, and others, including poems participants may bring to share. **Classes meet on three Sunday afternoons from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the church: March 4 (living in the moment), March 11 (love) and March 18 (devotion).** Bring your ears, your heart, maybe something to write with, and a few good poems and prayers. Childcare provided upon request; the youth will be meeting at the same time. Class is open to members and non-members.

To participate in the class, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth:
m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org.



**Lenten Class Offering
in Spiritual Autobiography**

led by Cherrie Barton Henry

*"God shows up as your life."
(Richard Rohr)*

We all know that God is speaking to us through the stories of our own lives and the lives of other Christian disciples. In this Lenten class, we will take time to reflect upon what God might be saying to us through our life stories. In order to have a quality experience together, participants will commit to attending at least three of the four classes. **Classes meet Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the church.** Participants are welcome to BYOS (Bring Your Own Supper) or enjoy the healthy snacks that will be provided.

Sign up for this class by emailing Cherrie Henry:
cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com.

Lent

instead of

GIVING UP
SOMETHING

chocolate, television, meat, dessert,
alcohol, snacking, social media, cursing, soda

try

GIVING TO
SOMEONE

LENTEN MATCH

Lent is a time to step back from our usual routines and engage in acts of transformation. The church traditionally suggests a threefold form of action for Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As Jesus instructs his disciples, *Come and see what is happening. Come and follow me* (John 1 35-50). We follow Jesus with a sense of wonder as to how things will turn out. Will our actions make a difference?

In this Lenten season of 2018, a generous donor has invited our congregation to join them in enabling transformative acts of service and mission. The donor will match gifts given by the congregation with their own gift up to \$20,000. The money will go to meeting emergency needs through our Walk-In ministry, feeding individuals who are elderly or disabled through Meals on Wheels, providing shelter through Urban Ministries of Durham, and to other organizations focused on meeting basic needs.

This opportunity to follow with a sense of wonder begins with Lent on Wednesday, February 14 and lasts till Wednesday, March 14. If you feel called to participate, please make checks payable to FPC, designated to "Lenten Match" and put them in the collection plate or send them to the church office. Thank you.

The 2018 Annual McPherson Lectureship

THEME: *Martin, the Messiah, and #MeToo: Framing Faith-Inspired Activism*



Rev. Starsky Wilson, Lecturer

Wilson is a pastor, philanthropist and activist pursuing God's vision of community marked by justice, peace, and love. Wilson earned the BA from Xavier University of Louisiana, the MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary, and he is currently completing his doctoral thesis entitled *The Truth of Reconciliation: Leadership for American Apartheid*, at Duke Divinity School.

Sunday, February 25, 2018

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

The Church's Response to Racial Injustice

11:00 a.m. Worship, Wilson will be preaching

6:00 p.m. Presentation and Panel Discussion

Faith Communities in Freedom Struggles

Duke Divinity School / Alumni Memorial Commons Room

co-sponsored with the Presbyterian Reformed House of Studies, Duke Divinity School

Discussants:

Chaplain Donna Battle, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC;

Mark-Anthony Middleton, Pastor & Durham City Council Member;

Pastor Cheryl D. Moore, Zion Temple, Durham, NC;

Psychologist Jane Williams, First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC

Monday, February 26, 2018

11:00 a.m. Clergy/Church Leaders Gathering

"50 Years Later: Faithful Citizenship for a New Generation"

RSVP for lunch to the EVITE or v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org.

Lectureship events are open to the public.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Shape Note Choir</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups</p> <p>** Church League basketball games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church, corner of Hope Valley and Garrett Roads.</p>	<p>Monday, February 12</p> <p>5:30 PM Christian Education Committee</p> <p>6:00 PM Property Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee</p> <p>8:00 PM **FPC 1 Team 1 vs Blacknall PC</p> <p>9:00 PM ** FPC Team 2 vs Graystone Church</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 13</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM FPC Staff</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noon</p> <p>A service of Holy Dusting in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting)</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>5:30 PM Light supper served</p> <p>6:00 PM Evening Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, February 15</p> <p>7:00 PM FPC Basketball Team 1 Vs FPC Team 2</p>	<p>Friday, February 16</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries Cafe</p> <p>10:30 AM – 12 Noon Lenten Study</p> <p>7:30 PM Joint worship service with Judea Reform Congregation (at 1933 W. Cornwallis Rd)</p>	<p>Saturday, February 17</p> <p>3:00 PM HIP Music Festival with Mallarme Chamber Players Orchestra</p> <p>6:30 PM Primetimers' Covered Dish Supper at the home of Jean and Chuck Wilson</p>	<p>Sunday, February 18</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Joint worship service with Judea Reform Congregation (Rabbi Larry Bach, speaking) Congregational Meeting at the beginning of worship</p> <p>After Worship: Congregational Lunch</p> <p>5:00 PM Parents Night Out</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups</p>

About the *bulletin cover*: “*Transfiguration*” by Sieger Köder. The three figures in Köder’s painting look at each other in such a way as to form a circle, a union: Christ looks at Elijah, Elijah looks at Moses and Moses looks at Jesus. In Köder’s work, the vision is seen in prayer by the disciples; their eyes remain closed. In the darkness of prayer, in their innermost selves, they see the Divine. Retrieved February 7, 2018 from: http://78.media.tumblr.com/accd3207b01abb2c4ccdc5f5b268b9bb/tumblr_nsofuztrjr1qfvq9bo1_1280.jpg

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