

TRADEWINDS

First Presbyterian Church ■ Charlotte, North Carolina

April 2007

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY April 1, 2007	9 & 11 AM Worship Services “What Christians Have Done to the Christ” Dr. William P. Wood 5 PM <i>First@Five</i> “The Lord Needs It” The Reverend Hunter Roddey
Monday April 2, 2007	12 NOON Worship Service “Preparing the Body” The Reverend Kathleen A. Crowe *Lunch follows
Tuesday April 3, 2007	12 NOON Worship Service “My Calvary, Our Faith” Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. <i>Friendship Missionary Baptist Church</i> *Lunch follows
Wednesday April 4, 2007	12 NOON Worship Service “They All Forsook Him” Dr. William P. Wood *Lunch follows
Thursday April 5, 2007	7:30 PM Communion Service “Courtyard Commitment” Dr. James F. Miller
EASTER DAY April 8, 2007	9 and 11 AM Worship Services “The Foundation of Our Faith” Dr. William P. Wood 5 PM <i>First@Five</i> “Sight for Blind Eyes” The Reverend Gregory A.W. Green

**Reservations for lunch, which follows the services Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, may be made on-line at www.firstpres-charlotte.org or by calling the church at 704.332.5123. Please make reservations by Thursday, March 29, for Monday lunch; by Friday, March 30, for Tuesday lunch; by Monday, April 2, for Wednesday lunch. Cost is \$5 per person. Child care is available in Room P-111.*

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received at the 9 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM Easter Sunday services on April 8. The ecumenical offering, which has been taken since 1949, responds to those around the world who face desperate needs. It is used to help feed starving people in refugee camps throughout the world; helps build dams and dig wells; provides disaster relief for those suffering from floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters; and assists in refugee resettlement and community development. For almost fifty years, Presbyterian adults and children have been contributing generously to this need.

Offering envelopes will be in the pews on Easter Sunday and can be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the church. Please mark checks on the memo line “One Great Hour of Sharing.”

Children who received fish-shaped coin banks during Sunday school can bring their banks back to Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007. ♦

Family & Neighborhood Health Fair

On Saturday, April 28, 2007, the church will offer exciting informative and healthful activities for the congregation and our downtown neighbors. Come enjoy a day of fun with your family at First Presbyterian Church from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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From The Senior Minister



On Palm Sunday, April 1, we enter the most sacred week of the church's year. Palm Sunday marks the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem amidst cries of "Hosanna" and palm fronds placed before the donkey on which Jesus was riding. It must have been a magnificent day, but it was a day that soon turned sour. The "cleansing of the temple" by Jesus (Mark 14:15) was the beginning of a series of events in which the crowd, once favorable, turned against Jesus. As the events of Holy

Week unfold, there is more animosity and hatred directed against Jesus. This culminates on Maundy Thursday, when Jesus is arrested and brought before the Jewish religious leaders. Good Friday begins with Jesus' appearance before Pilate and ends with his crucifixion on the cross. On Easter Sunday, the whole drama is turned on its head as Jesus is raised from the dead, his life and death vindicated by the power of God.

Many of us take great joy in the majestic pageantry of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Fewer of us are willing to walk the painful steps of Holy Week that involve us in betrayal, denial, and abandonment. There is, however, a sense of loss that occurs when we shortcut the "stations of the cross." Easter Sunday apart from the agony of Gethsemane and the sheer darkness of Good Friday loses a bit of its punch.

Holy Week invites us to enter the "greatest story ever told." My sincere hope and prayer is that each member of our church will make a serious effort to come and join us for one of the greatest experiences of faith that one can ever encounter.

My best wishes for a glorious Easter to each of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William P. Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

William P. Wood

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WEDNESDAY WORSHIP (September-May): 12 noon

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Enquirers Class Begins In April

Whether you are a first time visitor or actively looking for a church home, please consider attending the spring session of our Enquirers Classes beginning Sunday morning, April 15. This four-week series is a great opportunity to hear from our ministerial staff about worship and Christian education opportunities, our community service ministries, young adult programs, the Presbyterian tradition, our music ministry and many other aspects of church life at First Presbyterian. Come for coffee and juice at 9:45 AM followed by the class at 10 AM in the Session Room, which is located on the third floor of the sanctuary building. Child care is available. Please feel free to join us for any of the sessions, and call Membership Development Coordinator, Susan Daniel, with your questions at 704.927.0241. ♦

Fourth Graders Study Children's Catechism

Over the last nine weeks, thirty-seven fourth-grade Sunday school students studied the Children's Catechism under the leadership of Sue Moore, Renna Massey, Don Olmstead, and Charlie Furr. The program strives to offer children the opportunity to hear the language of the faith, discuss questions about faith and consider how faith affects their daily lives. During these

nine weeks, the children had the opportunity to learn what Presbyterians believe through a question-and-answer process.

They learned about the Christian faith through a format that emphasizes a personal relationship with God, the Ten Commandments, the Sacraments, the Lord's Prayer, Salvation, Sin and Creation. ♦



2007 Catechism Class

Youth Sunday is April 29!

Our annual Youth Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 29. Youth Sunday is a special Sunday when the youth get to share their gifts in leading the congregation in worship to the glory of God. The youth of First Presbyterian Church will lead the entire worship service from greeting and ushering to sharing their meditations. The theme of this year's Youth Sunday is "Let Your Light Shine."

We encourage you to come and enjoy a day of celebration and fellowship as we support our youth. They are eager to share their stories and their faith with you. This is a Sunday you will not want to miss!

Following the 11 AM worship service, there will be a congregational luncheon honoring the seniors, and celebrating all the youth volunteers and underclassmen. The luncheon this year will be lasagna, salad, fruit, garlic bread and assorted cookies and treats. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, with a family maximum of \$18. There will be no charge for seniors and their parents.

During this luncheon, the fourth annual Will Appleby Award for Spirit, Dedication, and Leadership will be given out. Please make reservations by calling Sharon Drennan at 704-927-0252 or email at sdrennan@firstpres-charlotte.org. ♦

FPC Girls Basketball Team: A Success On & Off The Court

Nine fourth- and fifth-grade girls represented the church well this basketball season, both with their athletic ability and, more importantly, in how they handled themselves. Several referees told the First Presbyterian coaches that they had a “nice” team and several of the FPC players led a devotional. Coach Holderness stated that his favorite line from all the devotionals he heard this year (youth and adult) came from FPC’s own Kaitlin Woodworth: “Help us to remember that we were put on this earth not to compete or compare ourselves with others but to love our neighbors and to help each other.” As the coach notes, so much of life (including basketball games) is clearly measured by a score, and it is reassuring to know that the players have their priorities in order.

The scoreboard side of the game also turned out well. The team finished seven and three. The First Presbyterian team’s defense was stifling as it did not allow double digits in five of our wins. Scoring was balanced as at least four different girls were high scorer for a given game. The championship (of the second flight) was very exciting as FPC entered the fourth quarter down 13-7. A rowdy crowd inspired the girls to increase their intensity, and FPC scored 11 in a row to win 18-13. The team hopes for further success both on and off the court next season. ♦



FPC 2006-07 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row (left to right): Jamia Cowan, Kaitlin Woodworth, Catherine Gill, Mary Kate McComish. Back row: Campbell Tucker (coach), Adelaide Conway, Sarah Tucker, Zoe Holderness, Elizabeth Raby, Tommy Holderness (coach).

Coalition of Presbyterians for Racial Harmony

April 14 Golf Outing



*Fun, Fellowship,
Diversity &
“a little”
Competition*



First Presbyterian Church is a member of the Coalition of Presbyterians for Racial Harmony, which will host its third annual golf outing this month. The event will be held on Saturday, April 14, at The Tradition Golf Club on Prosperity Church Road. Men and women of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate; “equal” teams will be put together by the committee. Sign in at noon and enjoy the lunch buffet before the 1 PM tee time. Awards and fellowship follow at 5:30 PM. Costs for the event are \$55 for golf, cart, lunch, and prizes; \$20 for a one-hour mini-clinic and lunch; \$7 for lunch only. For more information, please contact Calvin Lewers (704-599-0828). To register, please pay by check made out to “Coalition of Presbyterians,” and mail to Calvin Lewers, 3134 Symphony Wood Drive, Charlotte, NC, 28269. **SIGNUP DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.** ♦

Volunteer Opportunity: Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network

Over 5,000 people in Charlotte are homeless each night. Almost half of the homeless people in Charlotte are families and a third are children. Families are struggling to make ends meet. About half of the homeless adults in Charlotte are employed, but do not make enough money to have permanent housing. It is challenging enough to raise children with permanent housing, imagine trying to care for young children without a place to call home. First Presbyterian Church has been participating in the Room in the Inn program for 10 years and will continue to do so. This new program, which our church has committed to support, will operate year-round with a focus on homeless families.

First Presbyterian Church has partnered with other local churches to form a local affiliate of Family Promise providing The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). Family Promise offers a way for religious congregations to work together to help homeless families. Each congregation participating in the network provides overnight lodging and meals for three to five families (up to 14 people) for one week four times each year. The homeless families will stay at the church from about 6 PM to 7:30 AM daily. Each morning, after breakfast, the families will be taken to the day center where they meet with the Network Director, care for young children, look for housing or employment, or go to work or school.

Volunteers are the foundation of the Network. There are many ways that you can volunteer to help. We will host the families April 8-15 and again April 22-29. We still need men to spend the night and volunteers to help on the weekends. Contact Ellen Thomas if you would like to help: ellentomas@mac.com or 704.364.0429. ♦

An Update from the Child & Family Outreach Coordinator: Camp Season Approaches

Summer is quickly approaching, and that means plans for sponsoring campers at Camp Grier, Freedom School, and Camp Thunderbird are well underway. Each of these programs make such a positive impact on the lives of children; we already have 41 children signed up for Freedom School, 10 campers who plan to attend Camp Thunderbird, and 72 children who plan to return to Camp Grier. By the time you read this article, these numbers will have increased significantly!

With the help of First Presbyterian Church, 185 children will participate in enriching summer programs that allow them to experience life in new and positive ways. The average cost per child, per week of one program is \$310. The total cost to make these programs possible for all 185 children is \$105,000. The financial support of First Presbyterian members is greatly needed, as is the gift of time and talents. If you would like to volunteer with the Camp Grier program, please consider serving as a camp parent or van driver. If you would like to volunteer with the Freedom School program, please consider serving as a classroom volunteer, sharing a hobby or talent with a group of ten campers, organizing an arts-and-crafts/cooking project with a group of ten campers, chaperoning a field trip, providing snacks for campers, or helping with staff appreciation.

Please contact Susan Lewis (704.927.0268) or Lisa Dillard (704.927.0242) if you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities. Whether it's a week away in the mountains of Camp Grier, two weeks away at Camp Thunderbird, or six weeks of our Children's Defense Fund Freedom School, children will return to school in the fall with a greater sense of self and increased awareness of what the world holds for them. ♦

New Members

Church members may want to remove the new member pages from *Tradewinds* each month and keep them in their pictorial directory, to keep it up-to-date.

Chris and Julie Adams

moved from New York and joined with their daughter, **Emma** (1 year). Chris is in banking and the family joined by reaffirmation of faith.



Rob and Susan Cox

joined with their children **Aubrey** (5 yrs), **Palmer** (3 yrs), and **Lily** (1 year). Rob is an attorney and Susan a human resources consultant. They joined by transfer of their letter.



Emily Netzel grew up in Charlotte and is a graduate of UNC-CH. She is engaged to member Hayes Thompson and works in banking. Emily joined by reaffirmation of faith.



Fritz Porter grew up in Lancaster, PA, and is married to member Mary Margaret Cochrane Porter. He is in banking and joined by transfer of his letter.



Brenda Salyer recently moved to Charlotte from Hilton Head. She is a teacher and joined by reaffirmation of faith.



Wallace Whitlock is from Spartanburg, South Carolina, and his fiancée, **Leigh Anne Collins**, grew up in Virginia. Wallace joined by transfer of his letter and Leigh Anne by profession of faith. They are both in banking. ♦



Congregational Retreat Speaker Announced

The Congregational Retreat Committee is pleased to announce that the guest speaker for the 2007 retreat on September 7-9, in Montreat, North Carolina, will be Dr. Christopher H. Edmonston. Christopher is the Senior Minister of Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, but is no stranger to First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. He was the Associate Minister of Service and Young Adults at FPC from August 1999-2004. He is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. In 2006, he received his Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. Christopher's wife, Colleen, and their three children Patrick, 5; Gabriel, 3; and Amelia, 2 months will also be attending the retreat. ♦

National Day of Prayer is May 3

Millions of Americans will gather on Thursday, May 3, to observe the fifty-sixth annual National Day of Prayer. Organized events will be held in thousands of public venues where intercession will be made for our nation, state and local leaders, for schools, homes, for the armed forces and for all those in authority. First Presbyterian Church will observe the National Day of Prayer with a 12 NOON service in the sanctuary. Members of the congregation will participate in the service, a box lunch will be available for \$6 each, and child care will be provided. Reservations are not necessary.

America, Unite in Prayer is this year's theme of the National Day of Prayer and the text is: 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

President George W. Bush, all 50 governors, and hundreds of mayors have issued a proclamation declaring May 3, 2007, the National Day of Prayer. Governor Michael Easley wrote: "The National Days of Prayer have been part of our country's heritage since the first one was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775. Leaders of our Nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history. It is good that we acknowledge that we are God's handiwork and that it is appropriate to call upon Him in prayer. I urge our citizens to join together in their homes, places of work, and places of worship to pray for the unity of the hearts of all mankind and to continue in prayer for our State and our Nation."

Please plan to pray for America on Thursday, May 3, at 12 NOON and bring friends, neighbors, and co-workers to *Unite in Prayer* for the nation. ♦

Special Communion Service

A special communion service will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 3 PM in the sanctuary. This service is held especially for those unable to attend the regular worship service and is an opportunity for members of the television congregation to visit with our ministers and church members to experience the beauty of the sanctuary and receive communion in fellowship with other worshippers. The communion service is open to all members, families and friends. There will be a reception immediately following the service in the Lemma Howerton Room. Transportation can be provided and may be requested by calling the Assistant to Ministers at 704.927.0266. The sanctuary is wheelchair-accessible at the entrance to the reception area in the Poplar Street building. ♦

Inspired Cooking Debuts at May 8 PW Evening

On May 8, the PW cookbook, *Inspired Cooking*, will be unveiled at a special PW gathering for all Presbyterian women. This will be an evening full of surprises that is not to be missed. Along with other events, the cookbook committee will be there to share their journey with the cookbook from its inception to publication. This will be a fun-filled and inspiring evening.

Watch the PW bulletin board for clues about the other events of the evening! Join the Presbyterian Women at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Pews on Parade



ON APRIL 1, 2007, First Presbyterian Church will join other center city churches and businesses as a site participant in “Pews on Parade,” a six-week

public art exhibit organized by NoDa School of Arts.

The “Pews on Parade” exhibit will consist of actual solid oak pews that individual artists have transformed into inspirational or functional pieces of art. The pews will be displayed indoors and outdoors in NoDa Art District and in Uptown Charlotte.

The pew on exhibit at First Presbyterian Church is titled “Let the Little Children Come” and was created by mother and daughter artists Sydney and Vail Gaylord. “Let the Little Children Come” will sit on the church grounds near Poplar Street until mid-May. Patrons are encouraged to be respectful of the art. There is a possibility that there will be a second pew on exhibit at First Presbyterian Church.

NoDa School of Arts is a nonprofit organization that pursues excellence in the arts by recognizing and developing the God-given talents of urban youth and allowing them to dream big and develop their talents in the fine and performing arts through camps, workshops and after-school classes.

The concept for “Pews on Parade” offers a framework for partnerships between nonprofits, businesses and the arts and makes art accessible and free to the general public by displaying it in places where people gather. First Presbyterian Church will be listed in exhibit promotional materials and may be included in WTVI’s short documentary on “Pews on Parade.”

There is an opening reception for “Pews on Parade” on April 6 in NoDa Art District and an auction on May 31 from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Mint Museum of Art. Proceeds will be shared between the artists and NoDa School of Arts. ♦

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