

## **Adult Sunday School and Study Opportunities for 2019-2020**

### **Adult Lectionary**

**Study: Weekly Lectionary Texts**

**Location: East Parlor**

What Scripture readings will we be using in worship on Sunday? This class reviews the four texts from The Revised Common Lectionary, offering background information and insight that will enhance the worship experience for the day. The class is team-taught and welcomes lively discussion. *Teachers: David Smith, Robert Brawley, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Sue Fricks, and Jerry Postema*

### **Faith and Community**

**Study: Memory Loss, Stewardship, Barmen Declaration, the Elections**

**Location: Watts-Hill Hall**

What topics are pertinent in expressing our faith within the contemporary context of our community? How does our faith seek understanding when a loved-one is experiencing memory loss? What are the four pillars of Stewardship? Does the Barmen Declaration, forged during the rise of Nazism, speak to us still? And what should concern us with upcoming local, state and national elections? Guest presenters from the church and community will lead the class. *Teachers: Sam Miglarese (Associate Pastor), Cris Rivera, George Bernhardt, Rob Parker, Tim Verhey, Emily Wilkins, Laura McNab, and guests from the community*

### **Faithful Christians**

**Study: Christian Doctrine** (Shirley Guthrie)

**Location: Christian education building, Room 209** (Bell Choir room)

A time of theological discussion and learning for those otherwise busy attending to family matters. The class meets on the second floor of the church house (above the parlors), in the apartment classroom. *Teacher: Mindy Douglas (Pastor/Head of Staff)*

### **Journeys**

**Study: Issues of Poverty and Race**

**Location: Church House, Room 221** (Apartment classroom)

This inter-generational class will explore issues of poverty and racial reconciliation using a variety of resources. The class meets on the second floor of the church house (above the parlors), in the apartment. *Teachers: Andy Henry, Eric Wiebe*

### **Lectionary Reading** (Training for liturgists)

**Study: Weekly Lectionary Texts**

**Location: Church House, Pastor's Study**

Adults, youth and children are invited to come and learn how to make the reading of the texts interesting each week for worship. If you take the class and are interested in leading worship, you may sign up for the Sundays on which you are available. *Teacher: Steve Rimmer*

### **The Walk**

**Study: *We Make the Road by Walking***

**Location: Christian education building, Room 205**

Using Brian McLaurin's book by the same title and led by Mary Berry, Emily Diy, and Abi Warmack, this class invites all who come, to walk together through an overview of the whole Bible, exploring the difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. Come make your road as a person of faith. Come walk with us!

### **Women's Spiritual Formation**

**Study: Fellowship and Prayer**

**Location: Basement Parlor, Room B-16**

A group of women who meet for sharing, mutual support, and prayer on Sunday mornings. All women are welcome! *Teacher: Susan Dunlap (Parish Associate)*

**For more information, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor, at  
919-682-5511 ext. 220; m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org.**

## Short-term Studies

### Membership Inquiry Classes

#### Study: *Becoming Christian*

Sundays, September 8, 15, 22 2019 and February 2, 9, 16, 2020

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor

Using Rowan Williams' book, *Being Christian*, this set of three classes reviews the basic tenants of Christianity, and the various ways members strive to live out those qualities in life and service. This class is not a requirement for membership. *Teachers: David Smith, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Sam Miglarese, Kathy Parkins* (Minister of Music)

### Who Is My Faith Neighbor?

Study: *Holy Envy* (Barbara Brown Taylor)

Sundays, September 8 – November 24,

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Christian education building, Room 205

This will be an experiential learning class for adults who may or may not have children or youth in programs on Sunday nights. Using Barbara Brown Taylor's latest book, *Holy Envy*, we will read and discuss religious plurality in the Durham area, and how others express their faith. Visits are planned to the Sikh Gurudwara, Judea Reform, Ar Razzaq Masjid, and The Durham Friends Congregation. These visits will take place at various times, but our discussions will be on Sunday evenings, running September 8 – November 24. To register and get a book, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth at [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org).

### Becoming an Anti-Racist Church

Sundays, September 29 – December 8

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Location: Wilson Parlor

Sponsored and taught by FPC's Racial Equity Task Force, this will be an eight-part mini- course on themes of racism, diversity, white privilege, and barriers to inclusivity. The core of the study will be based upon the book *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church* by Joseph Barndt. The class will meet in the Wilson Parlor. Participation is limited to 20, on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Teachers: FPC's Racial Equity Task Force members*

### Presbyterian Women

Study: *Love Carved in Stone* (Horizons)

September – May (first Mondays, except on holidays)

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Location: East Parlor

These women meet for study, fellowship, and discussion. They also support local and national mission endeavors. Women of all ages are welcome. *Facilitator: Susan Dunlap* (Parish Associate)

### Men of Faith

Location: Nosh's Café on Erwin Road

A group of men who meet the last Friday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and to chew the fat, check in with each other, and discuss topics of interest or current events. Men of all ages are welcome.

*Facilitator: Sam Miglarese* (Associate Pastor)

### 2020 McPherson Lectureship

Topic: Theology and Film

May 3-4, 2020 (Schedule TBA)

Location: Watts-Hill Hall, sanctuary

Lecturers: Husband-Wife Team *Catherine M. Barsotti and Robert K. Johnston*

*Dr. Catherine M. Barsotti* is affiliate assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies at Fuller Theological Seminary and a professor at Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET), a Latino ministry training center in Compton, California. *Dr. Robert K. Johnston* is Professor of Theology and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary and a past President of the American Theological Society.

## 2019-2020 Sunday School and Nurture Opportunities for Children and Youth

*Childcare will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings on the second floor of the Christian education building and continues to the end of worship.*

Age / Grade	Teachers	Curriculum
<b>Infants and Toddlers</b>	Momo Matsunami, childcare coordinator (Room 203, Christian education building)	
<b>2/3/4-year-olds</b>	Amy Sanchez, Elizabeth Klinck, Bob Pleasants, Amy & Gray Wilson, Kayla Champion, Charlotte Maxwell, Kristin Meade (sub) (Room 206, Christian education building)	<i>Growing in Grace and Gratitude</i>
<b>K /1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> grade</b>	Katharine Whitmore, Nancy Kost, Julie Maxwell, Cathy Snell (Room 202, Christian education building)	<i>Growing in Grace and Gratitude</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades</b>	Celia Dickerson, Walt Barron, Kathy Colville Alec Bethune, Delia Kwon, Oscar Carrasco (Room 201, Christian education building)	<i>Godly Play</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades</b> Middle School	Amy Dillon, Lenore Champion, Lucie & Wayne House, Marilyn Hedgpeth (Associate Pastor) (Middle School classroom, below the sanctuary)	<i>Spark House Re-Form: New Testament Ancestors</i>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades</b> High School	John Weicher (Associate Pastor) Emily Hansel, Abi Warmack, Sharron Johnson, Leah Graves (sub) (High School classroom, below the sanctuary)	<i>The Gospel of Matthew</i>

### Sunday Evening Youth Groups

**4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Middle Schoolers**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m. High Schoolers**

Advisors: John Weicher (Associate Pastor), Amy Wilson, Laurie Ray,  
Brent Curtis, Lenore Champion, Courtney Trutna  
(Watts-Hill Hall)

For more information about activities for youth, contact John Weicher, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families at 919-682-5511 x 213 (office); 610-368-2889 (mobile/text); j.weicher@firstpres-durham.org (email).

### New Young People's Choir

**Alleluia Children's Choir** 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Second – Fifth graders  
Children from First Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian churches will blend their voices under the leadership of Brennetta Simpson (Covenant) and Kathy Parkins (FPC). Rehearsals will be on Sunday evenings in the choir room at FPC. The choir will sing regularly at either church on selected Sunday mornings. Register by contacting Kathy Parkins: [k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:k.parkins@firstpres-durham.org) (email) or 919-682-5511 x 219 (office).