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JULY 29, 2012

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Kenya Joy Home	Creation Care Tip	Persecuted Churches
Danton, 6 years old	Purchase reusable bottles and not bottled water.	Nigeria
FPC Missionaries: Drew Czioks serving in Pune, India 2012 Nicaragua Mission Team FPC Local Missions: First Presbyterian Preschool		

Permission to Rest!

We hope you enjoy your FREE donuts after each service today!

(Permission to not stop yourself from dunkin' your donut in your specialty coffee this morning.)

Dear Joy Home Friends,

I thank the Lord for the wonderful moments that we all shared together when your mission team was here in July. Please pass along to everyone in your congregation and all Joy Home supporters our gratitude for all the gifts and donations to the children of the orphanage.

In His Love,
Ruth

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SEEKING CHRIST:

Family Worship Sunday - Today is Family Worship Sunday! We will not have Children's Sunday School classes so all of our children can join us for worship!

Seniors FIRST Birthday Luncheon: August 1st - Join us this Wednesday to celebrate July AND August Birthdays! Mike Laramore, who teaches Tai Chi, will present our program *"Is Tai Chi for Me?"* ALL ARE WELCOME to this monthly luncheon program sponsored by Seniors FIRST — all for just \$5! RSVP by calling 625-1697 or on the Events & Registrations page at www.fpcnorfolk.org by Monday, July 30th.

FPC 101 - Our next FPC 101 class is Sunday, August 5th, from 4 to 8pm here at the church. FPC 101 is an introduction to our congregation, and the first step in our membership process. Dinner and childcare are available. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the Connection Card or on our website!

SHARING HIS LOVE:

Go 2 Blocks! - 1 Block Sunday school +1 Block Worship; please park 2 blocks away to make room for guests.

Share a Sermon - Did you know there are 5 ways you can share a sermon with friends and loved ones?

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iTunes Sermon Podcast: On home Page click Sermons/Teaching, then click iTunes Sermon Podcast on drop down. Those who were subscribed before will have to subscribe to our new podcast.

DVDs available 15 minutes after the 9:30 service: \$5 per DVD or free to first-time guests.

Coffee Kids: Grounds for Growth - Our children are hosting the coffee bar today between services for donations. All money made will go to the Nazareth Children's Joy Home in Kenya. Enjoy a cup of java and help our kids as they seek Christ and share His Love!

Sunday School Teachers Needed - FPC Children's Ministry is looking for Sunday School teachers beginning September 9, for both the 9:30 and 11:00 worship hours. If you have a heart for Christ and a love for kids, contact Hunter Johnston at hunter@fpcnorfolk.org for more information.

First Time Guests - Stop by the Common for a free copy of Donald Miller's *Searching for God Knows What*

Free NIV Bibles - are available in the Loft for anyone who would like one.

Cross in The Common - A handmade cross will be added to the PRA•X•IS cross in The Common each time the Lord blesses us with a first-time guest. We celebrate that 498 first-time guests have been with us in worship since 9.11.2011. Please remember to invite your friends to church.

"...and day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2:47

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 29, 2012

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Psalm 84:1-2

*Hymn:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Prayer of Confession: Almighty God, You pour Your Spirit upon us to create bold tongues, open ears and a new community of faith. We confess that we do not always respond to what You call us to do. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ, without first offering excuses. Have mercy on us, O God. Touch our mouths and fill us with Your words of truth and love. Grow us to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response: Kyrie

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

Translation: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon:

2 Corinthians 3: 6

*Congregational Response to God's Grace: *Glory Be to the Father*

#579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

Greeting and Connecting

*Children through Grade 5 are invited to come forward to receive a
Children's Worship Packet designed especially to involve them in worship.*

Anthem:

At Home, Let There Be Love by Ruth Elaine Schram
Audrey and Grace Roberts, soloists

Children's Sermon

Jim Wood

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 1: 1-10, Page 698, O.T., NRSV

New Testament Reading:

John 15: 1-17, Page 109, N.T., NRSV

8:30 Service Readings by Alek and Katie Collins, with son Ben

11:00 Service Readings by Sue and Greg VanHecke, with children Dalton and Octavia

The Preached Word:

Permission to Rest

Jim Gates

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory:

O Holy Jesus by Jonathan Willcocks

O Holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Concerns and Prayers of Our Church Family

The Lord's Prayer [in unison]

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and power, and glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn:**

How Great Thou Art

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***An Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Celtic Alleluia: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Flowers in the Sanctuary - The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Katie MacMillan by Shirley and Dick Roberts.

The rose celebrates the birth of Jim & Lin Tomlinson's second grandchild, Harper Elise Minter, daughter of Megan Tomlinson Minter (Leesburg, VA).

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 29, 2012
9:30 a.m. in First Hall

(Please remember to silence your digital devices)

ENTERING INTO THE WORD

Songs of Praise and Prayer: *King of Love*

We All Declare with Praise Kids

Children's Sermon

Jim Wood

Greeting & Prayers

Song: *My Jesus I Love Thee/You Are So Good*

We Are Here to Worship

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:1-10, Page 698, O.T., NRSV

New Testament Reading: John 15:1-17, Page 109, N.T., NRSV

Readings by Mical and Rachel Crumbly, with children Noah and Eden

The Preached Word: Permission to Rest

Jim Gates

ENGAGING THE WORD AND THE WORLD

Offering Our Gifts & Prayers

The Lord's Prayer [in unison]

Benediction and Song of Response:

Heart of Worship by FPC Youth Praise Band



The rose celebrates the birth of Jim & Lin Tomlinson's second grandchild:
Harper Elise Minter, daughter of Megen Tomlinson Minter (Leesburg, VA)

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

There is no Children and Youth Sunday School today - it's Family Worship Sunday!

Bethlehem Babies Nursery

Birth-23 months ~ 8:20am - 12:10pm
Check your child in at the Nursery Area.

Little Lambs Sunday School

2-4 years old ~ 9:30 & 11:00am
Check your child in at computers outside the children's wing.



Adult Sunday School

9:35 classes

First Class - James (*Northminster House*)

Basic Bible - Paul's Epistles (*Rabbi Room, Main building*)

11:05 classes

The Reason for God - Video Study of Tim Keller's book (*The Center*)

Journeyers Sunday School - Lessons from the Holy Land. 2nd & 4th Sundays (*The Center*)

In The Common

Bibles & Sermon DVDs in The Loft, free for guests.

A Special Gift for Guests: First-time guests receive a copy of Donald Miller's book, *Searching for God Knows What*, found on the table in The Common.

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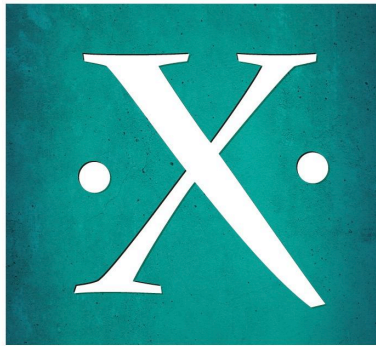
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