

A Month of Sundays

Worship This Month at First Presbyterian

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday—Peacemaking Offering

Sermon: Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching on “*What More Do You Need?*”

Sacrament: Communion

Music: Le Banquet Céleste Oliver Messiaen
Missa Brevis: Kyrie and Gloria, Kodaly

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Choir Recognition Sunday — Commissioning of church choirs

Children’s Choirs sing in Worship

Sermon: Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching on “*Make Yourself at Home*”

Sacrament: Baptism

Music: Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, Bach
Cantate Domino, Heinrich Schutz

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Pastoral Rite: New Members Welcomed

Music: O People One and All, Distler #65
I will lift up mine eyes, Sowerby

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — *M4M*

Children’s Choirs sing in Worship

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Segal McCaslin preaching

Music: Had We But Harkened, Walford Davies
Ezekiel Saw the Wheel, Spiritual

SUPPER FOR ALL!

*Every first Wednesday after Vespers
Fellowship suppers at First Church*

Come enjoy a delicious meal with friendly, interesting people. You don't have to join a committee to enjoy committee night!

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH

Denise Holness Jackson (212) 675-4366

Michael Clay (201) 792-9062

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Calendar of Events

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Laying Lucas to Rest

I laid Lucas to rest on Monday. It was the least I could do for him, faithful friend and devoted companion of many years. I dug his grave in the hard clay earth of my farmhouse garden in Delaware, where two years ago, Gabrielle, Luke’s companion, was also laid in the ground. He was wrapped in a cotton shroud, a white twin bed sheet, as dignified and practical a burial cloth as I could manage, and then I lowered him into the same earth that he used to love to scratch and roll and run in every morning. There, he will give back to the earth more than he ever took from it.

I awoke about 2:30 in the morning to the sound of Luke gasping for air. He had lost control of himself in every way, the toxins in his body building up as they had, and when I turned on the lights to see what was the matter, it was clear from the stiffening of his legs and the pulling back on his head that he was in the throes of death. At long last this was the end. Luke, a handsome and faithful Golden Retriever, eleven years old, had endured renal failure for the past year, and as a result had been reduced to a bland and tiresome diet of KD, a protein-less kibble and moist food prescribed for dogs with kidney problems. He did well on the diet, but a once proud dog who loved nothing more than running in the Pennsylvania woods and sitting in the streams of the Poconos and the Appalachian Trail, had gone from 120 pounds to just above 40. At the end, he was skin and bones, an indignity that he suffered nobly.

Once in a lifetime, if you are lucky, a dog comes along that is so completely in love with you and life, so full of devotion and trust that everything you do, no matter how horrible, or frustrating, or disappointing, is nonetheless okay. Luke was that kind of dog to me. He was a born lover, knowing both how to give it and to get it. Call his name and he was by your side. Lie down on the living room floor and he would lie down in front of you nuzzling his head against your chest. He seldom if ever barked, but by his sheer size commanded the respect of his peers. Everyone in the neighborhood knew him as the dog with the toy in his mouth, because Luke’s favorite thing

was to take a stuffed toy with him on his walks outside. His favorite toy was a small gray horse that he gently held in his jaws from the time when he left the apartment until the moment he returned. For Luke, the small horse was not something you should tear apart or mangle, but rather a proud possession that he paraded for all to see. If Luke was my friend, the toy was his, and he treated it so well that it lasted for years. He was such a handsome dog, so big, that the sight of the small horse in his mouth often prompted people on the street to ask to take a photograph. Occasionally a film crew in the neighborhood would admire him and once offered him a small part in a movie. He declined gracefully, no doubt thinking, “Eat your heart out.”

If Gaul was divided into three parts, the world is most likely divided into two; people who like cats and dogs and animals, and those who don’t. I prefer the parties of the first part. Animals make us more human because they bring out qualities of kindness and creatureliness that it is good for us to remember. Because of their dependence on us, they remind us of our dependence on others, and on God, who has created all things. That fact crossed my mind as I laid Luke into his grave, the creatureliness of us all, and I found myself singing a closing hymn to him, “All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful. The Lord God made them all.” Then a short prayer and I started closing the earth over Luke’s tired and lifeless old body.

Morgan Roberts, who was pastor of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and one of the great preachers of our time, once preached a sermon entitled, “Are There Horses in Heaven?” A horse and donkey owner, himself, he posed the question to push his congregation into considering what the dimensions and furnishing of heaven is like. Who would be there and who would not? “If Jesus were there, would our enemies be there too?” Morgan asked, “...those enemies for whom Jesus asked us to pray?” Finally Morgan asked if the

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Many Gifts, One Spirit



Adult Education Programs

What do Presbyterians Believe?
Sundays, October 14 and 28

12:30 p.m. *The Rev. Sarah Segal McCaslin*

Our congregation is growing by leaps and bounds. Of all these new members, fewer and fewer would identify themselves 'born and bred' Presbyterians. They are more likely to say, I love this church, but... "What exactly is Presbyterianism?" or "What does it mean to be Presbyterian?" Or perhaps, most significantly, "What do Presbyterians believe?"

Maybe you ask these questions to yourself, but are too embarrassed to ask them. Don't be! It is a growing trend in the American religious landscape that people are less associated with particular denominations, and that new membership is based upon attachment to the life of a congregation, rather than previous denominational ties.

This series is designed for new members, members of long standing, visitors interested in joining FPC, and the just plain curious, to explore these questions about the foundational elements of the Christian, and specifically, Presbyterian faith.

Family Ministries Programs

FIRST KIDS: FRIDAY NIGHTS

Friday, October 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Dinner & Evening Program

Families will gather for a big group dinner sponsored by *First Kids* (a freewill offering is appreciated). Families will then split up—the kids will stay together and do a service project while parents will gather for a study led by The Rev. Barbara Davis.

The *First Kids* program is for kindergarteners through 6th graders and allows families to share their faith through community service and discussion – and food! Please RSVP to families@fpcnyc.org or by calling 212-675-6150 by Wednesday, October 10. See you then!



TODDLER GATHERING

The Toddler Gathering planned for Sunday, October 14, at 12:30 p.m., is an opportunity for families with young children, ages 18 months to three years, to mingle, play, and get to know each other. A light meal is served and age-appropriate toys and/or activities are provided. Siblings are always welcome. If you and your family would like to attend, sign up in the Mellin-Macnab lobby or e-mail families@fpcnyc.org.

"FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS"

Other Adult Education Programs to look for

October 5 at 12:00 p.m.

Lunch 'n Learn: Saving Jesus Series —Jesus Through the Ages

The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

October 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Negotiating with God, The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

October 18 at 6:30 p.m. (co-sponsored with the Membership Committee)

Conversations with the Artist, Joan Reutershan

October 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Immigration Issues and Christian Ethics, Part Two

The Rev. Mark Hostetter

"Aging Well" Series

Thursday, October 25

Light Supper at 6 p.m., Discussion 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Parlor of the Mellin-Macnab Building

Topic: "Have You Talked With Your Physician About Dying With Dignity?" (That is, physician aid in dying)

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Fogal (*U.C.C., retired Clergy*)

We will discuss such matters as physician aid in dying; last directives; distinctions between suicide and the hastening of death; compassion and choices at the end of life; affirmations of Christian faith for a death with dignity; and any questions about the dying experiences that people would like to discuss.

Sign up in the lobby of the Mellin-Macnab Building after worship on Sundays, October 14 and 21, or call the church office by Tuesday October 23.

TUESDAYS AT FIRST



October 16 —Dr. Ronald J. Brown
DIVINE NEW YORK:

THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE

Since its founding in 1624, New York City has been a religiously diverse city. This lecture will focus on one historic part of that diversity, the Flushing Remonstrance. The Remonstrance was composed by the first Quaker settlers of Flushing in 1658 and demanded freedom of religion for Quakers, all Christians, and even Jews and Muslims. It is often called the first American Declaration of Independence. Governor Stuyvesant was forced to recognize the town's freedom of religion, and Flushing became the freest and most religiously diverse town in America. The fame of the Remonstrance attracted the persecuted minorities of New Amsterdam and other colonies, including African-Americans, Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists, plus later Jews and today Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, and others. Please join us for this exciting glimpse into part of the history that helped shape our city into such a multi-religious environment.

Ronald J. Brown is a specialist in the great cities of the world, he spent years in Berlin, Jerusalem, Geneva, Boston, Prague, Budapest, and Moscow. For the last ten years he has lived in New York City, where he teaches history, ethnic studies, and political science at Touro College and world religions at the Unification Theological Seminary. He is presently completing a book: *Divine New York - The Spiritual Biography of a City*.

This program, which is free and open to the public, is made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities' Speakers in the Humanities program.

Tuesdays at First is a monthly event beginning at 7 p.m. with a light supper (sandwiches, salads, and beverages) followed by a program from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP for supper by signing up in the lobby of the Mellin-Macnab Building on Sundays or emailing education@fpcnyc.org.

Laying Lucas to Rest.....(cont. from page 1)

animals would be there, and he cited his horse Ginger Snap, whom he had given to the Presbyterian Camp near Pittsburgh when he was called to Shadyside. There, the horse gave pleasure to many a young camper who patted his nose and got to see a real live horse. He gave rides to disabled children in his old age, and served as an inspiring example of God's magnificent imagination in creating all the creatures, great and small. So Morgan says, "Ginger... [has] served God's children faithfully. It will be no surprise to see [him] in heaven, along with our dogs – Duchess, Scandal, Winston, Merlin, Sparky, and Churchill – and also our cats – Claude, Marmalade, Roasty, Toasty, and Jeffrey – plus a multitude of kittens born to them. They have brought simple, harmless joy to many hearts." Are there cats and dogs in heaven? Morgan Roberts thinks it not impossible. And in all honesty, I am not one to say no to what God is capable of doing, so count me in the yes column too.

A couple of hours after laying Luke to rest on Monday, on my way back to New York City I went to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to see Teddy, a child with multiple syndromes who is in late stage renal failure. I have known Teddy and his parents since the day he was born, and baptized him there at the Children's Hospital some eighteen years ago. Teddy was never expected to live past his fifth birthday, but he is now eighteen. His genetically stressed kidneys have processed more medication than the sickest of us have ever received. Because of the devoted attention of his parents and brother who have lived for his sake these past eighteen years he has lived this long. Now they are all facing the likelihood of his passing soon. It was important to me to see Teddy, to pray with him and his family, to be jarred back to the larger and greater sadness of living and dying at a human scale, and to consider the wonder and mystery that life is, in every living thing. There is a splendid spark of life in all that lives; every blade of grass, every creature great and small, and most assuredly in every person who draws breath. As I drove back to the city in the darkness of Monday's long day gone into night, I was moved in spirit and thankful for Teddy and for his family and all that they show me of the meaning of selfless love. I was thankful for Luke, too, who in a different way loved me so extravagantly and demonstrated another kind of selfless love. And most especially I was thankful for the goodness of life and the mystery of it in every form that God has given us all so selflessly.

Jon M. Walton

Homeless Shelter Forum

Welcome & Appreciation Open House

Thursday, October 18th at 6:30
in the Parlor of the Mellin-Macnab Building

Please join us for an open forum to learn more about the plight of the homeless in New York City, what is being done about it, and how you can help. In addition, we will be celebrating and recognizing those volunteers who have graciously given their services and support over the past years. We will have guest speakers and refreshments will be served.

Learn how you can help those who are less fortunate; show your support by attending the Welcome & Appreciation Open House.

For more information, e-mail smccaslin@fpcnyc.org or homeless_shelter@yahoo.com.

Health Fair



The annual Health Fair will be held here at First Church from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2007. There will be an opportunity for free flu shots, glucose testing, blood pressure, and nutritional counseling, and to meet representatives from community agencies.

Volunteers are needed. If you are a doctor, nurse, health care professional, lawyer, social worker, or just want to help, please call Betty Jones at (212) 677-3629 or email bcjones1@rcn.com. Come, participate, and tell your friends about the fair!

Experience Missions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:30 p.m.—South Wing Esther Morrow Room

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 14, for an informational meeting on our 2008 mission trips. This meeting is also an opportunity to sign up for any of the trips. **Some trips have limits on the group's size, so you are encouraged to sign up now if you have decided to participate.**

Trips planned for 2008:

January 12-19, 2008 New Orleans, LA
Katrina relief via the South Louisiana Presbytery. We have been assigned to the John Calvin Presbyterian Church. In 2007, FPC sent a group to Mississippi.

March 1-9, 2008 Nicaragua
Home building through Bridges to Community; this will be FPC's fourth consecutive trip.

May 17-25, 2008 Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu & Santa Fe, NM
Building or repair project on Native American reservation; lectures by Ranch staff on Native American culture, government, and religion; 2 days of free time in Santa Fe. *20 people maximum.*

Summer 2008
Under discussion: return trip to West Virginia to help build a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Welch, WV.

We hope you will join us on October 14th!

Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome to the **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR**, published monthly to let you know of events where you can help.

- **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING** – Hosts, coffee pourers, and greeters are needed for Coffee Hour after church. To volunteer, call **JOHN COX** at (212) 260-3094.
- **USHERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES** – Volunteers are needed to usher for **Sunday morning services**. To volunteer, please call **JOAN RYAN** at (212) 765-2141, or **SUZANNE FREEMAN** at (646) 827-4559.
- **FIRST NOTES** – Volunteers are needed to help assemble and label **FIRST NOTES** mailings. For the next mailing, volunteers will meet at the Church at 10:00 a.m. and work until about 1:00 p.m., on **TUESDAY, October 30**. Call **PAULETTE GRIEFEN** (212) 226-2531 to help.
- **BAILEY HOUSE** – Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the evening meal to residents of Bailey House on the 5th Sunday of the month. Call **LIZ HUBBELL-RIGGS** to help (212) 247-0355. Next date is **Sunday, December 30**.

➤ **LAY READERS** – Those interested in participating as lay readers in worship are asked to call **DENISE JACKSON** at (212) 675-4366.

➤ **CROSS BEARER** – To explore the possibility of carrying the processional cross at worship, please call **PAT PENICK** at (212) 242-6916.

➤ **HEALTH FAIR** – Volunteers needed to help with Health Fair, October 20, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Please call **BETTY JONES** (212) 677-3629 or email bcjones1@rcn.com.

➤ **IN THE KITCHEN** – If you can help with *Vespers*, please call **James Hollander** at 646-335-2969 or e-mail hollander-james@yahoo.com. For all other events call **Jackie Fike** 914-793-4017 or e-mail jackiecf@verizon.net

Wednesday, October 3—Vespers Fellowship Supper
Wednesday, October 4—3:00-8:00 p.m. Preparation,
Serve, Cleanup

Saturday, October 13—Inquirers Class Luncheon
Friday, October 12—11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Prep.
Saturday, October 13—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Prep.,
Serve, Cleanup

5 Ways to Get Involved with the 2007 Tartan Fair

Donate to the **WHITE ELEPHANT**—any items from your home (except adult clothing and computer parts) that still retain their inherent usefulness! Drop off in the Mellin-Macnab building during the week and on Sundays.

Donate to the **SILENT AUCTION**—art work, antiques, jewelry, use of a weekend home, tickets for concerts and sports games, personal services like dog-walking, computer lessons, or home-cooked meals. Be creative! For more information, call Sanford Goin at (212) 222-7186.

Volunteer at weekly **CRAFT NIGHTS** every Monday night (except Columbus Day) in the Brick Room at 7:00 p.m.

Think about providing homemade **BAKED GOODS** for the Prepared Foods table. Sign up in the church lobby.

Volunteer to **SORT AND PRICE** books and White Elephant donations on Saturday mornings.

And the Production & Set-Up Team needs your help if you have production experience in theater, film, or television.

For more information, please contact Joan Ryan at (212) 765-2141 or joanl-ryan@aol.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

On Thursday, October 25, The **Holmes** Presbyterian Camp will hold its Annual Fall Benefit—honoring the work and vision of the Revs. Don and Mark Hostetter—with a challenge grant of \$50,000 to match all donations. For details and an invitation, call the Camp at (845) 878-6383 or go online to www.holmesprescamp.org.

Qi Gong Returns to First Church

Back by popular demand, Meg Harper will offer classes in Qi Gong, a meditative spiritual and physical practice that is the basis for Tai Chi. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, 5-5:45 p.m. in the Mezzanine Room of the South Wing, on October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; and November 7, 14, and 28. All are welcome to any class, though the fullest benefits of Qi Gong are achieved by regular practice. A suggested donation to the church of \$5 will be collected. This series is sponsored by the Membership/Fellowship Committee of First Church.

The practice of Qi Gong (repetitive exercises to move the Qi) coordinates breathing, body positions, and mental awareness. Joints, muscles, internal organs and energy systems are affected by slow gentle movements initiated through the breath. Qi Gong quiets the mind, opens the circulatory system, aligns the body, and resonates in the spirit.

Meg Harper joined First Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2002, and is currently a Deacon. She teaches Tai Chi and Qi Gong classes throughout NYC. Meg danced with The Merce Cunningham Dance Company for many years, and has taught at his studio since 1968.

Sharing the Gifts — The Fall Stewardship

Sharing the Gifts is the theme of this year's fall stewardship campaign, a phrase that emphasizes the fact that God has generously given so many gifts to each of us, including the gifts of life, family, health, work, shelter, food, and countless other blessings. As Christians we are invited to respond to God's generous giving, by sharing the gifts we have received with others. The church is the first priority in giving for most of our members and friends. So this year we will be counting on the continued commitment and increased giving of all. The challenge of the 2008 Church budget to support the important programs, activities, and outreach of First Presbyterian is \$2.5 million. Half of that budget, or \$1,250,000, must come from the current members and friends of the church who take responsibility for supporting the important ministries of First Church.

In coming weeks you will hear more about the challenge to support the church's programs. Be sure to attend worship on Sunday, October 21, when Fall on the Lawn, our Stewardship coffee hour will be celebrated on the North Lawn of the church. Coffee, refreshments, and entertainment for children will provide a relaxed opportunity to learn more about the church's needs. And most importantly, Stewardship Commitment Sunday will be November 11, when everyone will be asked to bring their pledge commitment to worship and place it in the offering plate that day. In the meantime, you will be hearing more from us by mail, telling you about the exciting work supported by your giving. We are looking forward to the support and response of all our members, counting on the assurance of Paul writing to the Corinthians, "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

Heather Mee and Glenn Muscosky

Co-Chairs of the 2008 Fall Stewardship Campaign

New and Improved Format for Midday Prayers

Midday Prayers, held on Wednesdays at noon in the Sanctuary from September through May, have always been a wonderful time for prayer and meditation in the middle of a busy week. You might say we are simply adding to an already good thing.

Worship is led using a prayer book, created especially for this midday service. Each liturgy includes an opening litany, followed by Scripture reading, silence, prayers, music, and a final blessing. Worshipers will find the service easy to enter into and spiritually refreshing.

If you live and/or work in the neighborhood, or are able to get away for a little while on Wednesday afternoons, please stop by and experience the Midday Prayers service. We are sure you will find it a gift of calm and reordering in the midst of daily chaos.

Young Adult Ministry at FPC

Dates for October:

Happy Hour Reception for Newlyweds

Friday, October 12th, 6:30-8 p.m.
South Wing Mezzanine

Walking tour of the West Village for (relatively) new New Yorkers

Saturday, October 20th, 1-3 p.m.

Meet in the lobby of the Mellin-Macnab Building

If you are in your twenties and thirties and interested in receiving e-mail notifications of upcoming events, please contact the Rev. Sarah McCaslin at 212-675-6150 or smccaslin@fpcnyc.org.



In the second "Art at First" exhibition for the 2007-2008 season, Joan Reutershan will show cityscape paintings of Brooklyn and Manhattan in the Great Hall of First Presbyterian Church from October 2 to October 28. The paintings are oil on canvas and include work from 2005 to 2007. There will be a reception at Coffee Hour following the 11:00 Service on October 14. All are invited.



SPA FOR THE SOUL

Saturday, October 27, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

At First Presbyterian Church

The Adult Education Committee is pleased to announce the fourth annual Spa for the Soul, which promises to be a soul-lifting day with workshops in movement, music (including organ music), meditation, and a delicious lunch. The theme this year is "Laughing with the Spirit". A \$35 registration fee (scholarships available) is payable upon sign-up or at the door. Please register in the lobby of the Mellin-Macnab Building on Sundays after worship, or email the Adult Education Committee at education@fpcnyc.org with your name, address, phone, email, and whether or not you need a vegetarian lunch. Both men and women are encouraged to attend; we are limited by space and encourage you to register early.

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14 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:30 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship♥ Baptism/Dr. Walton preaching Children's Choirs Singing and Commissioned 12:15 Coffee Hour♥ Art Showcase 12:30 Adult Education 12:30 Toddler Gathering 12:30 Mission Trips Informational Meeting 1:30 Candidates Committee	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;"> First Notes and Calendar Deadline </div> 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 7:00 Tartan Fair Crafts Night	16 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 4:30 All-Stars Meeting 6:15 A.A. Groups 7:00 Tuesdays at First Dinner and Program
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