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Dear Church,

Today, I want to share with you one of my favorite poems. It is written by the great theologian and civil rights leader, Howard Thurman.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among brothers,
 To make music in the heart.

May it be so, beloved Church. Amen.

Tara



Sunday Worship Times

Early Service 8:30 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Lectionary

January 11:

Isa. 42:1-9 & Ps. 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matt. 3:13-17

January 18:

Isa. 49:1-7 & Ps. 40:1-11

1 Cor. 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

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FPC Congregational Covered Dish Luncheon

Dessert: 210th FPC Birthday Cake provided by FPC Foundation

**Sunday | January 11, 2026
Following 11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Celebrating the 210th FPC Birthday and
Recognition of Incoming and Outgoing FPC Officers

Co-Sponsors:

Presbyterian Women, Congregational Life Committee and FPC Foundation



College Scholarship Application Now Available

Due by March 1, 2026

Offered by Presbyterian Women of New Hope Presbytery

**Are you finished with your
green Advent Wreath spikes?**



If you have finished using the green Advent wreath spikes, please return them to the church. A collection basket will be available at the reception desk in the Edge Lobby.



Our Lost & Found is getting full again. Please check the next time you are here at FPC to see if any of these items belong to you. All items will be donated Monday, January 12, 2026 if not claimed.

- Circle 4 meets Monday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. in FPC's Memorial Hall & via Zoom
- Circle 6 meets Tuesday, January 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Glenaire (6000 Building, 5th Floor Lounge, West Side)
- Circle 8 meets Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Circle 9 meets Sunday, January 11 at 5 p.m. in FPC's Lisa Ham Gathering Space (Hostesses: Darcy Dye Bowers and Anne Otersen)
- Circle 10 meets Saturday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. at home of Rob and Pam Walker



FPC Knitting Group

Come gather around the table and enjoy fellowship and friends while knitting on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 am in the Edge Lobby. All are welcome to join for coffee and conversation.

Would you like to be more involved in Sunday worship service? Sign up to be a lay reader and contribute in a deeply meaningful way as a voice of the congregation. What will you do? As a lay reader you will be reading the opening scripture in your choice of either 8:30 am or 11:00 am service. Scared of those crazy Bible names? Don't be! You've got this and we've got you! Contact Melani Willhite at 919-821-5750 to sign up.

MARTHA MINISTRY

There they made him (Jesus) a supper; and Martha served...John 12:2

Laurie let the congregation know that our friend David Slook broke his hip on December 17 and has been in the hospital and is now in rehab at Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Care Center. We send David our prayers for his speedy recovery and send Kathy all our best thoughts and love.

A reminder that the Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Roger Punt will be held in the Vanguard Room on Sunday, January 11th, at 2:00pm.

Feeding Our Flock Update

It's so exciting to see the amount of deliciously prepared food items in our freezer just waiting to be taken to any of our flock who would enjoy a lovingly prepared meal. THANKS TO ALL OUR GREAT CHEFS!