

# Go 2 Blocks

“Go 2 Blocks” is a two-fold challenge. First, as an act of hospitality, we ask those who are able to park 2 blocks away from the church, making space in our lot for visitors and those who are not able to walk that distance. Second, we ask you to consider engaging in two blocks of time on a Sunday morning - worship, and one other. If you’re looking for a second block, we encourage you to check out one of our Adult Sunday School classes listed below. Note that children are offered two totally different experiences at 9:30 and 11:00, so they can go two blocks as well!

## Sunday School Today at FPC

*Stop by the Welcome Desk for help in locating any of the listed classrooms.*

### ADULTS

9:30	Bible North Class - The Book of Isaiah	Northminster House
	Basic Bible - The Book of Daniel	Rabbi Room
	Covenant Class - The Gospel of Mark	Staff Conference Room
11:00	Christmas in America	Center for Prayer

*Questions? Contact Jim Gates, Associate Pastor, at [jimgates@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:jimgates@fpcnorfolk.org)*

### YOUTH

Please check in to the computer by the Catacombs entrance before Sunday school.

9:30	Middle School “The Story”	Catacombs
	High School “Adventures in Missing the Point”	Room 210
11:00	Middle & High School “The Story”	Old Fellowship Hall

*Questions? Contact Josh Vaughan, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, [josh@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:josh@fpcnorfolk.org)*

### CHILDREN

Please check your child into the computer check-in system before dropping them off to their Sunday school classrooms.

8:30	Birth - Two Years Olds: Nursery Wing
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	3 Year Olds: Room 108
	4 Year Olds: Room 109

Kindergarten - 5th Grade begins at 9:30 in the Old Fellowship Hall for the “Praise Kids” worship service. Sunday school teachers will escort students upstairs to their classrooms for the remainder of the worship time.

Kindergarten: Room 204  
 First & Second Grades: Room 205/206  
 Third Grade/Parent Child Class: Old Fellowship Hall  
 Fourth & Fifth Grades: Room 201

11:00	Birth - Two Years Old: Nursery Wing
	3 & 4 Year Olds: Room 107
	Kindergarten - Second Grades: Room 205/206
	Third - Fifth Grades: Room 201



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# FPC 101

seeking membership...  
or just want to learn more?

FPC 101 is the perfect introduction to our denomination, church family, ministries and staff.

Join us today from 3:00-7:00 PM.  
Dinner and childcare provided.

## Volunteer for NEST Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team



NEST is an overflow shelter program for the homeless in Norfolk, where we host 70 guests in our church for the week of December 24-31.

*Volunteers are essential. Find out more & sign-up today at the Welcome Desk or on our website at [fpcnorfolk.org](http://fpcnorfolk.org).*

## Healing and Wholeness Service



Tuesday,  
Dec.9 at 7 PM  
Sanctuary

Contact Valena Hoy for more information at [Valena@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:Valena@fpcnorfolk.org)

December 7, 2014  
[fpcnorfolk.org](http://fpcnorfolk.org)



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A HINT

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## CONNECT

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**FPC 101 Today** - FPC 101 is a class for those interested in membership at First Presbyterian. It's a great evening with our staff and pastors, with dinner and childcare provided. Class runs from 3-7pm. Register at the welcome desk or contact Laura Arana at [laura@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:laura@fpcnorfolk.org).

**Shoulder 2 Shoulder Men's Breakfast** - Tuesday, December 9th at 7am in First Hall. Breakfast is \$7. Invite a friend to join you for this great breakfast and study!

**Hand in Hand Women's Bible Study** - Tuesday, December 10, at 10:30am in the Rabbi Room. Contact Jim Gates for more info at [jimgates@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:jimgates@fpcnorfolk.org).

**Healing and Wholeness Service** - Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. This worship service focuses on the promise of God, Emmanuel, who is with us in our loss, grief and pain. Please contact Valena Hoy for more information at [valena@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:valena@fpcnorfolk.org)

**Youth Ministry Wednesday Night New Schedule** - Middle School students meet in the Youth Room from 5:45-7:15. High School students meet in the Youth Room from 7:15-8:45. Each group will have games, Bible study and assorted awesomeness. Be there! Contact Josh Vaughan for more info at [josh@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:josh@fpcnorfolk.org).

**2014 Children's Christmas Pageant Registration** - All children, 3-years-old through 5th grade, are invited to participate in this year's pageant. Register online at [fpcnorfolk.org](http://fpcnorfolk.org) or by contacting Joanne Whitaker at [joanne@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:joanne@fpcnorfolk.org). The pageant is Sunday, December 14th, at 5:00pm, with rehearsals on Wednesday evening, December 10th (K – 5th) and Saturday morning, December 13th (3 year old-5th grade).

**Next Sunday, December 14 - Music Sunday** - Traditional services (8:30 & 11:00) will be filled with beautiful choral music, led by our Chancel Choir, accompanied by a small orchestra. Contemporary service (9:30) we welcome to the pulpit Reverend Nate Griffin, pastor at a new church development: Chosen for Completion in Portsmouth and friend to our congregation. Bring a friend and enjoy the beautiful music and the Word powerfully preached as we are challenged to be God's hint to the world.

**The Governor's School for the Arts** - Performance of Handel's "Messiah" in our sanctuary on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$15 for seniors and students and may be purchased at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com).

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## SERVE

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**Take a Hint of God's Love to the World with a Simple Business Card** - Our Take a Hint cards make it easy for you to leave a quiet Hint of God's love wherever your travels take you. Take a Hint cards available today at the Welcome Desk. After you leave your cards around town, jump on our website at [fpcnorfolk.org/take-a-hint-world-map](http://fpcnorfolk.org/take-a-hint-world-map) and let us know the location of your drop offs!

**Coat Drive** - Bring your gently used coats and deposit them in the large crate in the Common throughout this Fall and Winter.

**Poinsettias & Greenery This Christmas Season** - Poinsettias & greenery will again decorate our church this Christmas season. Poinsettias (\$25/each) may be given in honor of or in loving memory of someone and will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Fill out the form in your bulletin and attach a check payable to First Presbyterian Church.

**NEST (Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team) Signups** - Available at the Welcome Desk and on our website at [fpcnorfolk.org](http://fpcnorfolk.org). NEST is an overflow shelter program for the homeless in Norfolk, where we host 70 guests in our church for the week of December 24-31. Sign up today.

**Joy to the World Ornaments Available Throughout Advent** - For a \$60 donation, not only will you receive a beautiful ornament and a Kenyan gift bag with note cards, you will know the joy of supporting our children at the Joy Children's Village, Allamano School and other at-risk children in Kenya. Visit one of our Christmas trees this morning to get your ornament!

**Christmas Pageant Volunteers** - We need you! Want to help serve? Contact Hunter Johnston at [Hunter@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:Hunter@fpcnorfolk.org)

**Visit [fpcnorfolk.org](http://fpcnorfolk.org) for a full listing of events and opportunities for growth and service.**

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## Traditional Services in the Sanctuary, 8:30 & 11:00

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### Welcome

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 11:6 Page 690  
Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

**People: The leopard shall lie down with the kid,**  
Leader: The calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
**All: and the little child shall lead them.**

**\*Hymn 2** *Come, Thou Long - Expected Jesus*

**Prayer of Confession** O God of forgiveness, with our tongues we speak evil against our sisters and brothers. By our actions, we disobey your commandments. Hostility is bred through our suspicion and envy; anger continues in spite of Christ's peace. You open our eyes to his righteousness, yet we remain blind to the truth of his reconciling presence. Forgive our deliberate misuse of your mercy, and in Christ hear our prayer.

### Silent Confession

**Confessional Response**  
Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

**Assurance of Pardon** Philippians 1:9-11 Page 1178

**\*Congregational Response to God's Grace**  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo* 23

### Greeting

**Anthem** Savior of the Nations Come arr. by Melchior Vulpius

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 40:1-5 Page 718

**New Testament Reading** Luke 1:26-38 Page 1025

**The Preached Word** Take a Hint: Greetings Jim Wood

### Presentation of Our Gifts

**Offertory** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* by John Ferguson

**\*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.

**The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**  
*The table of our Lord is at the center of life as a Christian community and stands as an invitation to the fullness of life that God intends for each of us. At the table we celebrate the promises of our baptism, that Christ can be alive in us and we in Him. Our Lord invites all of God's baptized to His table regardless of age, denominational connection or social status. The choice to commune at this particular table is yours; however, please do not feel obligated.*

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Words of Institution

### Prayer of Consecration

**Sharing the Elements** (*Partake of the elements when you are served.*)

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung in unison*) (*"Debts" version*)

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 the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn 53** *What Child is This*

### \*An Invitation to Christian Discipleship

**\*Benediction and Congregational Response** *Celtic Alleluia*

*\*Stand if able*

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## Contemporary Service in First Hall, 9:30

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**Songs of Praise & Prayer** Good Morning  
Rise Up  
I Will Rise

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 40:1-5 Page 718

**New Testament Reading** Luke 1:26-38 Page 1025

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### Offering Our Gifts & Prayers

**Benediction and Song of Response** Rise Up

*We are celebrating the Sacrament of Communion today. All who are baptized and profess Jesus as Savior are invited to share this meal, regardless of denomination or social status. The choice to commune at this particular table is yours; however, please do not feel obligated.*

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## HINTS for Fabulous Christmas Gifts

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### 2015 Women's Retreat Joy in the Journey

Feb. 20th – 22nd. Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk, NC. Speaker: Ellie Lefaro. Registration is now open! Register online at [fpcnorfolk.org/events-registration](http://fpcnorfolk.org/events-registration) or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk. Contact Becky Lyle Pinkard, [becky@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:becky@fpcnorfolk.org), for more information.

### All-Church West Virginia Mission Trip Save the date

Sunday, July 26 - Friday, July 31, 2015. Don't miss out on this incredible intergenerational event in North Lewis County, WV; space will be limited. Prices are \$150 for children under 12, \$300 for adults with an \$800 max per family. FPC and World Vision International are partnering to create a (fun for all ages) five-day mission trip filled with construction projects, community outreach, neighborhood children's VBS, and much more!!! Email [jordan@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:jordan@fpcnorfolk.org) for more information.

### Call of Kenya Pilgrimages

June 27 - July 11 and  
October 24 - November 7

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## Prayer Request

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### South Sudan Bible Update

Please pray for the safe transit of our 15,000 Bibles to the Yida refugee camp in South Sudan. The Bibles are currently in Juba, the capital, where they have been for the last several months. Rain conditions, and constant violent conflict between warring factions, has made trucking the Bibles impossible. Pray for peace and favorable conditions so that our Bibles can get to Yida soon!