

First Notes

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Go Tell It

Mark's version of the resurrection story leaves things a bit unfinished. In the version that ends at 16:8, and which most scholars agree is the accurate ending, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome run from the tomb and say nothing to anyone because "terror and amazement had seized them." All the other gospels tell us the women told of what they had seen and heard. But Mark says, the women said nothing to anyone for they were terrified.

If faith is dependent on visual sightings, one would more readily choose either Matthew, Luke or John to tell the story of the resurrection. There is an unfinished quality to Mark's account that leaves us wanting something more. We know, from a historical perspective, that the women did not remain silent. After all, the church exists because people through the centuries, including Mary and the others, did, indeed, tell the story of what they have seen and heard of the risen Lord beginning on that first Easter morning. So somehow the women found their voice and shared the news of Jesus' resurrection.

There is an interesting aspect to Mark's closing comments, however, words that come from the angel who attends the empty tomb. The angel reminds the women that Jesus had promised that he would rise on the third day and more importantly, that he would "go ahead of them into Galilee" (16:7). Which pushes us back to chapter one of Mark's gospel where Jesus emerges onto the stage of world history in Galilee. And there he was made known and his works have followed him. Mark points us to the Galilee of our lives, to the everyday experiences of life, the places where there is hurt and brokenness, laughter and sorrow, illness and healing, children and widows, bread and wine as the places where he is present. It is there in the everyday of life that he is now, and Mark invites us to go back to chapter one and reread the story, this time looking for the places and the occasions which nearly shout the announcement, He is Risen! We are Easter people, and ours is an Easter world, where God is present and Christ is Risen.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Jon M. Walton

EASTER MUSIC AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Friday, April 2 from 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Anthems of the Cross by Bach, Ingegneri, Allegri, Dubois, Lotti

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.: Festival Music Services

Works for Choir, Organ and Brass by Bach, Gabrieli, Willan, Widor

Prelude music begins fifteen minutes before each service.

ADULT EDUCATION

APRIL 2010



A JOURNEY WITH PAUL **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

April 4—No Class/Easter Sunday

April 11—Paul and the Role of Women, part 1
(The Thoughtful Christian)
The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

April 18—Paul and the Role of Women, part 2
(The Thoughtful Christian)
The Rev. Sarah S. McCaslin

April 25—First Corinthians, part 1
(The Thoughtful Christian)
The Rev. Sarah S. McCaslin



EDUCATION ALERTS! To receive updates and reminders about programs from Education at First, email education@fpcnyc.org with “add me to the list” in the subject line.

ADULT ED ONLINE

Check the FPC website for events, updates, and other exciting Adult Education news:

www.fpcnyc.org/category/learn-things

NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT



The Immigration & New Sanctuary and Adult Education Committees Invite You to a Special Discussion

HAITI AND US: **How Do U.S. People of Faith Support Haiti and Haitians?**

Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Haiti's devastating earthquake has put the western hemisphere's poorest country in the headlines for the first time in years. During those years, U.S. people of faith have worked quietly behind the scenes to provide aid and support Haitian people-to-people projects, including First Presbyterian Church's 2009 Mission Service Trip to Cap-Haïtien. How have these efforts been effective, and how not? How does Temporary Protected Status for Haitian immigrants affect rebuilding efforts in Haiti as well as communities here in New York? What responsibility do we bear regarding the role of U.S. foreign policy in Haiti's continuing poverty?

Please join the Immigration & New Sanctuary Committee and the Adult Education Committee for a special forum. Speakers will include a Haitian-American faith community leader, a Haitian-American organizer and a Presbyterian solidarity writer and activist. The panel will be moderated by Richard Korchak of FPC's Mission Service Committee, who will also present an update on the Cap-Haïtien project.

New Day for The Marie Sibilla “Aging Well” Lecture Series:

Saturday, April 24

PARENTING & GRANDPARENTING

The 60+ Circle Committee, First Forward, and the Family Ministries Committee are collaborating to bring people of all ages the opportunity to attend an “Aging Well” event on a new day and time that they hope will be more convenient than a weekday evening. The details are as follows:

Speaker: Dr. Janice Key, Director, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina Children's Hospital
Brunch at noon (\$5.00 charge)
Program 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.

Child care provided (Parents, when you sign up to attend the program, please indicate the number and ages of your children who will need child care.)

Sign-up tables will be available after worship on Sundays, April 11 and 18. People may also sign up by calling the FPC receptionist by Thursday, April 22.

PAINTINGS by Jane Dell
Artist Reception at Coffee Hour
Sunday, April 11



Jane Dell was born in New York City and began her study of art at the high school of Music and Art, Art Students League, School of Visual Art and Pratt Institute. Environmental concerns and animals have influenced her recent work. She tries to work with inspiration, intuition, knowledge and magic.

Her work has been selected for many group and solo shows in New Jersey and New York, including *City Without Walls Gallery*, *Montclair State University Gallery*, *George Segal Gallery*, *1978 Gallery in Maplewood*, *Kling Gallery* in Montclair, New Jersey, the *Creative Center Gallery* located at 147 West 26th St., NYC and recently the *White Space Gallery* in New Haven, CN and a solo show coming up this Spring at *Gallery at First*, on 5th Ave. and 12th Street in New York. She has also sold works to private collectors and designers.

Softball 2010

Please join our team in the New York City Presbytery Softball League this season. The season runs from April 25 through August 29 and games occur every Sunday afternoon in Central Park. Our team needs a minimum of 17 players who must be 13 years old or older. You do not have to commit to every weekend to play. All levels of players are welcome to join, so please contact Matt Johnson at (201) 433-8272 or mattandrebecca.johnson@gmail.com for more information.



APRIL IS EXPLORE OUR UNIVERSE MONTH!

Sunday, April 18, at 12:15 p.m. Rubin Museum Field Trip

Youth in grades 7-12 are encouraged to join the Rev. Barbara E. Davis on a field trip to see *Visions of the Cosmos: From Milky Ocean to an Evolving Universe*. This exhibit explores how various cultures and religions express their place in the universe. The group will stop for lunch along the way to the Rubin Museum which is located at 150 West 17th Street. Youth are asked to RSVP so parents can fill out a permission slip. Youth should bring money for lunch and \$5 to contribute to museum admission.

Saturday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m. Is It Okay to Talk about Evolution in Church?

This two-hour workshop will be led by the Rev. Barbara Davis and will explore youth's (7th-12th grade) questions about the potential conflict between the creation story in Genesis and the theory of evolution. Can science and religion be in conversation or can they only be in conflict? The workshop will include breakfast, video segments, and stories from our creation tradition.

For more information or to RSVP for either of these events please email the Rev. Davis at bdavis@fpcnyc.org

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p style="text-align: center;">DEACONS FOR THE MONTH:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jason Reade (917) 856-3250</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David Kipin (718) 457-7558</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR MAY 2010 <i>FIRST NOTES:</i> MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010</p>	
<p>4 <i>Easter/Resurrection of the Lord</i></p> <p>NO Church School 7:00 Kitchen Crew 8:00 Communion Service—<i>The Rev. Davis preaching</i> 8:30 & 10:30 Easter Breakfast 9:30 & 11:30 Worship ♥ <i>Dr. Walton Preaching</i> 9:30 & 11:30 Special Program for 3-4 Year Olds 10:15 & 11:15 Child Care 10:15 Youth Hide Easter Eggs 12:45 Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Staff Holiday</i></p> <p>9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>6 <i>Art Hanging</i> <i>N.S. Re-Opens</i></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 6-8 Homeless Shelter Forum 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>
<p>11 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:00 Youth Music Ministry 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Children & Youth Sing</i> <i>The Rev. McCaslin Preaching</i> 11:20 Church School/Music Time for 3-4 Year Olds and K-1st Grade 12:00 Children's Music Ministry (Grades 2-4) 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ <i>Artist Reception</i> 12:15 Youth Service & Fellowship T-Shirts for Haiti 12:30 Pre-Baptism Meeting/Family Ministries 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Notes & Calendar Due</p> <p>9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community</p> <p>6:15 A.A. Groups 6:30 Buildings & Grounds 6:30 Personnel 7:00 House Committee 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>
<p>18 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:00 Youth Music Ministry (Grades 5-12) 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Baptism—Dr. Walton preaching</i> 11:15 Confirmation Class 11:20 Church School/Music Time for 3-4 Year Olds and K-1st Grade 12:00 Children's Music Ministry (Grades 2-4) 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ 12:15 Youth Field Trip 12:30 Immigration Forum 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥</p> <p>6:15 A.A. Groups 6:30 Construction Committee 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>
<p>25 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:00 Youth Music Ministry (Grades 5-12) 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Children & Youth Sing—Dr. Walton preaching/M4M</i> <i>3rd & 4th Grade Communion Program</i> 11:15 Confirmation Class 12:00 Children's Music Ministry (Grades 5-12) 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ 12:30 First-Time Expectant & New Parents Event 1:30 Literary Group 4:00 Kellie Anderson-Picallo Ordination 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥</p> <p>6:15 A.A. Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Notes Mailing Team ♥</p>

APRIL 2010

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 5:30 Garden Meditation for Youth and Families 6:00 Potluck Family Dinner 7:00 Worship/ <i>Communion</i> <i>The Rev. McCaslin preaching</i> 8:00 NA Solutions 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	2 GOOD FRIDAY 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Participants' Lunch <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> 12:00-3:00 p.m. Service "The Seven Last Words of Christ" </div> 3:00 Kitchen Crew 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	3 GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 10:00 Family Service 10:15 Easter Egg Decorating
7 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:00 Wednesday Worship 6:30 Fellowship Supper Committees Meet 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	8 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 8:00 NA Solutions 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	9 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal Dinki/Siegert <i>The Rev. Davis, officiant</i> 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	10 5:00 p.m. Wedding Dinki/Siegert <i>The Rev. Davis, officiant</i>
14 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:30 Tartan Fair Meeting 7:00 New Sanctuary Movement 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	15 8:00 Auburn Seminary Program 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:30 Nursery School Board 8:00 NA Solutions 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	16 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 12:00 Lunch 'n Learn 6:00 Young Adults Wine & Cheese Reception NA/D.A. Groups 6:15 Homeless Shelter♥ 9:00	17
21 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:00 Wednesday Worship led by Confirmation Class 6:30 Deacons/Trustees/Session 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	22 EARTH DAY 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al Anon 6:00 Justice Works 8:00 NA Solutions 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	23 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 6:15 NA/DA Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	24 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Youth Program: Evolution and Creation 11:00 a.m. Private Memorial Service (Chapel) 12:45-2:00 p.m. Marie Sibilla "Aging Well" Lecture
28 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	29 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al Anon 8:00 NA Solutions 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥	30 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 12:00 Lunch 'n Learn 6:15 NA/DA Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥ <i>(last day)</i>	

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, contact **HEATHER MEE** at (212) 366-0341 or hmee@earthlink.net.
- **USHERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES** – Volunteers are needed to usher for **Sunday morning services and special services**. To volunteer, 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, April 27**. Call **PAULETTE GRIEFEN** at (212) 942-0620 to help.
- **LAYREADERS** – Those interested in participating as lay readers are asked to call **DENISE JACKSON** at (212) 675-4366.
- **CROSS BEARER** – To explore the possibility of carrying the processional cross at worship, please contact **MEG HARPER** at (718) 624-1516 or harpermeg@hotmail.com.
- **HOMELESS SHELTER**—Volunteers are needed. Please email homeless_shelter@yahoo.com or call (212) 741-8620 for more information.
- **IN THE KITCHEN** – If you can help with Fellowship Suppers after Wednesday Worship, please call **JAMES HOLLANDER** at (646) 335-2969 or e-mail hollander_james@yahoo.com. For all other events call **JACKIE FIKE** at (914) 793-4017 or e-mail jackiecf@verizon.net.

Sunday, April 4—Easter Breakfast

Friday, April 2—3:00-6:00 p.m. Prep.
 Sat., April 3—11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Prep.
 Sun., April 4—7:00-11:30 a.m. Prep., Serve, Cleanup
 Sun., April 4—12:30-3:00 p.m. Prep., Serve, Cleanup

Wednesday, April 7—Fellowship Supper

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Prep, Serve, Cleanup

Wednesday, April 21—Fellowship Supper

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Prep, Serve, Cleanup

2010 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 2 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 4 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Confirmands are expected to attend ONE Holy Week Service either at FPC (listed here) or at another congregation and write a short paragraph about the service and their experience. Due on April 11.

Sunday, April 18 at 11:15 a.m.
 Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 25 at 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday, May 23 at 11:00 a.m.

History of FPC and Life in the Church Today
 Confirmands lead Worship & Meet with the Session
 What's Next? Beyond Confirmation
 Confirmation Breakfast with Families
 Confirmation Class Received as Members in Worship/
 Celebration of Children and Youth Sunday/
 Pentecost

Youth Service & Fellowship

**HELP FOR HAITI:
 DISASTER RELIEF T-SHIRTS**
 Sunday, April 11, from 12:15-2:30 p.m.

In March, youth in grades 5-12 created a design to appear on T-shirts for disaster relief in Haiti. Please join us for the second part of this program on Sunday, April 11, when the youth will silk-screen the design on the T-shirts. Lunch will be provided.



3rd and 4th Grade Communion Program Sunday, April 25

Parents of 3rd and 4th graders are encouraged to mark their calendars for Sunday, April 25 for their children to attend a special Church School program on the meaning of Communion. 3rd and 4th graders will remain in worship on Sunday, May 2 and take Communion with the congregation.

PALM SUNDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

On Palm Sunday, March 28, there will be an ecumenical service in Washington Square Park at 10:00 a.m. Plan to join the clergy and other First Church friends at the church at 9:45 a.m. to process together to Washington Square Park. Participants will return together in time for the 11:00 a.m. worship.

Palm Sunday Procession

All families with children and youth are invited to participate in the Children's Procession at the start of the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 28. We will gather at 10:30 a.m. in the Esther Morrow room of the South Wing to review the processional hymn and to line up for our entrance into the sanctuary. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver during the procession. Special note: Children and Youth Music Ministries should arrive at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall for warm-up and rehearsal. After rehearsal we will join the other children and youth for the procession.

—Emily Scott, Director of Family Music Ministries
escott@fpcnyc.org

AT THE TABLE IN THE GARDEN A Garden Meditation for Maundy Thursday

**Thursday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m.
on the South Lawn (weather permitting)**

*Families, Confirmation Class, Youth, and Everyone Welcome
Led by Emily Scott and the Rev. Barbara E. Davis*

followed by a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for this brief service of prayer, music, and Scripture readings from the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Easter Breakfast

On Easter Sunday, April 4, you are invited to join other members and friends of First Church for a fellowship breakfast in the South Wing. There will be two seatings: 8:30 a.m. in the Esther Morrow Room and 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby of the Mellin-Macnab Building—please make your reservation by Wednesday, March 31. A freewill offering will be collected: suggested donation is \$8.00. Volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up are welcome. We ask that you indicate your willingness to help when signing up.

Family Service and Easter Egg Coloring



Saturday, April 3

**10:00 a.m.—Family Service in the Sanctuary
10:15-11:15 a.m.—Egg Coloring in the Assembly
Hall**

This is an event for all ages. Children will gather at 10:00 a.m. for a brief family service to begin the morning. Eggs and dye will be provided. The eggs the children color will be hidden for the Easter Egg Hunt on the lawns following the 11:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Egg coloring is a very popular event! Please sign up in the Mellin-Macnab lobby so that we will know how many children to expect and will be sure to have enough materials for everyone.

Volunteers are needed to help set up & clean up – please contact Heide Valero at thevaleros@yahoo.com or (917) 297-2221 if you can help.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

**Communion Service at 8:00 a.m.
Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

Childcare is provided at both of these services.

No Church School on April 4 for children over 4 years of age.

All children 5 years old and up go to church with their parents and remain with them for the duration of the service.

Easter Program during Services for 3- and 4-Year-Olds

Children 3-4 will have a special Easter program which will begin after the "Children's Prayer" at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services. Sessions will be led by church school teachers. Parents may pick up their children after the service.

Easter Egg Hunt on the North Lawn
(weather permitting) at 12:45 p.m.**

Children of early elementary age and younger are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring a basket for your child. Parents are asked to talk with their children ahead of time about finding only FOUR eggs each, so that we can be sure each child gets a chance to find eggs. Any older children in 2nd grade or above who would like to help hide the eggs should meet in the Church House lobby at 10:15 a.m.

*(**Please note that the Easter Egg Hunt takes place after the 11:30 a.m. Service ONLY.)*

A Month of Sundays

April Worship at FPC

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Maundy Thursday

Garden Meditation for Youth and Families 5:30 p.m.

Led by the Rev. Barbara E. Davis and Emily Scott

Service 7:00 p.m.

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah S. McCaslin preaching

Sacrament: Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Good Friday

Service 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Music: "The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Anthems of the Cross

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Service 8:00 a.m.

Sermon: The Rev. Barbara E. Davis preaching

Sacrament: Communion

Festival Worship 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Music: Festival Music for Choir, Brass and Organ

Prelude begins 15 minutes before the service

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Second Sunday of Easter

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah S. McCaslin preaching

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Sacrament: Baptism

Children & Youth Sing in Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Children & Youth Sing in Worship

Minute for Mission: Church School Teachers

3rd & 4th Graders Communion Program

DEADLINE FOR MAY 2010

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