

WORSHIP AT FIRST
LORD'S DAY
OCTOBER 15, 2017
MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

HERE I STAND
"Gospel AND Law"
Galatians 3:15 - 25
Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Children's Sermon(8:30):
"No Entry" - Why Not?

The Sacrament of Baptism(11:15)



EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 p.m.

2 SAMUEL
"Miracle People"
2 Samuel 7:23-24
Dr. D. Ralph Davis

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



FIRST THINGS

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A Psalm (or Two) a Day Keeps the Devil Away

Our dear friend, Dr. Bob Godfrey (he was one of our Thornwell speakers earlier this summer), is returning next week to speak at the sixth annual B. B. Warfield Lectures, hosted jointly by Erskine Theological Seminary (Columbia) and First Presbyterian Church. He will give three lectures on the Psalms, the first on Wednesday evening (October 18) at Centerpoint, and the other two on Thursday (October 19) at 11:45 a.m. and 6:00 pm respectively (see details below).

The Psalms were crucial to the Reformation. Congregations who had remained clueless and dumb during the medieval period as choirs sang in Latin (few people understood any Latin other than the opening words of the Lord's Prayer) were now encouraged to sing the Psalms in their own tongue. Calvin, for example, hired Clement Marot to compose suitable tunes to the newly translated French Psalms in Strasbourg and Geneva.

As I write these lines (in a hotel room in São Paulo, Brazil), I am about to speak on the significance of Psalm 46 at the very outset of the Reformation. It became Luther's favorite psalm upon which he based the hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*. It is said that whenever he grew anxious by the opposition to the Reformation, he would encourage his friend, Philip Melancthon, with the words, "Come, let us sing the 46th together!" With its resounding notes of defiance and victory over every opposition, this Psalm was deeply significant to the success of the Reformation.

Few have done more studies in the history of The Psalms in worship than Dr. Godfrey. I have personally heard him address the issue many times, and I am eager to hear him again. After all, we are, as a denomination, an inclusive Psalm-singing church. Calvin wrote in his commentary on the Psalms that they contain "all the parts of the soul." He meant that there are psalms that address every mood, every occasion: happiness and sorrow, success and loss, forgiveness and cries for revenge. It is one of the endearing aspects of the Psalms that they "sing the blues." Miserable Christians need something to sing other than something upbeat when doing so might appear disingenuous. When we are "down in the dumps", only a down in the dumps Psalm will do.

A fascinating and insightful few days, then, from a leading scholar and friend of our congregation. Please give him a warm South Carolinian welcome. As he reminded us this past summer, he "came into being" in Columbia!

The details:

Sixth Annual B.B. Warfield Lectures
presented by Erskine Theological Seminary
and First Presbyterian Church of Columbia
With Dr. W. Robert Godfrey on *The Psalms and Christian Experience*

Wednesday, October 18

6:15 p.m. in Jackson Hall

"How the Psalms Sanctify Us" followed by Q&A
Note: dinner is available beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19

11:45 a.m. in the Bridge

"The Pastoral Use of the Psalms"

Lunch will be served.

6:00 p.m. in the Bridge

"Luther and the Psalms"

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

For more information, contact Crystal Tolbert at Erskine Seminary
at (803) 771-6180 or tolbert@erskine.edu.

Wednesdays@First

Wednesday, October 18

DRAGON TALES
"The Archer"

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.
Program begins at 12:15 p.m.
Jackson Hall



BB Warfield Lectures

Wednesday, October 18

THE PSALMS AND CHRISTIAN
EXPERIENCE

"How the Psalms Sanctify Us"

Dr. Robert Godfrey
Jackson Hall

Supper begins at 5:00 p.m.
Program begins at 6:15 p.m.

REFORMATION 500

WITH SPECIAL GUEST DR. SINCLAIR FERGUSON

OCTOBER 25

WED@FIRST
"The Battle of All Battles"

CENTERPOINT
"The Continuing Importance of the Reformation"

OCTOBER 27

REFORMATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fort Jackson Golf Club
Space is limited

Contact Jimmy Easterby for more info.

OCTOBER 29

MORNING WORSHIP
"A Reformation Text"

EVENING WORSHIP
"Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn

The Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church,
The USC School of Music Chorus, The Chamber Orchestra



WITH SPECIAL GUEST
DR. SINCLAIR FERGUSON

Family, Church, and Public Roles:

How the Reformation Changed Life for Women

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

THE BRIDGE ROOM 125

7:00 PM


APPETIZERS 6:30 PM AT THE COFFEE SHOP

with **Rebecca Vandoodewaard**
author of *Reformation Women*

For more information, contact Emily Woodard at 799-9062,
Ext. 242, or ewoodard@firstprescolumbia.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
presents

Elijah
FELIX MENDELSSOHN BARTHOLDY



OCT 29
6PM

PRESENTED BY
THE CHANCEL CHOIR
THE USC UNIVERSITY CHORUS
SOLOISTS AND ORCHESTRA
DR. DANIEL B. COLE, DIRECTOR

CELEBRATING
500TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE REFORMATION

The Sixth Annual

B.B. WARFIELD Lectures

THE PSALMS AND CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Dr. W. Robert Godfrey



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

How the Psalms Sanctify Us

5:15 p.m. Supper (\$5)

Jackson Hall, FPC

6:15 p.m. Lecture Event ends at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Pastoral Use of the Psalms

11:45 a.m. Free lunch provided

The Bridge, Room 125

11:50 a.m. Lecture

12:10 p.m. Q & A Event ends at 12:50 p.m.



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and First Presbyterian Church
Columbia, SC

Luther and the Psalms

5:15 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres
The Bridge, Room 125

6:00 p.m. Lecture

7:00 p.m. Q & A Event ends at 7:30 p.m.

A New Mission House



The church has just taken possession of a house gifted to the church for the purpose of being a second home for missionaries. It is located just

around the corner from the current home and will increase our ability as a church to serve our missionaries.

There will be a Skeet Shoot on **Saturday, November 4**, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the home of Bill and Donna Resseguie, 659 Wood Branch Lane, Ridgeway 29130. There is no cost, but a collection will be taken that will go toward the "freshening up" of the house. Come enjoy the fellowship, food, shooting, and updates on how the FPC mission homes serve our missionaries.

To RSVP – or for more information, contact Bill Resseguie at (803) 665-9083 or globexnet1@aol.com.

Reformation Golf Tournament



At Ft. Jackson
on Friday, October 27
Open to Ladies & Men

Schedule:

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

12:00 p.m. - Testimony by
Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

12:30 p.m. - Captain's Choice golf

To register, visit
firstprescolumbia.org/rm-golf.

Questions? Contact Jimmy Easterby at
jeasterby@firstprescolumbia.org
or 799-9062, Ext. 255.

Sermon Audio

Sermon CDs are prepared each Sunday morning after the 8:30 a.m. service and placed in the Narthex of the Sanctuary after Sunday School for pick-up. Sermons and some lectures are placed on the church website to be heard on your electronic device or downloaded at www.firstprescolumbia.org/sermons.

FPC Church App

Our new First Presbyterian Church App has gone live. You can now download the free app from the App Store for your Apple, Android, and tablet devices by searching "fpc cola." There you will find the church calendar, live streaming, ways to give, and more. Please let us know what you think.

Pledging

Pledges for the 2018 budget are still being received. The pledge cards can be placed in the Sunday collection, dropped off at the church office, made on-line or through the church app.

New Inquirers Class

A new seven-week Inquirers Class will begin **Sunday, October 22**, for those wanting to find out more about First Presbyterian Church or desiring to join. The class meets during the Sunday School hour (10:00 - 10:50 a.m.) in the Small Dining Room of Jackson Hall. For more information, contact Josh Squires at 799-9062, Ext. 501, or jsquires@firstprescolumbia.org.



Middle School Fall Retreat

November 3-5, 2017

Bonclarken

Cost: \$60.00

Deadline to register: Sunday, October 15.

Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to:

Sandy Mills on the death of her step-mother, Winnie Mills, on October 7.

Items for Church Family?

Contact Lisa Eargle at 799-9062, Ext. 244, or leargle@firstprescolumbia.org.

You are invited to a Special Needs Training!

Join us on **Saturday, November 4**, at 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Small Dining Room for a light breakfast. Ann Brice, who is the director and co-founder of Camp Joy, will share information on how to reach out to our special needs students and families. There will also be a question and answer time. Learn how you can better serve the special needs families in our congregation.

For reservations, contact Hannah Lampman at hlampman@firstprescolumbia.org or 799-9062, Ext. 237



A Ministry for
Singles 50 and
over

Encouragers Fall Luncheon at Top of Carolina Restaurant

Friday, October 27, at 12 noon

Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Your payment of \$10.00 is your reservation. Once received, you will be registered. Firm deadline from Top of Carolina: Wednesday, October 18

Please make check payable to: First Presbyterian Church and mail to 1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC 29201, ATTN: Lisa Eargle or drop off to Lisa at the church.

Also, please note that the Nov. 4th trip to Camden has been cancelled.

Sunday School Nursery Volunteers

Do you love holding babies? We have lots of new babies being born, and we need extra pairs of hands to hold them. We are looking for volunteers who can commit to helping once a month in our baby rooms during the Sunday School hour.

For more information, contact Beth Grider at bgrider@firstprescolumbia.org or 799-9062, Ext 233.



Christian Youth Basketball League Registration

Registration for Christian Youth Basketball League will continue until **Monday, October 16**. At that time, we will begin the process of assembling teams and developing practice schedules.

Sign up online at firstprescolumbia.org/rm-basketball.

For questions, contact Jimmy Easterby at 799-9062, Ext. 255, or jeasterby@firstprescolumbia.org.

Operation Christmas Child

**Shoebox Collection Week is right around the corner,
and we can't do it without your help!**

November 13 - 19

Please pick up, fill, and return your shoeboxes to the Atrium display or Palmer Security Office by **Sunday, November 12**.

If you would prefer to donate toward shipping costs for the boxes (\$9.00 per box), please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church, noting OCC on the memo line.

In Memoriam

MARGO LAW

NOVEMBER 14, 1949 - OCTOBER 4, 2017

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, October 15

- College Women's Retreat - Off-site
- College Men's Retreat - Off-site
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service* - Sanctuary**
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages* - Church Campus
- 10:00 a.m. Inquirers Class - Small Dining Room
- 10:00 a.m. Officer Training - BR201
- 10:50 a.m. Fellowship - Jackson Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service* - Sanctuary**
- 4:00 p.m. Laurel Crest Service - Laurel Crest**
- 4:30 p.m. Cate Memorial Handbell Choir Rehearsal - P107
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group - Family Life Center
- 5:00 p.m. Church-Wide Prayer* - Frank C. Hill World Mission Center
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service* - Sanctuary**
- 6:15 p.m. Cherub Choir - T103/T107
- 6:15 p.m. Club (1st - 5th grades) - T213
- 7:15 p.m. Sunday Supper - Jackson Hall
- 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group - BR001
- 7:15 p.m. Missionary Presentation
- Frank C. Hill World Mission Center

Monday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P107
- 5:15 p.m. Care Team Meeting - BR327
- 5:30 p.m. Session Meeting - P402
- 5:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls Leaders Team Meeting
- BR201

Tuesday, October 17

- 7:30 a.m. College Prayer - BR125
- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - P402A
- 8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - BR001
- 9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR201
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (Ages 40 & up) - Family Life Center

Wednesday, October 18

- 7:00 a.m. *Greet the Dawn* Bible Study - BR201
- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study* - T301
- 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays@First - Jackson Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Primary & Junior Choir Rehearsal - T201/T207
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Chorus Rehearsal - P110
- 5:00 p.m. Centerpoint Dinner - Jackson Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - P110
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Bible Study - T205/T209
- 6:00 p.m. High School Bible Study - BR001
- 6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Nursery (Birth-3 years) - T108/T209/T112
- 6:15 p.m. BB Warfield Lectures - Jackson Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Catechism Club - T102/T103/T107
- 6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Mission Club - T203
- 6:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal - P200

Thursday, October 19

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study Fellowship - Happy Café
- 7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship Bible Study - Blue Marlin - Vista Room
- 8:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Committee - Ministry House
- 11:30 a.m. BB Warfield Lectures - BR125
- 5:00 p.m. BB Warfield Lectures - BR125
- 5:30 p.m. Young Men's Basketball (Ages 18 & up) - Family Life Center
- 5:30 p.m. Associate Minister of Pastoral Care Search Committee - BR327
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - BR201
- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Training & Fellowship
- Frank C. Hill World Mission Center

Friday, October 20

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 2920 Gervais St
- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center

Saturday, October 21

*Childcare is available from birth to four years.

If, at any time, you have an emergency, please call 513-7931 to contact a pastor.