

WORSHIP AT FIRST  
LORD'S DAY  
MAY 21, 2017  
MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

HEAVEN: WHAT CAN CHRISTIANS  
EXPECT?

"Packed Suitcases"

Philippians 1:19-30

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Children's Sermon

"Ready or Not Ready?"

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)



EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.

FACING COVENANT DISASTER

"Let Us Try to Pray Again"

Lamentations 5

Dr. D. Ralph Davis

Children's Sermon

"The More, the Merrier"

Children's Catechism #116

Q. *What is the second petition?*

A. The second petition is "*Thy kingdom come.*"

Children's Catechism #117

Q. What does it mean to pray, "*Thy kingdom come*"?

A. *We are asking God to bring more and more people to hear, believe, and obey his gospel.*

### **Wednesdays@First**

Wednesday, May 24

I AM "The WAY, The TRUTH, and  
The LIFE"

Rev. Neal Mathias

*Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.*

*Program begins at 12:15 p.m.*

*Jackson Hall*



**Centerpoint**

Wednesday, May 24

PSALMS OF ASCENTS

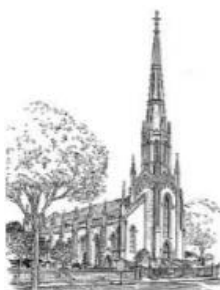
Psalm 122

Rev. Josh Squires

*Supper begins at 5:00 p.m.*

*Program begins at 6:15 p.m.*

*Jackson Hall*



# FIRST THINGS

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Worship Service - Broadcast WISW 1320 AM at 11:00 a.m.

## Going Forth for Jesus

One short-term mission team has just returned while several others are getting ready to be sent off from our midst. Late this past Saturday, May 13, our medical team returned from a week in Haiti. Team member Laurie Price had these reflections on the trip –

The team of 19 send our thanks for your support and prayers while we were in Haiti. The Lord answered our prayers as the team members contributed their unique gifts to the success of this trip. The medical core of the group consisted of six physicians and four nurses. Each of our doctors was assisted by a young Haitian physician/translator, giving our doctors the opportunity to model ways to include their faith in patient treatment as well as mentor these younger physicians.

For 4 days, the Valley of Hope Church (led by Pastor Maxeau) was converted into a medical clinic with various stations: triage, lab, optical, and pharmacy. On Friday, the group traveled up Cha Cha Mountain to run the clinic at the beautiful church on the top of the mountain. During the 5 days, more than 620 people were seen and treated by the doctors. Also, 130 pairs of eyeglasses were distributed.

It was a joy to witness the doctors and staff praying with the Haitian patients after they were seen. The Sports Ministry used soccer to draw in teenage boys and shared their faith, emphasizing good sportsmanship and being a good man within the family and the community. Younger children also played soccer, received jump ropes, and heard the Gospel through sharing the Wordless Book in the classrooms of the school located at the church. For 5 days of clinic, you could see the team along with the 12 Haitian translators share their love for Christ and for his people in Haiti!

The next team to go will be the Vickery family – Kevin, Ashlee, Blythe, McKenzie, and Grace. Earlier this year, our missionary, Jeff King, called wondering if we might have a team of about five who could come to run a "VBS-like program" as a year-end retreat for 40 children at the International/Missionary School where he teaches. The Vickery family is the "perfect" five-member team to meet this ministry need. They leave on Thursday, May 25, and will head to an area just outside Madrid, Spain.

On June 14, a team of 18 from our music ministry leave on a mission to Europe. The first part of the trip will be spent in Warsaw, Poland, with the ministry of Dariusz and Brooke Bryćko. They will help with a conference on Reformed Worship to be held at the Reformation Study Center. Additionally, they will have a community-wide concert at a church. The second half of the music mission trip will be just outside Paris, France, with Paul and Missy Robelot. Three concerts are scheduled.

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## Pursuit of Godliness 2017 Summer Series for Women

Please make plans to join us this summer as we gather to share a meal and hear testimonies from some of our own ladies. Hearing the story of how Christ has worked in another person's life can be so encouraging to our own walk with the Lord. These special meals are ideal occasions to bring a neighbor or friend with whom you'd like to share our church and fellowship.

This year we'll have two luncheons and one dinner together. I hope you'll mark your calendars and be present at all three!

**Tuesday, June 6, 12:00 p.m.** - Luncheon

Speaker: Ellen Weaver

Luncheon and childcare **reservations due Thursday, June 1**

**Tuesday, July 11, \*6:00 p.m.\*** - Dinner

Speaker: Ann Forrest Bowers

Dinner **reservations due Thursday, July 6** (no childcare available)

**Tuesday, August 8, 12:00 p.m.** - Luncheon

Speaker: Leona Query

Luncheon and childcare **reservations due Thursday, August 3**

All meals are \$7.00 and will be served in Jackson Hall. Reservations can be made by calling the church reservation line, 799-9062, Ext. 295, or by emailing Emily Woodard at ewoodard@firstprescolumbia.org.

Childcare for infants through 5th grade is available by reservation to Beth Grider at 799-9062, Ext. 233, or bgrider@firstprescolumbia.org.



## Concert for Poland and France

**Thursday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Sanctuary

The Music Ministry mission team to Poland and France will present choral and instrumental settings of Psalms and hymns in the Reformed tradition. This concert is a preview of the music they will perform in Warsaw and Paris.

An offering will be collected in support of the trip.

*(Going Forth for Jesus - continued from cover.)*

Pray that this mission will encourage the missionaries as well as their ministries.

The next team will be a group of eight (six FPC members and two from Grace Presbyterian) bound for Toledo, Spain – leaving on Saturday, June 24. In Toledo, they will lead an English Camp in conjunction with the church planting effort of Mark and Natalie Witte. Pray for the establishment of meaningful relationships with people from the community – relationships that might bear gospel fruit.

The final trip of the summer will be a college team lead by David Henderson and Hannah Stevenson. The goal of their mission will be outreach ministry in both Barry and Cardiff, Wales. There they will come alongside World Witness missionaries, Drew and Laura Goodman, and Pastor Mark Johnston and his wife, Fiona.

It's exciting to see all these First Presbyterian folks engaging in ministry, but it's also important to remember that we have a significant role to play in the "success" of these missions. Our role is to pray for these individuals as they go. May we be found faithful in doing so.

*Neal Mathias*  
Executive Minister

## Staff Notes

We welcomed this week two new staff members. Barbara Diller has been hired as the Congregational Nurse. She comes to the position with many years of experience in the field of nursing along with a love for our congregation and its people, having been a member, along with her husband, Scott, for 31 years.

Also, beginning this week in a part-time administrative position, is Janice Edwards. Among other things, she will be assisting the Recreation Ministry and the Inquirers Class. She and her husband, David, have been members of First Presbyterian Church for 24 years.

## Baccalaureate Sunday May 2017 - Additions

Thomas McClure Brewer - Bachelor of Science in  
Accounting - *University of South Carolina*  
Caroline Gardiner Richards - Bachelor of Science in  
Psychology - *Wofford College*

## Summer Basketball Camp

2017 Summer Basketball Camp Registration  
begins **Thursday, June 1**.

Details to follow for online registration.

**Camp dates: Monday, July 31, to Thursday, August 3.**

Session I - Girls:

Rising 1st - Rising 8th grade 9:00 a.m. until noon

Session II - Boys:

Rising 1st - Rising 8th grade 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Jimmy Easterby at  
jeasterby@firstprescolumbia.org or call 543-9456.

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## Women of the Church 2016 - 2017 Annual Award Recipients

Congratulations and our most sincere thanks to our recipients for their service to the WOC and to First Presbyterian Church.

The following awards were presented at Salad Day, May 16:

### Love Gifts:

Laura Foster  
Barbara Graves  
Bobbie Lackey  
Marla Strickland

### Partners in Ministry:

Wilson Farrell  
Lee Hess  
Rhoda Paschal

### Honorary Life Membership:

Laurie Cannon  
Emily Metzger

### Memorials:

Frank C. Hill  
Bonnie O'Connor

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## Centerpoint Kids Summer Program

Throughout the summer, we will have Centerpoint Kids activities for K4-5<sup>th</sup> grade as well as nursery for birth through three years-old.

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## VBS Snack Donations

Help us stock our VBS Snack Factory! List of snack supplies needed can be found at the VBS table in the Atrium.

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## Sunday Night Children's Programs - Summer Break

Cherub choir and Sunday Night Kids club will return at the beginning of the next school year.

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## Church Family

### Congratulations to:

Mary and Mac McFadden on the birth of their grandson, Harry Cooper Wilson III, on Thursday, May 11. Proud parents are MaryMac and Cooper Wilson.

### Christian sympathy is extended to:

Fran and Dean Dadisman on the death of his sister, Anne Collier, on Thursday, May 11.

Pauline Brescko on the death of her brother, Paul Varga on Tuesday, May 16.

### Items for Church Family?

Contact Lisa Eargle at 799-9062, Ext. 244, or [leargle@firstprescolumbia.org](mailto:leargle@firstprescolumbia.org).

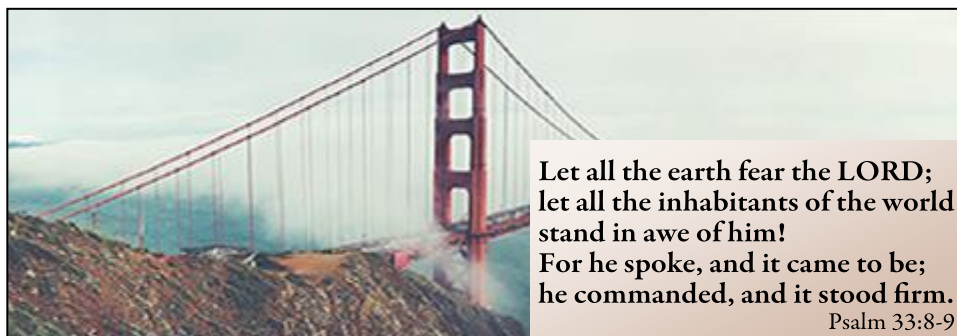
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*The Women of the First Presbyterian Church  
invite the congregation  
to a reception honoring  
the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Mark Ian McDowell  
Sunday, June 18, 2017  
immediately following the evening worship service  
Jackson Hall.*

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting to take place on **Sunday, May 28**, to elect members of an Associate Minister for Discipleship Search Committee and any other business. The meeting will begin immediately following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. After members of First Presbyterian Church who attend that service have had an opportunity to vote, the meeting will recess until 12:30 p.m., when those who attend the 11:15 a.m. service will be able to vote.

The nominees for the Associate Minister for Discipleship Search Committee are: Joe Walker (Chair), Jim Turner, Charlie Cate, Robby Woodard, Dan D'Alberto, Sarah Henderson, and Mandy Martin.



Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world  
stand in awe of him!  
For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Psalm 33:8-9

## Summer Youth Conferences Late Registration

### Quest Conference

June 12-17  
Grades 6th - 8th

### Horizon Conference

June 19-24  
Grades 9th - 12th



Late registration cost: \$300.00 - as room is available  
non-refundable \$50.00 deposit

Register online at [firstprescolumbia.org/youthregistration](http://firstprescolumbia.org/youthregistration).

2017 THORNWELL LECTURES  
**STILL REFORMING**  
THE REFORMATION AT 500  
Begins June 6, 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center  
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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### Sunday, May 21

- 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
- 10:50 a.m. Fellowship - Jackson Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service\* - Sanctuary**
- 4:00 p.m. Laurel Crest Service - Laurel Crest**
- 4:00 p.m. Church Picnic - Atrium
- 4:30 p.m. Cate Memorial Handbell Choir Rehearsal - P107
- 5:00 p.m. Church-Wide Prayer\* - T301
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service\* - Sanctuary**

### Monday, May 22

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P107

### Tuesday, May 23

- 6:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study - 34 Foot Point Road
- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - BR327
- 8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - BR201
- 9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR201
- 5:30 p.m. Congregational Outreach Committee - P102
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (Ages 40 & up) - Family Life Center

### Wednesday, May 24

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays@First\* - Jackson Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Centerpoint Dinner - Jackson Hall

- 6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Nursery (Birth-3 years) - T108/T109/T112
- 6:00 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Chamber Choir Rehearsal - P110
- 6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Kids - Thornwell
- 6:15 p.m. Centerpoint - Jackson Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Small Groups - Thornwell, 3rd floor
- 6:50 p.m. Centerpoint Prayer - Jackson Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Trip Ensemble Rehearsal - P110

### Thursday, May 25

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship Bible Study - Blue Marlin in the Vista
- 7:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Committee - P301
- 5:30 p.m. Young Men's Basketball (Ages 18 & up) - Family Life Center

### Friday, May 26

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

### Saturday, May 27

*\*Childcare is available from birth to four years.*

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