

WORSHIP AT FIRST
LORD'S DAY
MAY 28, 2017
MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

HEAVEN: WHAT CAN CHRISTIANS
EXPECT?

"Falling Asleep"

II Corinthians 5:1-4

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Children's Sermon

"Waking Up in Heaven"

Introduction of New Members (11:15)



EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.

TEN TWISTED TALES

"Mega-Parable: Keep Your Eyes
on Your Ears"

Luke 8:1-21

Dr. D. Ralph Davis

Children's Sermon

Children's Catechism #118

Q. *What is the third petition?*

A. The third petition is "Thy will be
done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Children's Catechism #119

Q. *What does it mean to pray, "Thy
will be done in earth, as it is in
heaven"?*

A. We are asking God to make us
able and willing to serve him on
earth as just as he is served in
heaven.

Wednesdays@First

Wednesday, May 31

I AM "The TRUE VINE"

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

Program begins at 12:15 p.m.

Jackson Hall



Centerpoint

Wednesday, May 31

PSALMS OF ASCENTS

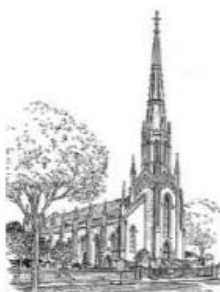
Psalm 123

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.

What has Wittenberg to do with Columbia?

This summer our collective memory will be focused on the distant past, on the consequences of Martin Luther's defining action when he nailed the 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Saxony.

How we remember history helps us to live faithfully in the present, or, as Soren Kierkegaard once put it, "Life must be lived forwards but can only be understood backwards." What we're trying to achieve this summer in our lecture series is an attempt to understand our history as Protestants of the Reformation tradition, with the idea being that the events that took place in the sixteenth century still exert an influence in our lives today. To reflect on our past is to resource our present. When we ignore our past, we can end up developing amnesia and, as a result, falling prey to a variety of challenges that the Church has already tackled.

As we commemorate the past, we want to ensure that we do not approach the Reformation as visitors to a museum might approach an historical artifact; that is, observing a relic of a history that has long since passed, and in many respects, been forgotten. When history is treated this way, it can vex the church in the form of *traditionalism*. On this point, Jaroslav Pelikan has helpfully offered a proper distinction to help us understand how we ought to view the past: "Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living." He teases out this distinction a little more, explaining, "Tradition lives in conversation with the past, while remembering where we are and when we are and that it is we who have to decide. Traditionalism supposes that nothing should ever be done for the first time, so all that is needed to solve any problem is to arrive at the supposedly unanimous testimony of this homogenized tradition." Tradition is healthy and instructive for the church today when it directs our hearts and minds to the Word of God. A church without a biblically-informed tradition is a church without a memory, and a church without a memory is a church without stability, dependence, and humility.

How then do we remember the Reformation rightly? Part of succeeding at this task is to hold theology and ethics closely together. When we look to the reformers only in their role as theologians, separating their theology from their ethics, we fail to remember rightly. This perspective, one of our guest speakers tells us, "rightly recognizes the reformers as great heroes of the faith but fails to discern their prophetic role and their revolutionary impact on society." It's for this reason that our speakers have been asked to provide a fuller picture of the achievements of the Reformation, treating topics that explore how the Reformation has affected church life internally, namely, its structure and role, what pastoral care looks like, the way we worship. Yet, many of our speakers are also looking at how the living legacy of the Reformation helps us view politics, sexuality, and our cultural involvement in a biblically faithful way.

So, what does Wittenberg have to do with Columbia? I'd say, an awful lot, but to find out more, you'll need to come to our lectures to see exactly how! We are thrilled to have a wonderful group of guest speakers with us this summer. We warmly invite you all to be with us and to be encouraged, educated and challenged. For more details, see the schedule inside.

Dr. Mark McDowell

Minister of Young Adults & Christian Education

2017 THORNWELL LECTURES
STILL REFORMING
 THE REFORMATION AT 500
 Begins June 4, 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center

- Jun 4 Bruce Gordon - *From Wittenberg to the Global Church: The Changing Face of the Reformation*
- Jun 11 Ryan Reeves - *What Luther has to say to Evangelicals: When the Cross Encounters a Therapeutic Culture*
- Jun 18 Sam Allberry - *Sex, Self, and the Reformation*
- Jun 25 W. Robert Godfrey - *The Church Imperative*
- Jul 2 Vincent Bacote - *The Lord of All? The Reformation of Politics*
- Jul 9 Mark Ross - *Post Tenebras Lux: Shepherds After God's Own Heart*
- Jul 16 William Edgar - *How Does the Reformation Help Us Relate to Culture?*
- Jul 23 Jonny Gibson - *Reformation Worship: Why We Do What We Do in Church*
- Jul 30 Michael A.G. Haykin - *Women of the Reformation*
- Aug 6 Brian Habig - *The Failure of the Reformation*
- Aug 13 Timothy George - *The Future of the Reformation*

**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.

Ten Twisted Tales

New Sunday Evening Series with Dr. D. Ralph Davis

- May 28 Luke 18:1-21 *Mega-parable: Keep Your Eyes on Your Ears*
- Jun 4 Luke 10:25-37 *The Good Samaritan Is Bad News*
- Jul 2 Luke 11:5-13 *A Lesson in the School of Prayer*
- Jul 30 Luke 12:13-26 *Fools, Rich and Poor*
- Aug 6 Luke 14:15-24 *The Problem with Having Preacher for Dinner*
- Aug 13 Luke 16:1-15 *Slick, the Sly Steward*
- Aug 20 Luke 16:19-31 *Just a Little Talk with Abraham*
- Aug 27 Luke 18:1-8 *Prayer's Day in Court*
- Sep 3 Luke 18:9-14 *The Presbyterian and the Publican*
- Sep 10 Luke 19:11-27 *Hunkering Down for the Long Haul*

Summer Basketball Camp

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

Sign up online at firstprescolumbia.org/rm-basketball

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.



A Ministry for
 Singles 50 and over

Encouragers' Breakfast

Saturday, June 3, Small Dining Room at 9:00 a.m.

Cost is \$5.00.

Please make reservations by **Wednesday, May 31**, by calling the Encouragers' reservation line, 799-9062, Ext. 455, or by emailing Lisa Eargle, leargle@firstprescolumbia.org.

2016-2017
CONCERT SERIES

CONCERT FOR POLAND AND FRANCE
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017, 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, A PREVIEW OF THE MUSIC THEY WILL PERFORM IN WARSAW AND PARIS, WILL FEATURE 16TH CENTURY PSALMS, GERMAN CHORALE SETTINGS, HYMNS FROM THE AMERICAN SHAPE-NOTE TRADITION, AND MODERN HYMN ARRANGEMENTS.

FREE ADMISSION

AN OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED IN SUPPORT OF THE TRIP

THE
MUSIC MINISTRY
 of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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.



VBS is right around the corner and we need your help. Come help us turn our church into a Maker Fun Factory.

Decorating Dates:

Wednesday, May 31 from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 1 at 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 6 at 1:00 - 3:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 8 at 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 11 at 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

If you are able to help, please contact Hannah Lampman at 799-9062, Ext 237, or hlampman@firstprescolumbia.org.

We still need Snack Donations!

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

Church Family

Congratulations to:

Ann and Chapman Revercomb on the birth of their son, Randolph Chapman Revercomb III, on Tuesday, May 23. Proud grandparents are Mason and Bruce Williams.

Items for Church Family?

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

*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.*



Pursuit of Godliness 2017 Series

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

Speaker: Ellen Weaver

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

Please join us this summer as we gather to share a meal and hear testimonies from some of our own ladies. All meals are \$7.00 and will be served in Jackson Hall. Make your reservation online at firstprescolumbia.org/wom-introduction, by calling the church reservation line, 799-9062, Ext. 295, or email 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.

Summer Bible Study for Women!

*None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different From Us
(and why that's a good thing)* by Jen Wilkin

Ladies, join us as we "consider the majesty of a limitless God." For six weeks this summer, we'll meet together and study (some of) the attributes of God. Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. beginning June 22 and running through July 27 on the second floor of The Bridge. We'll look at two different attributes each session so join us when you can and don't worry about missing a week if you're out of town!

Questions? Email Emily Woodard at ewoodard@firstprescolumbia.org or call the church office 799-9062, Ext 242.

Summer Interns

Youth Ministry Interns - This year three college students are with us lending their gifts, energy, and talents to ministry with and through our youth. The three are:

- ◆ Hunter Covington is a currently a student at Erskine College majoring in Bible and Religion, and he is from Rock Hill, SC.
- ◆ Billy Pierce is a student at the University of South Carolina, majoring in Exercise Science. He is originally from Spartanburg, SC.
- ◆ Liz Cooper attends The University of South Carolina and is majoring in Business. She is from Charlotte, NC.

College Ministry and Local Outreach Intern - Alana Tyler is interning jointly with the College Ministry and Local Outreach this summer. Alana is a student at the University of South Carolina, majoring in Public Relations. She is from Florence, SC.

Alana, Billy, and Liz are heavily involved in our College Ministry and will be traveling to Wales on the College Mission Trip in July.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, May 28

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service* - Sanctuary**
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages* - Church Campus
- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Church-Wide Prayer* - T301
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service* - Sanctuary**
- 7:15 p.m. Sunday Supper - Jackson Hall

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day Holiday

Church office closed

Tuesday, May 30

- 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 - BR001
- 9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR001
- 5:30 p.m. CE: Adult Education Committee - BR201
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (Ages 40 & up) - Family Life Center

Wednesday, May 31

- 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 - Jackson Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Kids - Thornwell
- 6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Small Groups - Thornwell, 3rd floor
- 6:30 p.m. Mission Trip Ensemble Rehearsal - P110
- 6:50 p.m. Centerpoint Prayer - Jackson Hall

Thursday, June 1

- 7:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Committee - P301
- 5:30 p.m. Young Men's Basketball (Ages 18 & up) - Family Life Center

Friday, June 2

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center

Saturday, June 3

- 9:00 a.m. Encouragers' Breakfast - Small Dining Room
- 2:00 p.m. World Witness Missionary Visit - The Bridge Coffee Shop

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

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