

WORSHIP AT FIRST
LORD'S DAY
JANUARY 28, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:15 a.m.
INSIDE OUT
"Is Wisdom Always Wise?"
Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Children's Sermon (8:30):
"Treasure Chest - But What Kind of
Treasure?"

Sacrament of Baptism &
Introduction of New Members
(11:15)

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 p.m.
"Stinky Diplomacy"
II Samuel 10:1-19
Dr. D. Ralph Davis

Children's Sermon:
"Purpose Driven Life"

Children's Catechism #3:
Q. *Why did God make you and all
things?*
A. For His own glory.

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST
Wednesday, January 31

A PSALM A DAY KEEPS THE DEVIL AWAY:
MY FAVORITE PSALMS AND WHY
"The REFORMATION Psalm"
Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

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

CENTERPOINT
Wednesday, January 31
Prayer 101:
"Difficulties in Prayer"
Rev. Josh Squires
Jackson Hall

*Supper begins at 5:15 p.m.
Meeting begins at 6:15 p.m.*



FIRST THINGS

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Worship Service - Broadcast WISW 1320 AM at 11:00 a.m.

Local Missions

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus told His followers,

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Five blocks south of First Presbyterian, there are thousands of college students in desperate need of the Gospel. According to the SC Interagency Council of Homelessness in January of 2017, there were over 500 people classified as homeless in Richland County alone. The US Census Bureau states that in the last census, almost 17% of all individuals in Richland County live on a household income of less than \$25,000 annually. There is no doubt our city is in much need of the light of Christ.

Thankfully, there are organizations dedicated to helping shine this light. Campus Crusade for Christ, Campus Outreach, and Reformed University Fellowship are three ministries that spend time reaching out to college students on campuses, mentoring and sharing the Gospel. Bethany Christian Services, Daybreak Ministries, and A Moment of Hope work to give hope to the hopeless and show how Jesus can restore even the worst of situations. Through the Local Missions Committee, First Presbyterian supports twenty-one different ministries that meet a variety of needs in our city.

First Presbyterian is incredibly blessed with a large amount of resources, and we are fortunate to have the ability to share those resources with these organizations. But more than financial resources, these ministries are in need of our time and our service. Do you like to tutor? Ezekiel Ministries, is an after-school Christian program for impoverished children and is in need of men and women to help with reading and math. What about working with children with mental illness? William S. Hall Children's Psychiatric Unit is in desperate search of volunteers to help teach Sunday School on Sunday afternoons. Enjoy baking? Reformed University Fellowship would love a volunteer to bake cookies for them to pass out and meet students on campus.

If these opportunities mentioned above suit your interests or schedule, please don't hesitate to reach out (799-9062, Ext. 544 or at Tyler@firstprescolumbia.org) and ask for more ways you can serve. We regularly receive new volunteer opportunities and are happy to make connections with these ministries on your behalf. Also, check out the outreach page on the church website (firstprescolumbia.org/servelocal) or app.

As we begin 2018, I ask you to think of the city around you, a city desperate for hope, for healing, for the Gospel. Then, consider the fact that the Lord may be calling you to serve one of these organizations, to "let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." That would be a New Year's resolution worth keeping.

Alana Tyler
Local Missions Intern

David Lauten
Pastor of Family Ministries

World Missions Sunday School Class Visits

Mark your calendars for our upcoming guests in the World Missions Sunday School Class (Palmer 100) at 10:00 a.m.:

- January 28** - Ali Mitchell of ARP Connect
- February 4** - Tony Burk
- February 11** - Steve Auld - International Christian Schools
- February 18** - Bruce Williams - Haiti Under God
- February 25** - Barton Swaim - Missionary Biography

Let us know...

If you have moved, changed phone numbers (home, work, or mobile), changed employers, or have a new email address, please let us know so that we can update our records.

This is especially helpful for those members who are on committees, or need to be contacted by the staff from time to time.

Please send your changes by email to Lisa Eargle at leargle@firstprescolumbia.org or call 799-9062, Ext. 244.

Sermons and Messages Online

Visit the church app, SermonAudio.com, or the church website www.firstprescolumbia.org/sermons to listen to sermons and messages online on your electronic devices. Share the website and app with your friends.



New Centerpoint Series

1 Peter 3:15 tells Christians to “honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” In this Centerpoint series, we will explore the main objections that people have to Christianity in our world and how to provide solid, Biblical answers for these objections.

Begins **Wednesday, February 7**, in Jackson Hall

Note the new time schedule:

- Dinner begins 5:00 p.m.
- Centerpoint begins 6:00 p.m.
- Centerpoint & Prayer end at 7:00 p.m.

More information and a short video about the series can be found at: firstprescolumbia.org/centerpoint.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 5

Students will be at the doors of the Sanctuary following each service to collect money that will be distributed to local charities. The challenge is for each person to give at least \$1.00. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with “Souper Bowl” on the memo line. You may also bring canned goods to the Atrium where we will have marked collection boxes.



Jen Wilkin, internationally known speaker and author of *Women of the Word* and *None Like Him*, will be the speaker this year for our annual Women’s Conference. You do not want to miss this event! Invite your friends and make plans now to attend.

Friday, March 2

- 6:00 p.m. Appetizer and Dessert Reception
- 7:00 p.m. Session 1

Saturday, March 3

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Session 2
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. Session 3

Register at firstprescolumbia.org/womensconference.



“Joy, that Near to Me Remains”

Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

An evening of vocal music featuring Brahms’s *Liebeslieder Waltzes* as well as a variety of operatic and sacred works on the themes of love, joy, and wonder.

Soloists are Kristine Biller, Holly Cole, Daniel Cole, and Gary Seydell. Accompanists are Luke Fang, Lenora Jeffcoat, and Thomas Russell. Instrumentalists are Julie Anne Russell, violin; Jenni Arthur, cello; Jason Ortiz, trumpet.

In Memoriam

MARGARET MATTISON WILLIAMS
 SEPTEMBER 17, 1926 - JANUARY 22, 2018



NEXT STEP

Next Step Class

The Next Step Class is offered to young people who, along with their parents, feel they are ready to make a public profession of their faith in Christ and join the church. The class begins **February 7** with a Parent/Student Meeting in the Smith Chapel. The class will take place Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for seven weeks. Those interested in participating should register with Meredith Myers before the start date (mmyers@firstprescolumbia.org or 799-9062, Ext 545).



A Ministry for
Singles 50 and over

Encouragers' Breakfast

Saturday, February 3, at 9:00 a.m.

In the Small Dining Room

Cost: \$5.00

Reservation deadline: Monday, January 29.

PARENTS
NIGHT
OUT

Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 9,
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

We are offering a Parents' Night Out for children who are

birth - 5th grade. Activities and snacks will be provided.

Contact Beth Grider at 799-9062, Ext. 233, or bgrider@firstprescolumbia.org.

Reservation deadline: **Tuesday, February 6**.

Church Family

Congratulations to:

Lauren Pittard and Adam Neely who were married Saturday, January 6.

Addie and Lane Holby on the birth of their son, William Lane Holby, Jr., on Friday, January 19. Grateful grandparents are Barbara and Scott Diller.

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Wally and Bob Milling on the death of his mother, Eleanor Sease Milling, on Tuesday, January 16.

Items for Church Family?

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

Church Library Additions

New books are available for check out in the Church Library located on the second floor of 1400 Lady Street:

- 150 *Depression: The Way Up When You Are Down* by Edward T. Welch
- 222.16 *Law and the Bible: Justice, Mercy, and Legal Institutions* by Robert F. Cochran, Jr., editor
- 225.1 *The Theology of the Apostles: The Development of New Testament Theology* by Adolf Schlatter
- 225.6 *The Greek New Testament* by Dirk Jongkind, Editor, Crossway Publisher
- 231 *Christ and Covenant Theology: Essays on Election, Republication, and the Covenants* by Cornelis P. Venema
- 251 *Some Pastors and Teachers* by Sinclair B. Ferguson, Banner of Truth Publisher



A Moment of Hope Banquet

You are cordially invited to attend the upcoming informational and fundraising banquet for the local outreach ministry of A Moment of Hope on **Thursday, February 8**, in Jackson Hall from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Matt Miller, former senior minister of Greenville ARP and now director of Erskine Theological Seminary's Greenville campus, will serve as emcee for the evening. The keynote address will be given by Rev. Doug Merkey, founder and past president of Churches for Life.

Expect a fabulous meal by Chef Rich, including music by Thomas and Julie Russell and Campbell Johnson. Mark Baumgartner will share how God has been at work saving the lives of the pre-born and offer opportunities for involvement.

There is no cost to attend but an appeal for donations will be made. To register, please contact mark@amoh.org or call 348-1984.



FPC COLLEGE MISSIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, March 5
Cobblestone Park Golf Club
Blythewood

FPC College Missions Golf Tournament

- **Monday, March 5**
- Lunch at 11:00 a.m.
- Shotgun start at 12:00 p.m.
- Cobblestone Park Golf Club, Blythewood

This golf tournament serves as a means to raise financial support for college world missions. This year, the College Ministry is sending 14 people to Wales to serve the local church, encourage Welsh believers, and build partnerships that we hope will last for years to come. We can't do this alone, so we are asking our church body to stand with us prayerfully and financially.

Join us for a round of golf in support of our 2018 College Missions Trip to Wales. Please register at firstprescolumbia.org/collegegolf.

You can support by sponsoring a hole, a driving range, or in registering your foursome. Hats will be given to all participants.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, January 28

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

12:30 p.m. New Member Drop-In - The Bridge Coffee Shop

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 * - Laffitte Parlor

6:00 p.m. Evening Service* - Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Friendship Club - T201/T202

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

11:30 a.m. Wednesdays@First - Jackson Hall

4:00 p.m. Junior & Primary Children's Choir Rehearsal
- T201/T203/T207/T210

5:30 p.m. Centerpoint Dinner - Jackson Hall

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint: Prayer 101 - Jackson Hall

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Nursery - T106/T109/T112

6:00 p.m. College Small Groups - The Bridge

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - P110

6:00 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal - P200

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Youth

- T206/T209/The Bridge Basement

6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Catechism - T102/T103/T107/T214

6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Mission Club - T202

Thursday, February 1

6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Men's Bible Fellowship
- Happy Café

7:15 a.m. Men's Discipleship Bible Study
- Blue Marlin - Vista Room

10:00 a.m. Congregational Care & Nurture Meeting - BR327

6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study - BR201

Friday, February 2

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 2920 Gervais St

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

Saturday, February 3

Monday, January 29

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

12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P107

4:00 p.m. Youth Chorus Rehearsal - P110

Tuesday, January 30

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - P402A

8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - BR201

9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR201

6:00 p.m. WOC Prayer Emphasis Dinner - Jackson Hall

Wednesday, January 31

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*

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

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