

WORSHIP AT FIRST
LORD'S DAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:15 a.m.
INSIDE OUT
"Time"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Children's Sermon (8:30):
"Changing Seasons"



EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.
"Grace That is Greater Than All Our
Sin"

II Samuel 12:1-25
Dr. D. Ralph Davis

Children's Sermon

Children's Catechism #5:
Q. *Why are you to glorify God?*
A. Because he made me and takes
care of me.

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST
Wednesday, February 21

Great Escapes

"In a Basket (Moses)"

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

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



CENTERPOINT
Wednesday, February 21

ALWAYS PREPARED: Answering
Objections to Christianity
"Who is Man?"
Dr. Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

Jackson Hall

Supper begins at 5:00 p.m.
Teaching begins at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST THINGS

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info@firstprescolumbia.org
Worship Service - Broadcast WISW 1320 AM at 11:00 a.m.

A New Creation

The Bible's first record of the spoken words of God is "Let there be light." Where there had been "darkness over the face of the deep," there was now light, and "God saw that the light was good" (Gen.1:2-4). The New Testament writers use the symbolism of the change from darkness to light to describe spiritual truths. Matthew, for example, describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, "the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light" (Matt. 4:16 and Isaiah 9:2). Paul, too, in his defense before King Agrippa includes a statement of the mission given to him by Jesus—he is to go to the Gentiles "to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light..." (Acts 26:18). Understanding that God "commanded the light to shine out of darkness" helps us to comprehend the work He does in our salvation, that he "has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). How, then, might a better understanding of Genesis 1 aid us in applying Paul's words that anyone who is in Christ is "a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17)?

In a few weeks, hundreds of women from our congregation and around the region will gather together to hear author and speaker Jen Wilkin address the topic of "A New Creation." Jen will walk us through Genesis 1 over three sessions, one Friday night and two Saturday morning, asking the question, "What can the familiar creation story teach us about salvation, sanctification, and glorification?" This crucial and foundational text of Scripture has much to say about personal holiness, gender roles, singleness, motherhood, and more. Jen is a gifted teacher and I am excited about the opportunity we have coming up.

At a church like our beloved First Presbyterian where we hear "conference level" teaching every Sunday from our pulpit, one might ask why she should bother going to a conference? (I have, in fact, been asked this very question!) I'd like to offer a few reasons. First, a weekend conference can be a time of spiritual refreshment, much like a date-night or a girls' weekend can be a time of rejuvenation for our relationships. Some extra weekend time dedicated to worship, prayer, learning, and fellowship can be a great booster to your walk with the Lord. It is a blessing in our digital age to be able to listen to recorded talks at our convenience, but if you aren't present with us, you will miss the mutual encouragement to be found at a special event like this, where you will not only be encouraged but will serve as an encourager to others.

Second, I think it is important for women to hear *from women*, especially from those gifted to teach and apply God's word, so that we can be better equipped as women to teach and apply God's word personally and in our ministry to others (Titus 2:3-4). It is important for our young women (and those not-so-young) to have examples of women who have studied and researched Scripture and can communicate well the Bible's great truths. Jen has said that her "heartbeat is Bible literacy." She wants women to know how to use and study their Bibles. I am a big fan of her Bible studies and books because of her efforts in this area and am thrilled to hear from her in person in March.

Finally, conferences and other special events are ideal times to invite friends or neighbors who may be hesitant to come to worship with you on Sundays. Our conference is intended to be very do-able, both in terms of time commitment and financially (only \$5.00 per attendee!). Please consider asking a friend and registering today. I know it will be a blessing!

Emily R. Woodard
Director of Women's Ministry

People for Prayer

Mrs. Susi Bagrow	Mrs. Molly Matthews
Mrs. Vera Bajenski	Rev. Gentry McColm
Mrs. Emma Boyd	Mr. Micah McCoy
Mrs. Arthur Brown	Mrs. Ann McDowell
Master Andrew Taylor Bryan	Mr. Jack McDowell
Miss Reese Burdette	Mr. Britt McDowell
Mr. Andy Byars	*Mr. William McLaughlin
Mr. Michael Cassells	Miss Laura Michelle Merwin
Mrs. Lauren Choate	Miss Debbie Mielke
Mrs. Lucy Claiborne	Mr. Bryan Miller
Mr. John Collins	Master A.J. Monte
Mr. Michael Connelly	Dr. Michael Montgomery
Mrs. Michale Connelly	Mrs. Lydia Newell
Mr. John Milton Cooper III	Mrs. Dot Perry
Mr. Frank Cureton	Mr. Allen Pettigrew
Mrs. Jeanie Dynarski	Mrs. Betty Petty
Mr. Jon Evans	Miss Anna Holden Price
Master Gabriel Fleming	Mrs. Ruthie Fowles Rush
Mr. Elmer & Mrs. Mary Frick	Mrs. Mary Russell
Ms. Natalie Gibson	Mrs. Ursula Slimp
Mrs. Carol Glass	Mr. Cleve Smith
Mr. Frank Godfrey	Mr. John Thompson
Mrs. Carla Graf	Mr. & Mrs. David Tidwell
Ms. Mary Green	Mrs. Nell West
Mr. Jack Haynes	Mr. & Mrs. Richard West
Mrs. Holly Herro	Mrs. Sharon Wickstrom
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Hewitt	Mrs. Rachel P. Wiggins
Mrs. Shannon Hopper	Mr. Burns Windley
Ms. Louisa Huebel	Ms. Kathryn Wulfinf
Mrs. Zina Kaplan	
Ms. Francee Levin	<i>Italics = Non-member</i>
Mrs. Debbie Maner	<i>* New addition</i>

If you have put someone on this list and their need has passed, or for any additions, please contact Lisa Eargle at 799-9062, Ext. 244, or leargle@firstprescolumbia.org.

Officers' Dinner

Our reservations are filling up fast for the Officers' Dinner next **Friday, February 23, at 4:30 p.m.** If you are a past or current officer of the church and have not already made your reservation, please contact Barbara Shealy at bshealy@firstprescolumbia.org, by no later than **Monday, February 19**, so that we may include you in this gathering. Officers and their spouse are invited to attend. Nursery for children up through 5th grade must also be made by **Monday, February 19**, by contacting Beth Grider at bgrider@firstprescolumbia.org. Thank you!

2018 Women's Conference
with Jen Wilkin
March 2-3, 2018
register through the website & app

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.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 1**, please complete the following, attach to your check made payable to *First Presbyterian Church* in the amount of \$12.50, and mail to the church office, *Attention: Campbell Johnson*. Please write "Easter Lilies" on the memo line.

This form is also available on the church app under "Church Life"



Deadline: Friday, March 9

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Financial Peace University

Do you know someone who would like to become debt-free? Grace Presbyterian Church is offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University beginning Saturday morning, March 17, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. It is a ten-week course that will end on Saturday, May 26 (there will not be a class on Saturday, March 31). If you have any questions, please call the Grace Presbyterian Church office at 741-5186. Grace Presbyterian Church is located at 445 Spears Creek Church Rd., Elgin.

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.:

February 18 - Bruce Williams - Haiti Under God
February 25 - Barton Swaim - Missionary Biography

Ladies Exercise Class

Ladies, please join us in the gym on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. for fun, exercise, and fellowship for any age and any level of fitness. Weights, bands, and mats are provided. Just bring a water bottle and yourself! Class taught by Carolyn Taylor. \$15.00 per month. Bring your friends, we'd love to have you! Contact Carolyn with questions at (803) 606-2249.

Check It Out

Check out New Additions to the Church Library on the second floor of The Bridge.

Examples:

- 178.2 *Gender As Calling: The Gospel & Gender Identity* by Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, Crown & Covenant Publications
- 179 *The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture* by Scott Klusendorf, Crossway
- 222.11 *Foundations of the Gospel: A Believer's Commentary on Genesis 1-3* by Kuldip Singh Gangar, Reformation Heritage Books
- 285.2 *The Presbyterian Story: Origins & Progress of a Reformed Tradition* by Donald S. Fortson III, WIPF & STOCK Publishers
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Blood Drive Sign up Today!

Our first 2018 blood drive is coming up fast on

Wednesday, March 7, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

To make a reservation, please contact Barbara Shealy at 799-9062, Ext. 261 or bshealy@firstprescolumbia.org.

Ringers Needed

The hand-bell choir is in need of more ringers. We meet 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoons. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Wenger at dakotajb80@aol.com.



Common Threads

Do you sew, knit, crochet, etc? Would you like to use your talents to serve others? For more

information or to express your interest, contact Jessica Wenger at dakotajb80@aol.com.

Church Family

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Brooke Brycko and family on the death of her grandmother, Colette C. Anderson, on Monday, February 12.

Donna Coombs and family on the death of her father, Darrell Wood, on Tuesday, February 13.

Items for Church Family?

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



Special Needs March Madness

Saturday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Activities including bean bag toss, bowling, soccer, basketball, and volleyball, plus a devotion and lunch.

No cost for this event for the whole family and new friends!

Kindly RSVP through the church App or to Jimmy Easterby at jeasterby@firstprescolumbia.org.

Church Nominating Committee

Please pray for the members of the Church Nominating Committee as they begin their task of securing elder and deacon candidates for the work of the church in the next few years. The chairman of the committee is Culver Choate, Sr., and the other members are Jim Turner, Jason Luther, Ryan Patane, Julie Hicks, Beth Evers, and Pam Kozlik.



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 show your 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, February 18

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service* - Sanctuary**
- 8:30 a.m. Wales Mission Team Meeting - BR125
- 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. College Student Luncheon - Family Life Center
- 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

Monday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P107
- 5:30 p.m. Session Meeting - P402
- 5:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls - Thornwell
- 6:00 p.m. Trail Life USA Troop Meeting - Thornwell 2nd floor

Tuesday, February 20

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - P402A
- 7:30 a.m. College Prayer - BR125
- 8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - BR201
- 9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR201
- 5:45 p.m. Men's Basketball (40 & over) - Family Life Center

Wednesday, February 21

- 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. Junior & Primary Children's Choir Rehearsal - T201/T203/T207/T210
- 5:00 p.m. Centerpoint Dinner - Jackson Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Centerpoint: Always Prepared - 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
- 6:00 p.m. Next Step Class - T303
- 6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Catechism - T102/T103/T107
- 6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Mission Club - T203

Thursday, February 22

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Game Night - BR001
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (18 & Over) - Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study - BR201

Friday, February 23

- College Spring Retreat - Off-site
- 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 2920 Gervais St
- 9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - Family Life Center
- 4:30 p.m. Officers' Dinner - Jackson Hall

Saturday, February 24

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

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