

WORSHIP AT FIRST
LORD'S DAY
FEBRUARY 25, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

INSIDE OUT

"Dog's Life"

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Children's Sermon (8:30):

"Dogs Rule"

Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)



EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.

"The Evil Begins"

II Samuel 13

Dr. D. Ralph Davis

Children's Sermon

Children's Catechism #6:

Q. *Is there more than one true
god?*

A. No. There is only one true God.

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

Wednesday, February 28

Great Escapes

"On Dry Land (Israelites)"

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

Program begins at 12:15 p.m.

Jackson Hall



CENTERPOINT

Wednesday, February 28

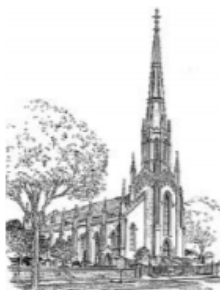
ALWAYS PREPARED: Answering
Objections to Christianity
"But Is It True?"

Dr. Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

Jackson Hall

Supper begins at 5:00 p.m.

Teaching begins at 6:00 p.m.



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

Volunteer at The Welcome Center

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7).

First Presbyterian Church has been blessed with solid preaching and teaching for over 200 years. Names like Palmer, Thornwell, Smith, Jackson and Wardlaw adorn buildings and rooms around the campus. In recent years, the names of Knecht, de Witt, Ferguson and Thomas have filled the Senior Minister role and held firm the truths of the Scriptures. We are indeed blessed with the weekly preaching and teaching found on a campus that spreads from Lady Street to Washington Street and from Marion Street to Bull Street.

Our facilities are spread out, parking can be a challenge, and each building is bustling with activity each Sunday. Those of us who are here every week easily navigate around the campus. Imagine you are a first-time visiting family looking for the nursery, children's Sunday School class or the Sanctuary. Where do you go if you are a college student in Jackson Hall on a Sunday at 10 a.m.? A mass of people is walking through the churchyard to another building; do you follow? The campus can be intimidating for those who are new and needing a little direction. Unfortunately, visitors cannot pull up GPS on their smartphones and find Thornwell 304.

You may have noticed the Welcome Center, located in the Atrium, which opened in the fall of 2017. This desk was put to good use at the beginning of the new Sunday School year. Volunteers manned the desk, walked families and individuals to classrooms, shared information and worked alongside the Sunday School Superintendent and his team to make visitors feel welcome. Now, the Welcome Center is empty, and interest has waned.

The purpose of the Welcome Center is to make visitors feel expected and welcome. Each of us has a gift that should be exercised. The men listed in the first paragraph have the gift of teaching. Others have the gift of leadership or mercy and the list goes on. Many of us have the gift of service and are looking for ways to exercise this gift. Have you ever considered serving a stranger, someone like a visitor to our church? You might be used to help someone see Jesus for the first time as you welcome them to First Presbyterian with a simple handshake and smile. The Welcome Center can make a difference, but we need help to make it more than a desk storing brochures. Let us be a welcoming church. If you would like more information on how to be involved with this ministry, please contact Chad Barrett at 803-799-9062, or via email at cbarrett@firstprescolumbia.org.

Chad Barrett

Director of Finance and Operations

2018 WOC Jubilee Luncheon

The 2018 Jubilee Luncheon is around the corner! **Tuesday, March 20**, in Jackson Hall, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. The Jubilee Luncheon was instituted in 1925 to celebrate 50 years of foreign missions in the ARP denomination. If you would like to learn more, visit: arpwm.org/about/jubilee-birthday/. It's a fun time of learning, mutual support, and fellowship. You might even go home with a delicious cake in honor of your birthday month! Please put it on your calendar and plan to come and bring a friend.



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 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.



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"

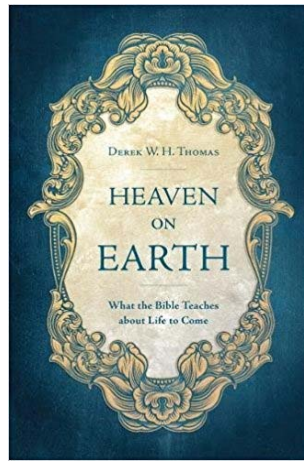


Deadline: Friday, March 9

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Heaven On Earth

Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas wrote the book *Heaven on Earth: What the Bible Teaches about Life to Come*. Heaven is a physical reality which can give us joy and hope even now as we look toward it. Purchase the book with the stunning cover for \$10.00 with an enclosed payment envelope from the Book Service beside the coffee bar in The Bridge, in the Thornwell Atrium, or the Palmer Reception Area.



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



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. Please share the website and app with your friends.

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.

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! Classes 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.



VBS 2018

This summer we are setting sail for another wild adventure at Shipwrecked VBS 2018.

We hope to see you there!
Put it on your calendar today!

June 18-22, 2018



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.



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.

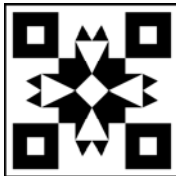
To make a reservation, please contact Barbara Shealy at 799-9062, Ext. 261, or bshealy@firstprescolumbia.org.

Ringers Needed

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

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.



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:

Mark Bischoff and family on the recent death of his grandfather, Rev. Douglas Mieras.

Rachel Hudson and family on the death of her grandmother, Evelyn Harrison, on February 14.

Barton Swaim and family on the death of his father, Thomas Henry Swaim III, on February 15.

Items for Church Family?

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

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 25

College Spring Getaway - 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

10:50 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. Women's Conference Planning Meeting - BR201

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 26

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

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

6:00 p.m. Trail Life USA Troop Derby - Family Life Center

Tuesday, February 27

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

5:30 p.m. Congregational Outreach Committee - BR327

5:45 p.m. Men's Basketball (40 & over) - Family Life Center

Wednesday, February 28

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. Coffee & Questions - BR125

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Youth - T206/T209

6:00 p.m. Next Step Class - T303

6:00 p.m. Next Step Parents - Thornwell Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Catechism - T102/T103/T107

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Kids: Mission Club - T203

Thursday, March 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

5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (18 & Over) - Family Life Center

Friday, March 2

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

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

6:00 p.m. Women's Conference - Sanctuary

Saturday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Women's Conference - Sanctuary

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

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