

Generous Giving

20. Year-end Giving Update

We are pleased to report giving numbers will exceed our budget goal, and the church's year-end net will be in the black for 2018. We give all thanks and praise to our gracious God for this blessing. Final giving numbers will be published in the near future. After the Session approves the 2019 budget, we will resume our weekly generous giving updates. Please continue to pray asking the Lord how he would have you participate in the growth and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness (Psalm 115:1).

Our Weekly Calendar

Today

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Services with Communion
8:30-11 a.m. Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, Room 209
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, various locations
5 p.m. Children's Ministry Volunteer Training, St. Andrew's Hall
6 p.m. Communion, Eve Room
6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 14

3:30 p.m. Hope Ballet, Harmony Hall
7 p.m. Upward Bound Kickoff, Westminter Lower School Gym

Tuesday, January 15

10 a.m. LILY Moms, St. Andrew's Hall

Wednesday, January 16

7 p.m. Bible Study Kickoff, St. Andrew's Hall
7:30 p.m. High Life, The Depot

Thursday, January 17

11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
6 p.m. New Town, Heritage Academy
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
7 p.m. ESL Classes, The Commons

Sunday, January 20

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Services
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, various locations
5 p.m. Children's Ministry Parenting Study, Room 209
6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sanctuary

Save the Date

Joint Adult Sunday School Gathering.....February 3
Bible & Missionary Conference.....February 24-March 3

Church Office

The church office is located across the street from the sanctuary in the McKnight Building, 615 Telfair Street.

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Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
1 – 4 p.m.

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Announcements

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Today at First Presbyterian

1. Missionaries of the Week

Robin and Gary Alward—Campus Outreach; Thailand

The Alwards serve with Campus Outreach in Thailand where Gary oversees teams on two university campuses. Please pray for God to open the eyes and hearts of Thai people that they may see the love and beauty of Jesus. Pray for the two-year international team members to experience and speak about the glories of Christ as they serve around the world. Also pray for the Alwards' two oldest children during their first years of university to have an experience with Jesus that solidifies their faith in him.

2. January Series: "A House of Prayer for All People"

In our annual January series on Gospel Priorities, we are pleased to welcome some highly regarded guest preachers. Today, the guest preacher in our morning and evening services will be Rev. Michael Aitcheson, church planter/pastor of Christ United Fellowship (PCA) in Orlando, Florida. Next Sunday, our guest preacher will be Rev. David Cho, executive pastor of Citylife Presbyterian Church in Boston, Massachusetts. On January 27, Rev. Hearon will preach on "What It Means to Be a House of Prayer for All People." Please make it a personal priority to attend these services as we consider as a church our gospel priorities for 2019.

3. Holy Communion, Today

8:30 and 11 a.m. Services. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered today in both morning services, and you will have an opportunity to help provide for deeds of mercy for church members and others by giving to the Diaconate Mercy Fund.

6 p.m. Communion Service. For those unable to attend one of the morning services, another opportunity to partake in The Lord's Supper will be offered at 6 p.m. in the Eve Room. This is a sweet gathering, ideal for catechism teachers, nursery volunteers, and others who are serving and cannot receive communion in the morning services.

4. Mercy Ministry Fund

On Communion Sundays we collect an offering for our Diaconate Mercy Ministry to help relieve the burdens and hearts of those in our fellowship with financial need. If you or anyone you know needs help from this ministry of the deacons, please make your parish elder or deacon aware of the need, or contact your class elder or other class leader. All requests are handled with confidentiality and sensitivity.

Our Church Family

5. Wedding

We express best wishes to Laura (Butler) and Sean Thomas who were married on January 5 at First Presbyterian Church.

6. Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Suzi and Jason Vital on the death of Suzi's mother, Gail Parker, on January 4 in Aiken, South Carolina; and to Olivia Osbon on the loss of her son, and Lisa Baggs on the loss of her brother, Randy Baggs, on January 8 in Augusta.

7. Congregational Meeting, January 20

The election of church officers is one of the most significant privileges of membership at First Presbyterian Church. Members are urged to pray earnestly in preparation for Officer Elections, which will be held during a congregational meeting following the evening worship service on Sunday, January 20.

8. Staff Update

John Farmer, pastoral intern, has accepted a call to serve as an assistant pastor at a church in Nashville. While we will be sad to see John, Jakell and LJ go, we rejoice to see them following God's call on their lives. John has served us well in both his role with Campus Outreach and the relationships he has built with students at Paine College and in his role as pastoral intern. He has been a valuable asset for our initiatives, and we expect to see long-term benefits from his contributions here. The Farmers will be with us until February 28.

Upcoming Events

9. Interested in Joining? Inquirers Classes Begin January 20

Sundays, 9:45 a.m. | Session Room |

Register Online: firstpresaugusta.org/join-fpc

Contact: Jess Romer, jromer@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8855

If you are interested in making First Presbyterian your church home, or are interested simply in knowing more about our church, you are encouraged to attend an Inquirers Class. The next class begins January 20 and will continue for the next three Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision, and opportunities to serve in the church. Please contact Jess Romer for more information.

10. Faith and Finance Classes begin January 24

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. | Murphy Hall

Cost: \$20, Includes Materials and Dinners | Child Care Available

RSVP: Luke Niday, lniday@firstpresaugusta.org

Faith and Finance classes start January 24 to help those interested in exploring how their faith and their finances intersect. In this 10-week class, participants will learn to overcome financial obstacles, set savings goals, make spending plans, manage debt and loans, and more! Space is limited; email Luke Niday to reserve your spot.

Children's Ministry

11. Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, Today

Drop-in: 8-11:30 a.m. | Room 209, Reese Hall West

The Children's Ministry would like to thank the many members of First Presbyterian who selflessly give their time to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our little ones! Please join us for breakfast any time between 8 and 11:30 a.m. today in room 209, Reese Hall West.

12. Quarterly Volunteer Training Begins Today

5 p.m. | St. Andrew's Hall | \$5 Snack Supper

Dinner and Child Care by reservation only

The Children's Ministry will begin hosting quarterly volunteer training in January of 2019. In addition to the online training which is in production and will be available soon, they will offer training in various topics that they hope will better equip our volunteers to minister to our youngest members. The first training will be held today at 5 p.m. for those who registered in advance. Please plan to feed children at home prior to the training.

Youth Ministry

13. Upward Bound Starts Back Monday, January 14

All middle school students are invited to attend the 2019 kickoff of Upward Bound from 7-8:30 p.m. on January 14 in the Westminster Lower School Gym. Exciting things are planned, so don't miss out!

14. Save the Date! Middle School Winter Retreat, February 22-24

The middle school Winter Retreat is just around the corner, February 22-24. Students and leaders will be traveling to Ridge Haven in Brevard, North Carolina, for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and time in the Word. Watch for more information coming soon!

Outreach

15. Teach English to Adult Internationals

Training on January 25 and 26 | Murphy Hall | Cost \$45

Register/Contact: Beth Gore, beth.gore4@gmail.com, or 706.840.2897

International Link invites you to attend an ESL (English as a Second Language) Certification Event on January 25 and 26. Registration is \$45 and covers everything for this two-day course. Being an English teacher is a great way to make friends from other countries and help the strangers in our midst become more acclimated to life in America. For more information and to register, contact Beth Gore.

Music Ministry

16. Chancel Choir Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Contact: Jonathan Harper, jharper@firstpresaugusta.org

The Chancel Choir (high school students and adults) has resumed rehearsals on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. in Room 114. The choir will be preparing to sing twice a month in the morning worship services. New members are welcome! Contact Jonathan Harper for details.

Bible Studies

17. Save the Date: Spring Bible Studies Begin with Kickoff, January 16

7 p.m. | St. Andrew's Hall | Contact: Jess Romer, jromer@firstpresaugusta.org

Register for Studies: firstpresaugusta.org/small-group-Bible-studies

On Wednesday evening, January 16, Dr. Mark Ross, professor of Systematic Theology and director of the Institute for Reformed Worship at Erskine Theological Seminary, will introduce the spring Bible study series on Colossians, "Alive in Christ." In this study we will discuss what it means to be rooted in Christ, established in the faith, and how that union empowers us to not be taken captive by philosophy, empty deceit, and human tradition.

The Children's Ministry will also be hosting a study on Sundays at 5 p.m. titled "Getting to the Heart of Parenting" with video by Paul Tripp beginning January 20. This is a small group discussion study led by two couples on grace-based parenting. Learn more and register online at firstpresaugusta.org/children.

18. Bible Study for Medical/Dental Wives Begins January 15

9:30 a.m. | Warren Baptist Family Life Center, 3203 Washington Road

Contact: Anna Bolduc, 678.687.9487 or akbolduc@gmail.com

Free Child Care for Preschool Age Children Is Available | To Register for Child Care: form.jotform.com/wbcweb/side-by-side-childcare-form

Side by Side is a ministry that encourages, supports, and ministers to women married to medical and dental students, residents and fellows, as well as doctors early in their professional years. The ministry seeks to help them handle the unique demands of this time in their lives. The next study begins January 15, and meets weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Warren Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Anna Bolduc.

Westminster Schools of Augusta

19. Open House Events, January 22 & 24

6th - 12th grades: Tuesday, January 22, 6 p.m.

PK3 - 5th grades: Thursday, January 24, 6 p.m.

Westminster Schools of Augusta, 3067 Wheeler Road

RSVP: wsa.net/openhouse

Contact: Kristen Wolf, kwolf@wsa.net or 706.731.5260, ext. 2254

Your family is invited to Open House to learn more about Westminster, take a campus tour, and hear from faculty, students, and parents. With programs for 3-year-olds through 12th grade, this Christ-centered community partners with families to inspire and equip students to grow and develop emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. Special financial assistance and tuition reduction benefits are available for First Presbyterian Church of Augusta members. Representatives from the school will also be in the Welcome Center on January 13 and 20 to provide information and answer questions about Westminster.