Today at First Presbyterian Church

1. Missionaries of the Week
Amy and Steve Robertson—Mission to the World: North and South America
After serving church plants in Chile, Steve has become the new MTW International Director for the Americas, and Amy helps train and support MTW women. Pray for their hearts to abide and rest in Christ as they move and transition to a new home and a new role. Pray that the Spirit would give Steve the ability to assess clearly and to speak adequately for God’s glory in complicated situations. Pray for the missionaries that they would be growing in grace, love, and service to be used for God’s mission.

2. Summer Worship for Elementary Children
Elementary aged children (completed first through fourth grades) are staying in the morning services during June and July. This allows our catechism teachers to have a small break to participate in the services. Parents are encouraged to help their children participate in the service, and the children’s bulletin is provided each week. Pre-K and kindergarten classes continue to exit during The Peace, and nurseries are open during all services and Sunday School as usual.

3. You Can Help Shape a Generation of Christ Followers!
During the month of June, members of the Children’s Ministry Team are on hand in the Children’s Lobby and on the Plaza with information and sign-up sheets for volunteers. Our Session asks each FPC member to invest a minimum of one hour per month serving the children of our church. We need people to hold and cuddle our babies, read to our toddlers, help our preschoolers color a picture from their lesson, or discuss the day’s lesson around a table with our first–fourth graders. We need people to volunteer and sign-up sheets for volunteers. Our Session asks each FPC member to invest a minimum of one hour per month serving the children of our church. Members of the Children’s Ministry Team are on hand in the Children’s Lobby and on the Plaza with information and sign-up sheets for volunteers. Our Session asks each FPC member to invest a minimum of one hour per month serving the children of our church. We need people to hold and cuddle our babies, read to our toddlers, help our preschoolers color a picture from their lesson, or discuss the day’s lesson around a table with our first–fourth graders. We have openings from newborn to fourth grade for each hour: 8:30 a.m., 9 a.m., and 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

4. The Lord’s Supper and Healing Prayer, Tonight
The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be administered in the 6:30 p.m. service tonight. Following the service, elders will be available to pray with you and anoint you with oil. As you experience the mercy of God through his sacraments, we invite you to help provide for deeds of mercy for church members and others by giving to the Diakonate Mercy Fund. You can give online, use the pew envelope, or write a check, clearly indicating that your gift is for the Diakonate Mercy Fund.

Our Weekly Calendar

Today, June 9
8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School, various locations
5:15 p.m. Youth Germany Mission Trip Meeting, The Depot
6:30 p.m. Evening Service with Communion
7 p.m. Summer Upward Bound, The Massey Home
411 Scotts Way

Wednesday, June 12
7:30 p.m. Summer High Life, The Lynch Home
509 Regent Place

Thursday, June 13
11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room

Sunday, June 16
8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School, various locations
6:30 p.m. Evening Service; Andy Lee Installation

Save the Date
50th Jubilee: Focus on Latin America.........................July 7
McKnight Lectures Begin......................................July 14
Fall Bible Study Kickoff........................................August 25
Women’s Conference: What’s Your Story?........September 13–14
Our Church Family

5. New Arrival
We congratulate Nathalie and Mark Steely on the birth of their first child, Elliot Carver Steely, on May 15; and Mary Kate and Walt Green on the birth of their third child, Katherine Downing Green, on May 19.

6. Sympathy
Christian sympathy is extended to Amy and Doug Nunziato and Michelle and Danny Nunziato and their families on the death of Doug and Danny’s mother, Thelma Nunziato, on May 25 in Augusta; to Julia and Bob Vasholz and family on the death of Julia’s brother, Howard Martin, on April 20, and her sister, Clara Martin, on June 3, both in Louisiana; and to Corrine and Mike Ingham and family on the death of Corrine’s mother, LeAnne Byrd, on June 4 in Augusta.

7. Staff Updates
Rick Keuroglian. The Session this week received the resignation of Rick Keuroglian as Director of City Hope Alliance and Director of Young Professionals, effective June 28. Over the past 11 years of his employment at First Presbyterian, Rick has served in many roles that have helped us develop our downtown ministries and advance our community development efforts. As he moves on to minister in secular business downtown, we give thanks to God for Rick’s contributions to the mission of our church, and are delighted that he and his family will continue to worship with us and be a part of the First Pres family.

Gospeed. We have recently said goodbye to staff members who have served faithfully in several different areas of ministry. Daniel Cirincione leaves his post with Campus Outreach to pursue a career in engineering; Sarah Graybeal, Arrow Art Director, leaves us as her family transitions to Greenville, South Carolina. MCO Resource Director David Jones and his wife, Claire, are moving to Texas where Claire will be doing a fellowship at a Dallas hospital. Karen Crisler, our Youth and Family Ministry Assistant has moved to Atlanta. We are grateful for their service and wish them God’s richest blessings in their future endeavors.

Welcome to the team! We are happy to report that the Lord has provided a new MCO Resource Director in Chandler Holgate. Chandler is a graduate of Westminster Schools, and received his MBA from the University of South Carolina. We are also happy to welcome to our staff Beth Renfrow, recent graduate of Georgia College, and has administrative experience in a church setting. We are grateful for God’s provision of these new members of the First Pres family.

8. Installation of Andy Lee, June 16
Following the vote to call Andy Lee as Associate Pastor on March 31, we look forward to his installation during the evening service on June 16. We thank God for Andy’s past and future ministry.

During evening worship this summer our sermon series will be “The God You Can Know.” Our pastors will preach on the attributes of God presented in the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Question 4: What is God? Answer: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. We will learn how each attribute reveals God’s presence and work in our daily lives.

10. Independence Day Ice Cream Social, June 30
7:30 p.m. | Church Grounds
Visit firstpresaugusta.org to volunteer and to indicate what you will bring
Following the evening service on June 30, you are invited to participate in First Presbyterian Church’s annual Ice Cream Social. Enjoy a summer evening on the grounds, complete with live music and a children’s parade. Each family is asked to contribute homemade ice cream or cookies for the social. Please sign up through the church website to indicate what you plan to bring and how you can help.

Upcoming Events

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Adult Discipleship
11. Building Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ, May 12–June 16
9:45 a.m. | Murphy Hall | Audio from Classes Available Online
You are invited to attend an elective class led by Pastor Mike Hearon and Women’s Director Vanessa Hawkins, with Outreach Pastor Luke Niday, Pastoral Intern Chris Williams, and Ruling Elder Julian Battle providing teaching. This class will help us as we continue our journey toward becoming a multi-cultural congregation. Those who ordinarily attend the MCO and Young Professionals classes will be participating, but the class is open to anyone interested in helping First Pres progress in our goal to become a church unified in our diversity. Class topics will be as follows:

June 9: Our Shared Mission Together; Mike Hearon, Luke Niday
June 16: Working through Disunity; Panel Discussion
Panel members are: Julian Battle, David Watkins, Sean Lynch, Eman Bassali, and Joseph John, with moderator Mike Hearon.

College
14. Welcome Home All College Students!
All college students in town this summer are encouraged to connect and grow with the 1823 Class (18–23-year-old college students or college-aged adults) through any or all of these opportunities:

• 1823 Sunday School—Our summer series is covering the topic of humility as we look at what God has to say about true greatness. The class meets in Room 209.

• 1823 Co-ed Bible Study—Any college students or college-aged adults are welcome to attend a study devoted to community and working through the Gospel of Mark. This study meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1402 Arsenal Avenue, Apt B, Augusta, 30904. Email Alan Martin, alan.martin@campusoutreach.org, for more information about these opportunities.

Children’s Ministry
12. Session Immunization Recommendations
The Session strongly recommends that all children and adults be immunized according to standard medical practice. Everyone is aware of the current measles outbreaks in our country and around the world. These outbreaks result from lack of immunization. The CDC reports over 700 cases of measles in 2019 in 22 states (including Georgia). Please review our UPDATED immunization policy in full at firstpresaugusta.org/immunization.

13. Catequest, June 24–27
10 a.m.–3 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall Cost: $80
Register online: firstpresaugusta.org/children | Registration Deadline: Today
During Catechism Camp, children currently in kindergarten through fourth grades will review and recite the Westminster Shorter Catechism through high-energy activities followed by afternoons of fun-filled reward. This year’s theme is “True Story: You’ve Got a Friend in Jesus.”

The cost of $80 allows the Children’s Ministry to hire qualified teachers and offsets the cost of afternoon activities. Register and pay online while space and time permit!

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Generous Giving
15. Financial Update
Ministry gifts for the week of June 2..............................................................................$79,993
Year-to-Date budget goal....................................................................................................$1,890,993
Total ministry gifts..............................................................................................................$1,796,556
Budget/giving position........................................................................................................($94,437)