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*First Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro is a community-minded congregation living out the love of Christ as we serve one another with humility, gentleness, and patience through God's grace.*

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:45 AM-Communion Worship Service, Barksdale Room  
11:00 AM-Worship Service; Sanctuary

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - 8:00 - 2:30  
Thursday - 8:00 - 4:30  
Friday - Closed

## Don't Forget to Tell Your Friends!

First Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro  
Has Rescheduled Our Concert by World Renowned Organist

# Stephen Tharp

## for May 22 at 7:00pm

in Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of our  
1873 Woodberry & Harris Organ



*Also Be Sure to Read this Issue of The Columns for More Upcoming Organ Celebrations this Month!*

**Eschatology** is a specific area within Christian theology which addresses what we commonly refer to as the “**End Times**”, that is to say, the ultimate destiny of all creation. Most of what Christians believe about the End Times is based on various interpretations of the **Revelation of John**, which uses metaphorical and mythological imagery to describe God’s ultimate victory over all forces of evil. Now, it must be said that Revelation is an exceedingly complex book, which has been interpreted many different ways by many different people depending on time and circumstance. Modern scholarship largely interprets the Book of Revelation as a **polemic** (a strong, written criticism) of the Roman imperial rule in light of growing Christian persecution. Although all Christians believe in God’s eventual triumph and the establishment of God’s kingdom under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the precise manner such events will unfold has been a matter of intense speculation.

**Millennialism** is a particular focus within Christian Eschatology which compares the ways various Christian denominations have chosen to interpret the coming **Reign of Christ** and subsequently, the **Last Judgment**, particularly as it is expressed in Revelation 20:1-6 (“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven...He seized the dragon...who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit...”) Although commonly associated with Christianity, this idea of a “1,000-year” messianic reign appears to have origins in more ancient religious traditions like **Judaism** and **Zoroastrianism**. While some Christian traditions interpret this passage from Revelation metaphorically, others interpret it literally; but even among literal interpretations, there is considerable variation.

**Premillennialism** is the belief that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will inaugurate this thousand-year reign after a period of “**tribulation**” (great trouble or suffering). This is the prevailing eschatological view of most Evangelical and Fundamentalist Christians today, but it has some precedent in the early church. Among the Early Church Fathers (influential Christian theologians between 100-700<sub>AD</sub>), **Justin Martyr** (100-165) and **Irenaeus of Lyon** (130-202) expressed premillennialist views in their writings (although they cannot be considered as such in the modern sense of the word). As Christian ideas surrounding the **Parousia** (the Second Coming) evolved after the death of the **Apostle Paul**, a common belief to emerge in the early church was the “**sexta-septamillennial**” tradition; that is, human history will continue for 6,000 years, to be followed by a “**sabbath**” of 1,000 years. This belief largely fell out of favor in the centuries to follow, largely due to the work of **Origen** (184-253) and, particularly, **Augustine** (354-430).

Premillennialism would enjoy a revival in the 17<sup>th</sup> century among the **Puritans** (English religious dissenters) in England and America prior to the **First Great Awakening**, which would only increase in influence over the centuries to follow, encompassing a wide variety of Christian denominations. But even among premillennialists, interpretations vary. **Pre-tribulational Premillennialists** (a.k.a **Dispensationalists**) believe that the period of tribulation must occur before Christ ushers in his 1,000-year reign with the Second Coming. **Post-tribulational Premillennialists** express the belief that humanity is presently in this period of tribulation, which will end with the Second Coming and a 1,000 year reign of Christ.

Unlike Premillennialism, **Postmillennialism** maintains that Christ’s Second Coming will be ushered in after a 1,000-year period of peace. It believes that Christ’s kingdom is “under construction”, gradually being established through the redemptive work of the church. Whereas Premillennialists believe that only a fraction of human beings will be spared the tribulation, Postmillennialist believe that most of humanity will be saved. According to this interpretation, once this 1,000 year period of peace has occurred, Christ will come to judge the living and the dead and his reign will be established forever. Also called “**Christian Reconstructionism**”, Postmillennialism would gain popularity among American Protestants during the **Social Gospel** movement of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, which placed emphasis on the ability of Christian faith to transform existing social structures in accordance with God’s kingdom. Before the Civil War, Postmillennialism found particular resonance with **Abolitionists** who sought to end the practice of slavery in the United States.

Largely due to the tremendous influence of Augustine upon Western Christian theology, the Roman Catholic Church and most Mainstream Protestant denominations (Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed/Presbyterian) consider themselves to be **Anmillennial** in their eschatology. Anmillennialism understands the 1,000-year period to be metaphorical, and not literal. During the Protestant Reformation many theologians, like **Heinrich Bullinger**, rejected Premillennialism due to its Jewish origins, while others, like **John Calvin**, rejected it as superstitious nonsense. Anmillennialists affirm that there will never be a period of time when Christ is not King. They largely adhere to what is known as a “**Realized Eschatology**”, that Christ has established his reign through his crucifixion, which will come to full fruition with the Second Coming. The Eastern Orthodox Church also considers itself Anmillennial in its eschatological views.

Although there are many interpretations of the subject, the End Times and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ represents a divine mystery to which there are no simple answers. Regardless, almost all Christians share in the belief of God’s inevitable triumph over the forces of evil in this world and the establishment of God’s kingdom of righteousness and truth under Christ’s rule. Although it’s interesting to speculate over when and how such events will unfold, the most recent theological statements in our Book of Confessions hardly mention eschatology at all! This deliberate omission reorients the church’s focus toward the here and now, demanding to know from God’s people what we’re doing in the present to bear witness to God’s emerging kingdom. Saying Christ **is** King is no small matter. Whereas we may not be able to grasp the fullness of what this declaration means, we can

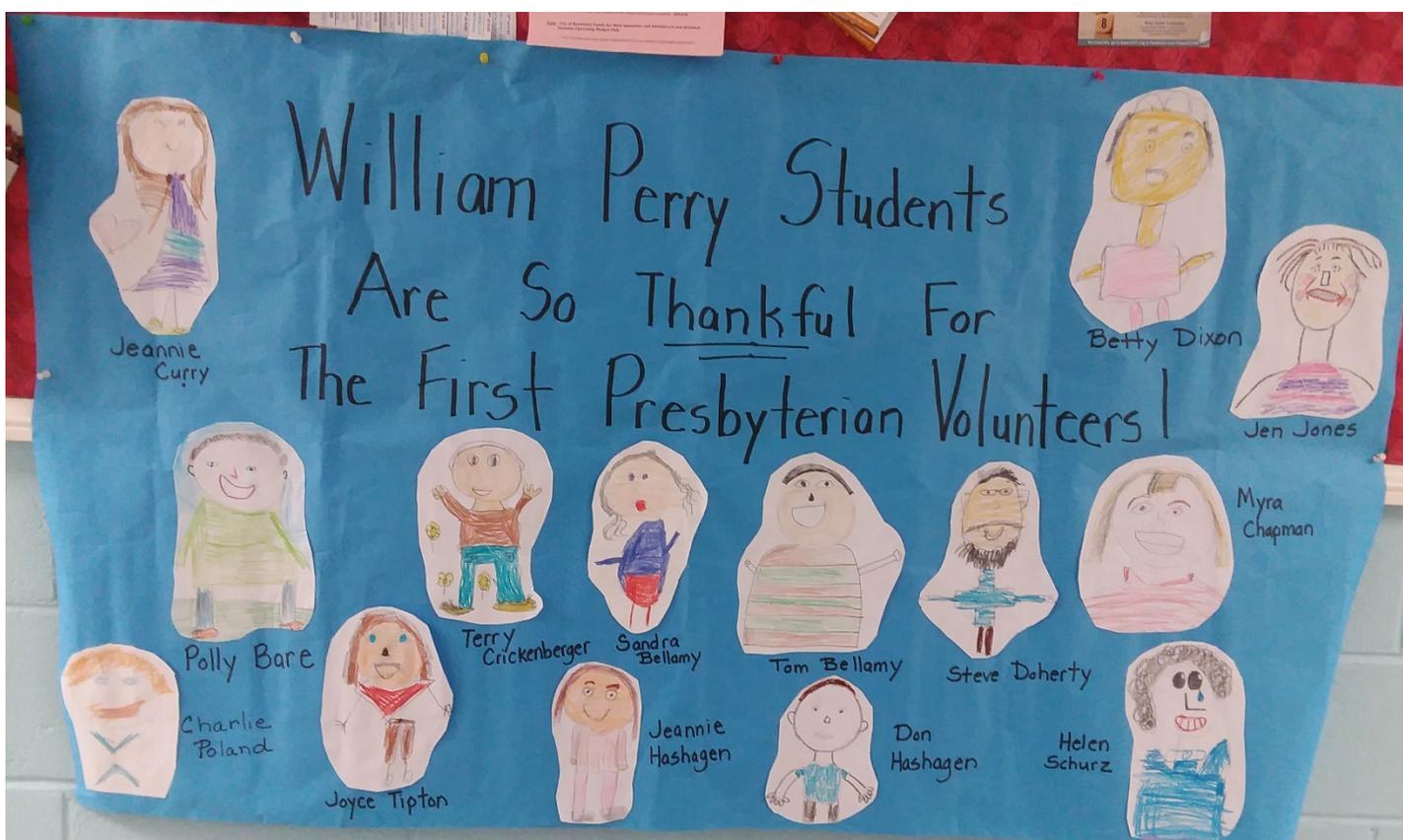
honor Christ's reign in the small ways we are able, allowing Christ and the Holy Spirit to guide us in our lives together. In that sense, our Lord is already among us, doing wonderful things.

"Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation." —II Peter 3:11-15

Grace & Peace,

George

Our heartfelt thanks to all who tutored this year.



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#### **COLUMNS** Mailing List

Anyone unable to pick up the monthly COLUMNS at the Church the beginning of each month may request that the newsletter be mailed to them. Please remember to give your new address to the Church Office when you move. We do not want you to miss any of the Church news. Just contact the Church Office (949-8366 or [church@firstpresway.com](mailto:church@firstpresway.com))

Sermons, bulletins and many Columns articles can be found on the church website: [firstpresway.org](http://firstpresway.org)

Deadlines: **COLUMNS:** 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

**Bulletin:** Wednesday

## May Music Notes

We open the month of May with Bluegrass and BBQ! On the first Sunday of May we welcome Paul Brown and Terri McMurray to our Sanctuary, who will play fiddle and banjo gospel tunes during the 11am service. Afterward, the husband and wife musical team will play during a BBQ luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and family!

On Mother's Day the choir will sing Hal Hopson's beloved arrangement of *The Gift of Love*. The following Sunday, May 20, the graduating preschool children will fill our Sanctuary with their voices during the anthem! And on the final Sunday of May, the choir will sing *Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether*, written in 1957 by Harold Friedell.

## Other Musical Events

After weather thwarted Stephen Tharp's recital in March, we are thrilled to welcome the world-renowned organist to First Pres on Tuesday, May 22. His recital at 7pm continues our year-long celebration of the 125th anniversary of our mighty Woodberry and Harris pipe organ. Mr. Tharp's free recital is generously underwritten by Linda and Warner Sandquist and Charlotte and Jack Phillips, in memory of Warner and Charlotte's parents, Betty and Sandy Sandquist. Please invite your friends to hear this astounding musician regale us with Mr. Tharp's superb playing!

Speaking of organ recitals, Roger continues with his popular First Friday programs on May 4 at 12:15. Last month over 60 people were treated to a delightful concert and light luncheon. Spend your lunch hour hearing exquisite music, followed by fellowship with other organ lovers!

The Waynesboro Symphony String School will hold their annual Spring Recital in our Sanctuary on Tuesday, May 15, at 7pm. We are pleased to share our facilities with these young musicians, who will hold their summer music program here at First Pres. Once again, we will have the pleasure of hearing both students and teachers play during select 11am services, while the choir is on their well-deserved break!

## Looking ahead

The Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival is June 11-17 in Harrisonburg; however, they are expanding their musical offerings, and we are the beneficiaries! The SVBF's *Bach in the Valley* concert is Saturday, June 9, at 7:30 in our Sanctuary. The program is in conjunction with our year-long celebration of our Woodberry and Harris pipe organ's 125th anniversary. Roger will open and close the program with organ music by Johann Sebastian Bach (of course!), and he will be joined by musicians from the festival for an organ concerto by Handel. In addition to other pieces featuring a violin duet and a Sonata for flute and piano.

Thank you for your continued support of the music program here at First Pres. We are blessed to be here!  
Roger and Kimberlea

## PRESCHOOL NEWS



It's hard to believe the end of the school year is upon us, but here it is! The 2017-18 year comes to an end on May 25, and we've got a big month ahead of us.

The two-year-old's will be working with Ms. Cindy to learn about flowers and the sea. They will also be studying the sea. In addition, they'll be reviewing what they've learned throughout the year.



Ms. Lynda and the three-year-old class will be learning about the life cycle of frogs, ocean life and summer fun safety tips. They will continue to review letters and sounds as well as numbers each day.

Ms. Aimee's four-year-old class will be studying insects. It will be an exciting time, as the class will watch their caterpillars turn into butterflies and then be able to release them to fly free in their new form! They will also be studying bees & pollination as part of their insect investigations. In addition to lots of insect fun, they'll also be learning summer safety, reviewing what they've learned throughout the year and the pinnacle of their preschool journey: graduation!



All classes will enjoy chapel, story time and music through the end of the school year. In fact, our music practices are increasing to twice a week now as we get ready for our spring performance!

Towards the end of the month, we have several events to look forward to:

- Sunday, May 20: Preschoolers who are able to make it will sing at FPC's 11:00 service!
- Sunday, May 20: Graduation (12:15 pm)
- Thursday, May 24: Spring Music Program in FPC's Fellowship Hall

*Everyone is welcome - and encouraged - to attend and support our preschoolers at all of these events!*

Many thanks to the members of First Presbyterian Church for all of your support of the Preschool. These kids are amazing, and we are so blessed to be able to play such an integral part in their formation.

Peace and gratitude,  
Ms. Jen

Jen Jones, Director  
First Presbyterian Church Preschool



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Note Change of Date!

PW will meet on the third Tuesday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m. at Summit Square. Rev. Chapman will lead the final lesson *The Cloud of Witnesses - Lesson #9 - In Community with All the Saints*.

Lunch in the Tavern at Summit Square will follow at 11:30 for those wishing to stay.

PW will not meet during the summer, but will resume in September.

## FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

The Faith & Fiction Book Club will meet Thursday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. June Stork will provide devotions and Joyce Neufeld will lead discussion. Members are asked to bring their favorite children's book - an important book in your childhood or as a parent or grandparent. Each person will have five minutes. Why did you choose this particular book? Did it make you laugh, or dream, or help you escape?

Feel free to come sit in, or contribute yourself, even if you're not a regular.

The Club will not meet in June but will resume in July with Alan Bradley's *Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session held a Stated Session Meeting on April 10, 2018.

MOTION: Session removed Vera Kijak from the roll; she moved to Burke, VA.

MOTION: Session approved placing the tartans in the narthex so that they may be displayed for the concerts on April 29 by the Waynesboro Symphony and on May 22 for organist Stephen Tharp.

A new Bible Study will begin in May.

Date of Wednesday Potluck has been changed from April 18 to April 25 so that Tim Cunningham can be the featured speaker. A Free Will Offering to benefit one of his causes will be taken.

MOTION: Session approved a bonus for Roger Daggy for his recent talent and time dedicated to organ maintenance.

The first meeting of the Pulpit Subcommittee was held April 4 at which time Rev. Chapman presented a history of the pulpit in Christian and Presbyterian tradition.

MOTION: Session reaffirmed the approval of a Prayer Vigil on April 4 in the Sanctuary for the purpose of honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the 50th anniversary of his assassination.

Reminder: Rev. Chapman will be on vacation April 26 through May 10.

All Session meetings are opened and closed with prayer.

## MISSION NEWS

FPC Food Bank served 53 people on March 8. It was closed on the 22nd due to snow.

FPC served 70 clients at Disciples' Kitchen on April 3. Next service date is May 29.

Meals on Wheels delivery of two weeks finished March 16 (2 snow days). Some new volunteers participated this go-round.

Tutoring at William Perry Elementary School ended April 11. Beth Crickenberger sent email thanks, hoping for volunteers again next year. SOL tests will be given in May. Be sure to check out the banner, pictured elsewhere in this newsletter and hanging in the Educational Building, made by the kids. You might see somebody you know!

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering collected to date amounts to \$1035.

## TIM CUNNINGHAM SPEAKER AT WEDNESDAY POTLUCK

At the April 25 Potluck Supper Tim Cunningham, son of Mike and Cathy Cunningham, was the featured speaker. Tim grew up at FPC and now lives in Charlottesville.

Tim has been very active in mission related activities. Some may remember his time with Clowns without Borders, a charitable organization bringing entertainment and laughter to at-risk communities around the world. In 2014 he travelled to Sierra Leone to work with patients suffering during the Ebola epidemic.

Session approved that money could be collected to support one of Tim's favorite causes, MedGlobal ([www.medglobal.org](http://www.medglobal.org)) which is on the front lines of the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh, providing free medical care to refugees. Anyone wishing to support this mission may make out a check, so designated, to First Presbyterian Church.

Tim recent celebrated his 40th birthday with a 100-mile run to raise money for a variety of charities.

## ORIGINS OF MOTHER'S DAY

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to two different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis, were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say the Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, MI, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

Around 1870 Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament among women. It continued to be held in Boston for about 10 years under her sponsorship, but died out after that.

In 1907 Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, WV. Ann Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized. The date chosen was the second Sunday in May, the anniversary of her Mother's death. Her campaign later was supported officially by John Wanamaker, a clothing merchant from Philadelphia.

In 1908 she was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, WV, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designed as a National Historic Landmark.

Mother's Day has become a day that focuses generally on recognizing the roles of mothers and mother figures. It has also become an important event for businesses in recent years.



The church would like to recognize your Mother, or someone who has been like a Mother to you, in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 13, 2018. Add any short message you would like to include. Please call the church office to submit your request (949-8366).



5/2 Bird Heuchert  
5/8 Annie Harris  
5/12 Roger Bryant  
5/13 Walt Flora  
5/14 Don Hashagen  
5/15 Betty Dixon  
5/16 Carrol Smith  
5/25 Mark Hammock  
5/26 Ron Smith  
5/30 Gil Ayers  
5/31 Molly Martin

5/17 Mike & Kathy Brown  
5/19 Carol & Burnie Powers  
5/24 Cary & Holly Bennett  
5/25 John & Cynthia Hoover  
5/29 Bill & Polly Bare  
5/31 Danny & Pam Leech

## HAPPY RETIREMENT

Congratulations to Bruce Bosselman upon his retirement as administrator for the adult degree program at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center (CATEC)!

### Health and Other Concerns

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Stuarts Draft Retirement Center: Bertie Hammer, Rosalie Boyd

Summit Square: Anna Carson, Aileen Kennedy, Betty Barksdale, Ray Quillen, Eloise Morris

Home: Anne Johnson, Harold Prettyman, Betty Huff, Nancy Garber, Arlene Moren, Ruth Martin, Tom Montgomery, Mary Ultee, Ann Kline, Bobbie Poland, Jean Hashagen

Friends and Family: Erin Akens (Jen Jones), Terry Tuckwiller (Jen Jones), Kaiser family (Anne Harris), Andy & Jean Robeson (Cathy Cunningham), Wanda Braden (Cathy Cunningham), Lucy Colbert, Allyson Carr



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

Peanut Butter, Jams, Jellies, Apple Butter

*First Friday Concert May 4 at 12:15*



My heartfelt thanks to all of you who brought food, sent cards, called and offered transportation during recent weeks. And another Big Thanks for my surprise Birthday Party.

-Ann Kline

## May Calendar

### Friday, May 4

12:15 PM First Friday Concert & Light Lunch

### Sunday, May 6

**BBQ & Bluegrass**

**8:45 AM**

**No Service**

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School—Room 204

11:00 AM Worship Service Sanctuary

12:00 PM BBQ Luncheon

### Wednesday, May 9

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

### Thursday, May 10

2-4 PM Food Bank

4:00 PM String Student Rehearsal

### Sunday, May 13

**Mother's Day**

8:45 AM Early Communion Service—Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School—Room 204

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

11:00 AM Worship Service—Sanctuary

### Tuesday, May 15

10:30 AM Presbyterian Women—Summit Square

2:30 PM Session Meeting Room 208

7:00 PM String Student concert

### Wednesday, May 16

12:30-1 PM Fishburne National Honor Practice

6:00 PM Bible Study—Room 212

### Thursday, May 17

10:00 AM Faith & Fiction Book Club

12:30- 1:30 Fishburne Graduation Rehearsal

### Saturday, May 19

9-1:30 PM Fishburne Graduation

### Sunday, May 20

**Preschool Graduation**

8:45 AM Early Communion Service—Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School—Room 204

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

11:00 AM Worship Service—Sanctuary

### Monday May 21

Stephen Tharp Rehearsal

### Tuesday, May 22

7:00 PM Stephen Tharp Concert

### Wednesday, May 23

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal —Choir Room

### Thursday, May 24

2-4 PM Food Bank

### Sunday, May 27

8:45 AM Early Communion Service—Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School—Barksdale Room

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School—Room 204

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary

### Wednesday, May 30

5:30 PM Potluck Dinner

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

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