



**THE TWENTIETH
OFFTERDINGER-WILLIAMSON
PREACHING SERIES**

Guest Preacher
The Reverend Andrew Purves, Ph.D.

Sunday, November 8, 2009
at 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
& 7:30 P.M.

Monday, November 9, 2009
7:30 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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NOVEMBER 8-9, 2009**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Theme: "THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD:
GRACE, HOLINESS, AND CALL"**

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Sermon: **"The Sovereign Grace of God"**

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PREVIOUS SERIES PREACHERS:

- 1983 - Dr. George MacPherson Docherty
- 1984 - Dr. Bryant M. Kirkland
- 1985 - Dr. William Henry Willimon
- 1986 - Dr. William Powell Tuck
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Bernard K. Bangley, John R. Killinger
- 1991 - Dr. Thomas Grier Long
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- 1994 - Mr. Price H. Gwynn III
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- 2002 - Dr. Craig Barnes
- 2004 - Dr. Thomas K. Tewell
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WELCOMES
THE REVEREND ANDREW PURVES, Ph.D**

First Presbyterian Church welcomes The Reverend Andrew Purves, as its 20th Offtender-Williamson Distinguished Preacher. A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, the Rev. Andrew Purves received degrees in philosophy and divinity from the University of Edinburgh, and a Th.M. degree from Duke Divinity School. Purves completed his doctorate at the University of Edinburgh.

Licensed by the Church of Scotland, Purves came to the U.S. in 1978. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Philadelphia in 1979. He served as minister of the Hebron Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Pa. until 1983, when he was called to the faculty of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Purves is the professor of Reformed Theology.

Purves has a deep concern for the renewal of the church and speaks regularly around the country on matters of theological and spiritual renewal. His forthcoming book *The Resurrection of Ministry* is due out this fall from InterVarsity Press. Other recent publications include: *The Crucifixion of Ministry: Surrendering Our Ambitions to the Service of Christ* (2007), and *Reconstructing Pastoral Theology: A Christological Foundation* (2004).

Purves is married to the Rev. Catherine Purves. They have three adult children, Brendan, Gordon, and Laura.

ABOUT THIS MEMORIAL PREACHING SERIES...

First Presbyterian Church welcomes its friends far and near to the twentieth Offtender-Williamson Memorial Preaching Series, a gift from the Offtender family. The series is offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of Theodore G. Offtender, Jr., his fiancée Ginny Williamson, and to Mrs. Margo Offtender.

Through this preaching series we wish to provide a recurring season of spiritual enrichment and growth for the Lynchburg community and surrounding areas.

We will continue to bring to our pulpit outstanding religious leaders to guide us in our search for the deeper truths that make us and our society better examples of God's love and grace in the world.

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

Eight Forty-Five and Eleven O'Clock Worship Services
Eleven O'Clock Broadcast over WLNI 105.9 FM

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Meditation

R. Knight

Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with joy; come before him with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep he tends.

Leader: Come into his city with songs of thanksgiving and into his courtyards with songs of praise. Thank him and praise his name.

All: The Lord is good. His love is forever, and his loyalty goes on and on.

*Hymn 243

We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good

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*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, eternal and almighty God, we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to do evil, and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Remove our guilt and grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal p. 14

*Gloria (p. 579)

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission – Hanging of the Greens Service, December 6

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Children’s Moment

*WORSHIP WORKSHOP (11:00 A.M.) – for ages 3 & 4 and K & 1st grades
(Gateways to Worship) in the classrooms across from the Nursery.*

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem (11:00 A.M)

Awake, My Heart

J. Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with Thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be Thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word, my nurture given,
To bring me on toward heaven.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 47

(pew Bible p. 518)

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-18

(pew Bible p. 224)

Sermon

“The Sovereign Grace of God”

Andrew Purves

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE

Offering

Offertory

Cantilene

F. Peeters

*Doxology (p. 591)

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Postlude

Marche-Sortie

T. Dubois

*Those who are able, please stand

* * * * The ushers will seat worshipers

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 8, 2009
Seven Thirty O'Clock

Prelude Beautiful Savior M. Drischner

Call to Worship

Leader: Everything the Lord does is right. He is loyal to all he has made.

All: The Lord is close to everyone who prays to him, to all who truly pray to him.

Leader: He gives those who respect him what they want. He listens when they cry, and saves them.

All: The Lord protects everyone who loves him, but he will destroy the wicked. Let everyone praise his holy name forever!

*Hymn #460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name Grosser Gott, wir loben dich

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Words of Welcome

The Evening Prayer

*Hymn #270 O God, in a Mysterious Way Dundee

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6

Anthem Be Thou My Vision C. Young
Chancel Choir

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my Heart;
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence, my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my Great Father and I Thy true son;
O Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys, O Bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
O still be my vision, Thou ruler of all.

Sermon **"The Sovereign Holiness of God"** Andrew Purves

*Hymn #542 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night Tallis' Canon

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Postlude Trumpet March J. Clarke

*Those who are able, please stand

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9, 2009
Seven Thirty O'Clock

Prelude Voluntary F. Bridge

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever.

All: Give thanks to the God of gods. Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His love continues forever.

Leader: He made the sun and the moon. He made the sun to rule the day. His love continues forever.

All: He made the moon and stars to rule the night. His love continues forever. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn #545 Now, on Land and Sea Descending Vesper Hymn

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Words of Welcome

The Evening Prayer

*Hymn #333 Seek Ye First Lafferty

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-11

Solo Psalm 121 R. Weidner
Margie Weidner, soprano
[text may be found in the pew Bible]

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon **"The Sovereign Call of God"** Andrew Purves

*Hymn #539 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise Eilers

*Benediction

*Postlude Prelude T. Dubois

*Those who are able, please stand

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We welcome all who have joined us for worship today. All worshippers are asked to sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the Concerns of the Church. We're glad you're here!

Church Membership: If you are without a church home in Lynchburg, you would be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. The Session meets in the History Room to receive new members immediately following each worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Infants and Young Children: If your child needs attention, you are welcome to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the worship service, or you may want to take your child to the Nursery (Room #8, Ground Floor). An usher will be happy to assist you.

If you are hearing impaired, we have special devices available in the Narthex before the service. Simply ask an usher for help.

JOIN US in honoring Andrew Purves at a reception following the 11:00 A.M. service in the narthex.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Marian and Jim Price to the glory of God and in gratitude to this congregation for the prayers, love, and generosity for our grandchildren following their serious accident.

SESSION

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Bill Gayle	Joe Clark	Doug Brockman
Nancy Glenn	Judie Cleland	Marilyn Bellaire
Sharon Hovda	Matt Foster	Bryant Hare
Gay Nichols	Emmett Lifsey	Lee Perry
Chuck Overstreet	Connie Messerschmidt	Harold Riley
Bill Perkins	Bobby O'Brian	Diane Stroud
Dave Tate	Preston Willson	Persis Tinsley
		ChristinaCosby(Y)

DIACONATE

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Herb Bennett	Johnny Alford	Julie Brammer
Nancy Brockman	Mary Burger	Will Cleland
Theresa Burton	Motsy Hanna	Caskie Giles
Ferrell Nexsen	Amy Heppner	Mike Harrington
John Perry, Jr.	Kathy Pumphrey	Robyn Johnsen
Sandra Wilson	Gray Wiley	Alan Pettigrew
Alex Winstead		Brad Weaver