

**MEEKHOF LECTURE SERIES 2017
NEWPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

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REVEREND TIM PHILLIPS

Series Description: Evolutionary Theology and Revolutionary Worship

Can the modern mainline church be saved? **Yes!** As studies by social scholar Diana Butler Bass indicate, the stories of the American mainline churches' decline have been exaggerated. There are reasons to be concerned. But the story and values of mainline churches offer hope and an important vision for the world...**if** modern mainline churches can make a shift into the reality of post-modernity. This series begins a conversation about that shift and the possibilities for an authentic and energizing spiritual practice of worship.

Friday: "Evolutionary Theology"

7:30—9:30 p.m.

An emerging progressive spirituality for head and heart.

Saturday: "Revolutionary Worship"

9:30—11:00 a.m.

(Continental breakfast served at 9:00 a.m.)

Worship as spiritual practice to change the world.

Sunday: "More Light" from Isaiah 49.6

Rev. Phillips will preach at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

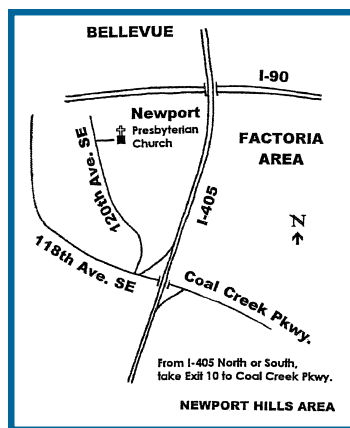
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

BIOGRAPHY

The Reverend Tim Phillips was ordained in 1981 and served churches in Michigan and Illinois. In 1987, he helped form an inclusive congregation in Chicago for younger people alienated from the church. He was called to Chicago Theological Seminary as Director of Admissions in 1994 and as co-pastor of University Baptist Church in Seattle in 1996. The historic Seattle First Baptist Church called Tim to be Lead Pastor in February 2009. Tim has studied at Grand Rapids Baptist College (B.A.), the University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and the Pastoral Leadership Program at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry. Tim is currently completing the Doctor of Ministry program at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, one of the schools of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.

In addition to his current work on Evolutionary Theology and Revolutionary Worship, Tim is the author of a study guide on homosexuality for American Baptists and an article on preaching as spiritual practice for Minister Magazine. He was a contributor to *Shaping Sanctuary: Proclaiming God's Grace in an Inclusive Church*, a collection of worship resources published in September 2000. In addition to American Baptist congregations, Tim has been a guest preacher in United Methodist, UCC, Disciples, and Presbyterian churches and the featured preacher for the 1999 national gathering of the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists.

Having experienced a spiritual evolution of his own from a conservative upbringing to a progressive liberal understanding of God, Tim continues to be fascinated by the intersection of the evolutionary process and an emerging spirituality. That intersection, he believes, can energize the practice of worship in revolutionary ways.



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For childcare call (425) 746-6111 **no later than Monday, January 9** to make a reservation. Nursery care and children's worship are available on Sunday morning.

This event is free and open to the public.
Visitors are welcome and members are encouraged to invite a friend.

This event is part of the Meekhof Lecture Series which honors Doreen B. Meekhof (1931-1996) whose commitments led her to involvements in the care of children, education in the faith and social witness and action.