

Duerr Lecture Series

Dr. Brian Blount

*President Emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary,
Richmond, VA*

Presenting lectures
“The Kingdom of God”

Preaching Sunday, February 23
11:00 a.m. Worship

“One Thing”

Mark 10:17-31

Sunday Evening
7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

**“The Kingdom of God: God's Future For
Our Present”**

Monday, February 24
7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

“Prophetic Roots of the Kingdom of God”

Tuesday, February 25
7:00 p.m.

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**“The Future Invades the Present:
Jesus in the Gospel of Mark”**

Lectures are free and open to everyone.

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Speaker for the 28th Annual Duerr Lecture Series will be Dr. Brian K. Blount, President Emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA and Charlotte, NC. Dr. Blount holds degrees from the College of William and Mary (B.A.), Princeton Seminary (M.Div.), and Emory University (Ph.D.). He was William and Mary's first African-American to receive membership in the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He served as pastor of the Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, VA, for six years, and later returned to Princeton Seminary and served as the *Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Interpretation* for 15 years. In 2007 Dr. Blount was called to be President of Union Presbyterian Seminary and Professor of New Testament, remaining in that position until his retirement in 2023.

Professor Blount's primary work has been in the Gospel of Mark, the Book of Revelation and in the area of cultural studies and hermeneutics. In addition to numerous articles and reviews he is the sole author of six books, the latest of which is *Invasion of the Dead: Reading Resurrection Through the Lens of Apocalyptic Eschatology* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2014).

Dr. Blount will discuss what difference it makes to talk about The Kingdom of God in today's world. How do various Christian groups understand the Kingdom? What does our belief about the Kingdom mean for our actions as people working in and for that Kingdom? What does it mean in our time to enter the Kingdom of God? How does this prophetic understanding help us engage the Kingdom of God -- not as a safe space in which we go to be saved -- but as the rule of God that courses into our world and invites us to participate with it? In his concluding lecture, Blount will make the case that the Kingdom of God is a future reality that comes at the end of time yet is inserted into our human present in Jesus. We see that future in Jesus's life and ministry and represent that future as his disciples.



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The Duerr Lecture Series

Statement of Purpose

The Duerr Lecture Series was established in memory of W. Chris Duerr, member and elder of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston. As part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Reformed Tradition, the lectures focus upon speakers and subjects that will enhance Christian faith in light of that tradition. Challenging speakers are chosen from the fields of theology, Bible and preaching to inspire and equip congregants for deeper faith and service.

Endowment

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