



## *Worship Services*

August 10, 2025  
9:00 · 11:15 AM

*First Presbyterian is a Welcoming Church Community in Downtown Macon  
Committed to Knowing Christ and Making Him Known.*

# *Welcome*

## **TO OUR GUESTS**

We want to welcome you today! More information about our church is available on our website at [fpcmacon.org](http://fpcmacon.org).

## **SPIRITUAL CARE**

If you would like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus Christ or you have any spiritual need or question, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

## **CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON**

We provide a Bible lesson and music for children in Pre-K through second grade during the services. Children will be dismissed from the service and escorted to their classroom before the sermon. Please pick up your children after the first service or Sunday school on the second floor of Cornerstone and after the second service in the nursery. If this is your first Sunday at FPC, please walk your child to the Bible lesson to check them in.

## **NURSERY**

Nursery is provided for 3K and under from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM. We also provide a mother/infant room located in the nursery with a live video feed of the service, as well as a "cry room" downstairs from the sanctuary for parents of "fussy" children with an audio feed. Ushers are available to direct you.

## **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Hearing assistance devices are in the Narthex for worshippers needing hearing assistance. You may also use a smartphone or bluetooth-enabled hearing aid to connect directly to the sound system. Connection instructions are in the Narthex. Please ask an usher or deacon for assistance.

## **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Felton Fincher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Felton Fincher, Jr. by Harriet Fincher Comer.

## **YOUR PRESENCE**

Please let us know that you're here today by scanning the QR code.



**Worshippers read text in bold.**

# *Corporate Worship*

*Welcome to First Presbyterian! We are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today.  
It is our hope and prayer that through the reading of God's Word, prayer,  
the corporate singing and readings, and the preached Word, you  
will see Christ clearly and desire to know Him more.*

## **WELCOME**

## **PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 99:1-5

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

### **HYMN OF PRAISE 100 - *Holy, Holy, Holy!***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Chapter 1, 4-6**

What is the chief end of man?  
**Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

What is God?  
**God is a Spirit - infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,  
in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

Are there more Gods than one?  
**There is only one, the living and true God.**

How many persons are there in the Godhead?  
**There are three persons in the Godhead:  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
and these three are one God, the same in substance,  
equal in power and glory.**

*\*\*\*Seating Interlude\*\*\**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION**

Galatians 5:16-24

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**RESPONSIVE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Psalms 51:1-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

All: For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **WORDS OF HOPE**

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

# Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson

1. Who else com-mands all the hosts of heav-en?  
 2. *What oth-er beau-ty de-mand such prais-es?*  
 3. What oth-er glo-ry con-sumes like fi-re?  
 4. *Who else could res-cue me from my fail-ing?*

Who else could make ev-'ry king bow down?  
*What oth-er splen-dor out-shines the sun?*  
 What oth-er pow-er can raise the dead?  
*Who else would of-fer His on-ly Son?*

Who else can whis-per and dark-ness trem-bles? On-ly a Ho-ly God. *(to v. 2)*  
*What oth-er maj-es-ty rules with just-ice? On-ly a Ho-ly God.*  
 What oth-er name re-mains un-de-feat-ed? On-ly a Ho-ly God.  
*Who else in-vites me to call Him Fa-ther? \*On-ly my Ho-ly God.\**

Come and be-hold Him, the One and the On-ly. Cry out, sing  
 ho-ly, for-ev-er a Ho-ly God. Come and wor-ship the Ho-ly God.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Online giving may be done by texting **fpcmacon** to 73256 or through the church website.

I Need Thee Every Hour ..... arr. John Ness Beck

*I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
 I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*



*Children K4-second grade are welcome to leave the worship service for a Bible Lesson in Cornerstone (BLC). Children in the 11:15 BLC class may be picked up in the nursery. We encourage children third grade and above to continue in corporate worship with their parents.*

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

# The King in All His Beauty

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. O lift your eyes to Hea - ven, see the Ho - ly One e - ter - nal;
2. Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splin - ters;
3. Now see the Sav - ior lift - ed up, the Lamb who reigns in splen - dor;



be - hold the Lord of Ma - je - sty ex - al - ted in His tem - ple.  
*The sac - ri - fice for ru - ined man, the sub - sti - tute for sin - ners.*  
 The hope of ev - 'ry tribe and tongue; His king - dom is for - e - ver.



As sym - pho - nies of an - gels' praise now strain to sound His glo - ry;  
*As Earth is stained with roy - al blood and quakes with love and fu - ry;*  
 Bring praise and hon - or to His courts, bring wis - dom, po - wer, bless - ing;



come wor - ship, fall be - fore His grace - The King in all His beau - ty.  
*He breathes His last and bows His head - The King in all His beau - ty.*  
 for end - less a - ges we'll a - dore - The King in all His beau - ty.



How wor - thy, how wor - thy, how wor - thy: The King in all His beau - ty.

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*repeat chorus  
final time*



**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD** - Chip Miller  
*The Remarkable Faith of a Roman Centurion*  
Matthew 8:5-13

## **PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS**

### **HYMN** - *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;  
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.  
I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
How the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life has brought me, son of God, with him to be.  
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;  
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

### **BENEDICTION**

*Leading in Worship Today*  
*Chip Miller, Senior Pastor*  
*Parker Agnew, Assistant Pastor*  
*Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist*  
*Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director*  
*Tom Rule, Pianist*  
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Kim Thompson

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## YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Class	Description	Topic	Room Location
Nursery & Special Needs		New Testament	Nursery
Children	4K-5th Grade	New Testament	Cornerstone
Middle School Youth	6-8 Grades	God's Promises	Education Building 2nd Floor
High School Youth	9-12 Grades	Christian Doctrine	Education Building 3rd Floor
Young Adults	College/20s-30s	Mark	Chapel
Young Marrieds	20s-30s	Acts	Education Building
Immanuel	Mid 40s-50s	Hosea	Education Building E102
Shepherds	50s-60s	I & II Peter	Brickyard M102
Trinity	60s+	Equipping Yourself	Education Building E103
Covenant	70s+	Fundamentals of Faith	Education Building E105
Canterbury	70s-80s	Studies in the Psalms	Education Building E104
Connections	Mixed Ages	Acts	Gathering Place
Generations	Mixed Ages	Romans	Ballroom
Pathways	Mixed Ages	James	Brickyard M103

# Announcements



Join us today in the Fellowship Hall during the **Sunday School hour** to hear how you can get connected through our various ministries at FPC!



Construction has begun on our parking lot. We will use the **Harts' parking lot and the Grand parking lot** while ours is under construction. On Wednesdays, only Harts' will be available.



All women are invited to Bible Study on the book of **Isaiah**. Women meet in the Gathering Place at 9:30 for large group, then split into small groups afterwards. Begins **September 3rd**. If new, please call or text Mary Anne at **478-719-7306**.



**Today is Commitment Sunday.** Please be in prayer about your upcoming pledge and be ready to turn in **pledge cards at the 9 or 11:15 service**.



**All men are invited to Man to Man, August 21 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Dinner will be served, and the guest speaker will be Pat Chastain, President of the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia. Please RSVP by scanning the QR Code.



## Photo Directory

**Today is the last day** to stop by the photo booth located outside the Fellowship Hall to take **you and/or your family's photo**. This directory will be **for members and regular attenders**. There will be a QR to input your contact information. You can also go to [www.fpcmacon.org/photodirectory](http://www.fpcmacon.org/photodirectory) to enter your contact information. **Photos will only be taken between services. After today, a link will be provided to submit your family's picture online.**

## Upcoming Events

- August 10 – Joint Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
- August 10 – Commitment Sunday
- August 21 – Man to Man
- September 3 – Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins
- September 3 – Wednesday Night Activities begin
- September 19 -21 – Equip Conference
- September 28 – Inquirer's Class begins
- October 3 – 5 – Middle School Fall Retreat
- October 5 – Outdoor Worship

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