



Worship Services

August 31, 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.

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 Bob Kimsey by his wife, Carol, and sons Mark and Matthew and their families.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-4, 13-14

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 77 - *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Verses 1-3, 5

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him: you behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before Him; dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;**

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and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-21

And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name - by faith in his name - has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM 88-90

What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

**Two things: the dying-away of the old self,
and the rising-to-life of the new.**

What is the dying-away of the old self?

To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**Wholehearted joy in God through Christ
and a love and delight to live according to the will of God
by doing every kind of good work.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF COMFORT

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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- [1. My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone;
2. *My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame;*
3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth and beau - ty hur - ry by;
4. *I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light;*
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my worth and my un - worth - i - ness.



- [but in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. (to v. 2)
[*but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.*
[but life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. (to v. 4)
[*but I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.*
My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross.



I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er, great - est trea - sure, well-spring of my soul.



I will trust in Him, no oth - er. My soul is sa - tis - fied in Him a - lone.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

A Song of Praise and ThanksgivingJohn Leavitt

*We will give thanks to Christ, our Savior, we will sing praises to the Lord.
Let us bow down before the Holy Temple. Come, rejoice in God's true Word.
We will magnify Christ's name. Jesus' love we will proclaim.
We will believe for God will always hear us, and lend strength to ev'ry soul.*

*All of the earth will bow to worship Jesus; all souls will bless the living Word.
Let us proclaim that Christ's way is perfect; great the glory of our God.
Jesus reigns as King on high, yet we're precious in his eye.
All of the world's vain pride will be broken as God's children meet their Lord.*

*Though we may walk in paths of danger, Christ will be there to meet our need.
God will stretch forth strong hands of mercy; with our Lord we're safe indeed.
In the power of our God foes are scattered by the Word.
Jesus will care for all who love him; ever faithful is our Lord. Amen!*

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 164 - O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Verses 1-5

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

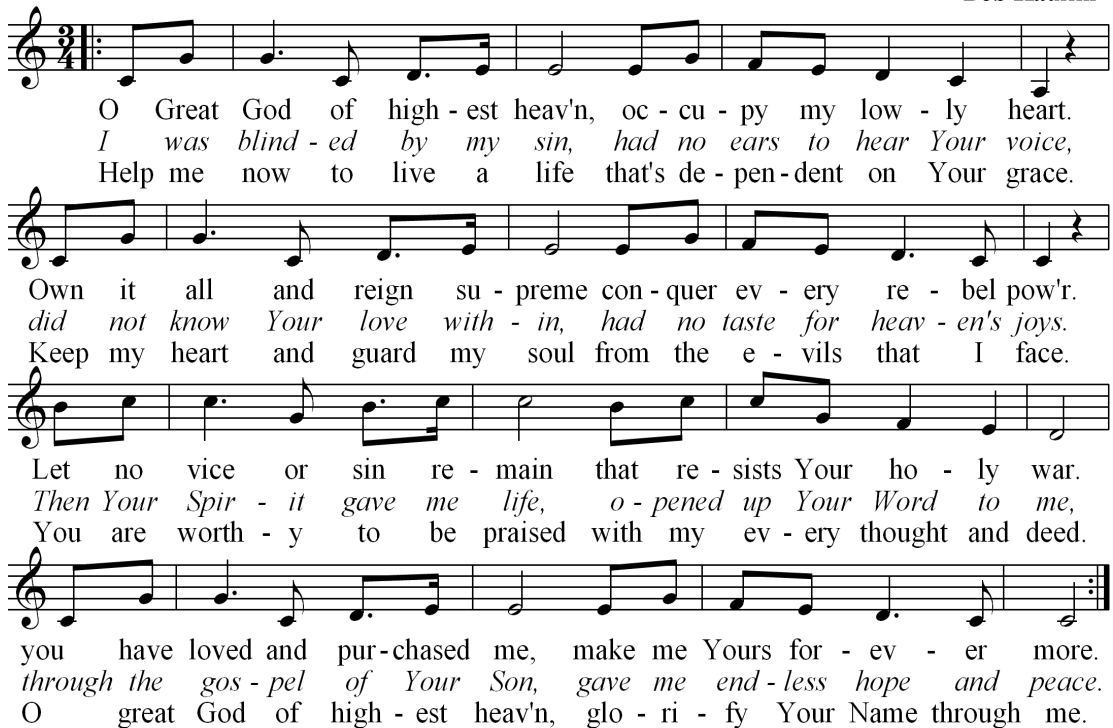
Serving God In Your Work

Genesis 1:24-31, 2:18-20, Colossians 3:12-25

HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Great God

Bob Kauflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.
did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.

you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

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The Session

Class of 2025

Paul Cable
Sam Jones
Matt Kitchell
Kort Peterson
Jerome Strickland
William White

Class of 2026

Chuck Duggan
Mike Hall
Bobby Newman
Nick Rios
Tony Rodriguez
Blake Sullivan

Class of 2027

Ves Berry
Kevin Bridges
John Carey
Hal Foshee
Mike Peed
Kim Thompson

The Diaconate

Class of 2025

Jave Bjorkman
Joey Brumbelow
Eric Hunt
Kent McCormick
David Milligan
Caleb Peed

Class of 2026

Dave Grant
Darrell Hallman
Jeremy Johnson
John David Miller
Gray Widstrom
Jeff Wilhelm
Calder Willingham

Class of 2027

Chris Anderson
Cameron Garvin
Jeff Hill
Kevin Lennon
Jim Self
Brian Stone

Trustees

Rob Danner
Bruce Jones

Buddy Ponder
Ray Pearson

Lowry Tribble

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	Marriage & Relationships	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



- New to First Presbyterian Church?
- Interested in church membership?
- Wondering what Christianity is all about?

The Inquirer's Class is an informative six-week course, taught by Senior

Pastor Chip Miller that will help you assimilate into church life at FPC and learn important and interesting things – like what First Presbyterian Church is trying to accomplish, what we believe, and what it means to be a Christian. Along the way, you'll meet new friends, connect with church staff and even become a church member if that's your desire. This class provides a "no pressure" atmosphere, you'll learn a lot, and have a great time. Classes are Sundays at 10:10 AM in Room E-106 (in the Education Building close to the First Street entrance) and begin September 28. Please let us know if you're coming by calling Tammy Jones at 746.3223 or email tjones@fpcmacon.org.



Join us for Wednesday nights at FPC beginning Sept. 3rd.

5:15 - 6:00 p.m. -- Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (Free on Sept. 3rd, Register on Realm)

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.--

Children's small group studies, gym time and music

6:15 - 7:30 p.m.-- Middle school, co-ed classes, Grief Share, and Women's Prayer group

6:45 - 8:00 p.m.--Choir Practice (6:45pm: sharing and prayer time; 7pm musical rehearsal)



SCAN ME



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**.

Grief Share

A **GriefShare** support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this **13-week group**, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

Wed. nights from 6-7:30, begins Sept. 3rd, please call the church office to sign up, 746.3223.



Our Equip Conference is designed with the church's particular needs in mind and for the church's mission in the present.

This year's **Equip weekend is Sept. 19-21th**, the theme is "**Our World & Our Gospel Mission**", and our **speaker will be Andy Young**, Pastor of Oxford Presbyterian. Go to www.fpcmacon.org/equip for more information.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in both morning worship services next Sunday, September 7.

Grad & Career

Grad & Career is moving to Wednesday Nights! So, if you are 18-35 (single, married, in school, or working) join us starting 9/3 as we gather to worship, learn, and spend time together. Gathering is from **6:30-7:30pm in room 101 (under the sanctuary)** but we'd love to have you join the church for dinner beforehand from 5:15-6!"

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