



Worship Services

December 14, 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 by many members to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of their loved ones..

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

Luke 1:30-33

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 196 - *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Verses 1, 3-4

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend,
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

****Seating Interlude****

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God, we love you and praise you
for sending Christ Jesus into the world to save us from our sins.
Because your only Son took on human flesh to live and die in our place,
we long to hate and forsake our many sins which displease you.
Give us grace to please you in thought, word, and deed.
Please forgive our sins, dispel the darkness of our hearts, and
make us holy to serve you and reflect your glory in this world.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 213 - *What Child Is This?*

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spears, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM 21-22

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who,
being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be,
God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

**Christ, the Son of God, became man,
by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul,
being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Go Tell It On the Mountain arr. John Rutter

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth. (Refrain)*

*Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation that blessed this Christmas morn. (Refrain)*

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 - *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Angels from the realms of glory wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Though an Infant now we view Him, he shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him; every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to th' eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

The Impossible Made Possible

Luke 1:26-56

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (11:15)

Candidates for Session

†Adam Blakely
Julian Hutchins
†Chris Inhulsen
Bob Johnson
†Wynne Pearson
†Alfred Sams
†Robert Stamps
†Will Stanford
Jay Strickland
Bill Taylor

Candidates for Diaconate

†Rickie Baucom
†Phil Clark
†Michael Garud
John Kitchens
†Phillip Leonhard
†Troy Nash
†Joey Rogers

†Ordained & Installed

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY (To the Tune of “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come again with us to dwell.

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Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist
Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director
Tom Rule, Pianist
Chancel Choir

CHURCH OFFICERS

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	Basement M102
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	Basement M100
Pathways	Mixed Ages	James	Brickyard M103

Announcements



We invite you to join us **Dec. 17th at 6:00 p.m. for our Children's Christmas Program!** Join us in singing Christmas Carols, and listen to the children perform special music inside the **sanctuary**. This is an evening for the entire family!



Join us in the **FPC Courtyard on Dec. 19th from 6-7 p.m. for Christmas Carols and Cheer!**

Free cookie decorating station for Children
Free Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Apple Cide
Christmas Photo Booth
Singing of Christmas Carols
All are welcome and **FREE** to the public!



Join us for **Christmas Eve Evening Worship 4 p.m. -- Children's Choir Sings**

6 p.m. -- Communion and Candle Light

December 28th, one worship service at 10:30, no Sunday School



FPCY Christmas Tree Pickup will be Saturday Jan. 3 - please fill out the following link if you would like us to come dispose of your tree for you! Any donations received go towards students' youth retreat costs. Scan the QR code to sign up!



The Communicants Class for children in the 5th grade and above begins on **Sunday, January 4th , during Sunday school**. The purpose of this class is to prepare them to take the Lord's Supper and to give an opportunity to make a clear public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. If you are interested **please contact, Spring Rawlings at srawlings@fpcmacon.org**

El Salvador Missions Trip

April 4–11, 2026

Join our team as we partner with Shelter to help build safe, secure homes for Salvadorian families in need.

Cost: About \$1,450 per participant. The team will also work together to raise funds for the construction of the homes we'll be building.

Interested in going?

Join our **Zoom Interest Meeting on December 14 at 2:30 PM with Clay & Hannah Jones** to learn more about the trip and ask questions. **Email April Kitchell at missions@fpcmacon.org for the zoom link.**

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