



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



January 11, 2026 · 9:00 · 11:15 AM

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.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louise F. Wheeler by Jan and Mike Phillips.

YOUR PRESENCE

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

Worshippers read text in bold.



FPC 200TH ANNIVERSARY (1826-2026): A MOMENT FROM OUR PAST

One of the first buildings constructed after Macon was incorporated in 1823 was the courthouse. It was a small wooden building (about 35 feet wide and 45 feet long) located at the convergence of Mulberry and Fourth Streets. It became the gathering place for all sorts of occasions, including religious services of various denominations as well as government functions. James Monroe was the President of the United States at the time which included 24 states.

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 95:1-4

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
 the heights of the mountains are his also.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing. Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ, our King. Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high. Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, praise the risen Lamb. Alleluia! Amen!
He died to ransom man. Alleluia! Amen!
On that triumphant day, he took our sins away.
Death could not bid him stay. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again. Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain. Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore. Alleluia! Amen!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Westminster Shorter Catechism 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****

CALL TO CONFESSION

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE PRAYER -*from the Heidelberg Catechism 123 and 127*

Father, rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way

that more and more we submit to you.

Preserve and increase your church.

Destroy the devil's work.

By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment.

And our sworn enemies - the devil, the world, and our own flesh -
never stop attacking us.

And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit,

so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle,

but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

Do all this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all. Amen.

SCRIPTURE OF GRACE

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

His Mercy Is More

M. Papa and M. Boswell



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?

What pat - ience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?

What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us;



Om - nis - cien-t, all know-ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a

What Fath - er so tend - er is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the

His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a



sea with - out bot - tom or shore, Our sins they are man - y, His mer-cy is more.

weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our sins they are man - y, His mer-cy is more.

debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y, His mer-cy is more.



Praise the Lord! His mer-cy is more. Strong-er than dark-ness,



new ev - 'ry morn, Our sins they are man - y his mer-cy is more.

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MINISTRY REPORT

*Matt Kitchell, Head of School
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PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Online giving may be done by texting fpcmacon to 73256 or visiting the church website at www.fpcmacon.org.

Awake, My Soul Craig Courtney

*Awake, my soul! Awake psaltery and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations.*

*I will sing of You among the peoples.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
let your glory be over all the earth.*

*Great is Your love unto the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the sky.
I will sing and make melody. I will sing to the Lord!*

*Awake, my soul! Awake psaltery and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations.
I will sing of You among the peoples.
I will sing and make melody to God!*

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 181 - *We Come, O Christ to You*

Verses 1-4

We come, O Christ, to you,
True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist,
In whom all life began:
In you alone we live and move,
And have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God,
Your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge
And Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth!
All wisdom dwells in you,
The Source of every skill,
The one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest,
Sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life,
To know you is to live
The more abundant life
That earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you:
In us each day your life renew!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Elliott Everitt

Dust In the Wind

Ecclesiastes 1

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Getty, Kauflin, Papa, Boswell, & Merker



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. *What truth can calm the trou - bled soul?* God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives!" Christ, he lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
Where is his grace and good - ness known? *In our great Re-deem - er's blood.*
And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.



Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from his com - mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? *Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?*
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the Rock of Christ?
and we will feast in end - less joy when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le -



lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.*

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*last time repeat chorus

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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
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Class of 2025

Jave Bjorkman
Joey Brumbelow
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Kent McCormick
David Milligan
Caleb Peed

Class of 2026

Dave Grant
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Jeremy Johnson
John David Miller
Gray Widstrom
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Calder Willingham

Class of 2027

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Cameron Garvin
Jeff Hill
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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
Foundations	20s-30s	Romans	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	Genesis	Brickyard M103

Announcements



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](mailto:srawlings@fpcmacon.org)

Inquirer's Class

Join us for our Inquirer's Class

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

The Inquirer's Class is an informative 6 week course, taught by **Senior Pastor Chip Miller** that will help you assimilate into church life at FPC.

The Inquirer's Class begins **Sunday, February 15 at 10:10AM in the Library Ballroom.**

Please let us know if you're coming by calling **Tammy Jones at 746.3223** or email tjones@fpcmacon.org.

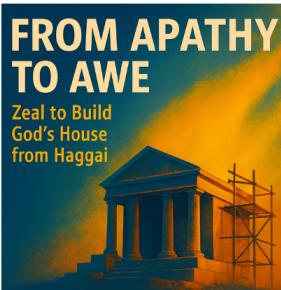
El Salvador Missions Trip

April 4-11, 2026

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

Cost: Around \$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? Email **April Kitchell at missions@fpcmacon.org** for more information.



Join us February 6-8 for our World Missions Conference.

This year's guest speaker is **Jonty Rhodes**, church planter and minister at Christ Church Central Leeds, a Presbyterian church in the north of England. Come and hear from missionaries around the world and hear how God is at work!

More information at www.fpcmacon.org/missions.



Father Daughter 2026
High Tea at FPC
January 24, 2026

Open for girls 3K-8th Grade

Father + 1 Daughter - \$35
Each additional person - \$10
Location: Fellowship Hall

4:00-4:30PM
Pictures & Croquet in the Courtyard



4:30-7:00PM
Dinner & Dancing in the Fellowship Hall

Register by scanning the QR code.

Upcoming Events

Sr. High Youth Group - Jan 11
Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study begins – Jan. 14
Wednesday Night Activities begin – Jan. 14
Father/Daughter Dance – Jan. 24
World Missions Conference – Feb. 6-8
Women's Conference – March 6-8