



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



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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 Jay Hawkins by Kathy, Jason and Allison Hawkins.

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

On June 18, 1826 - just three years after the City of Macon was chartered - a group of twenty-five believers gathered in what was then a raw, frontier-flavored town. They met under the leadership of the Rev. Benjamin Gildersleeve and the Rev. Joseph C. Stiles and formally constituted what would become First Presbyterian Church.

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.

GATHERING SONG

All Praise to Him

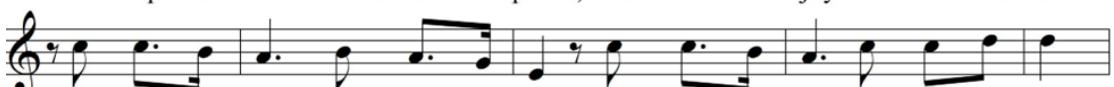
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All praise to Him, the God of light, who formed the moun-tains by His might.
All praise to Him, Whose love is seen in Christ, the Son, the ser-vant King,
All praise to Him, Whose pow'r im-parts the love of God with-in our hearts.



All praise to Him who names the stars, that sing His fame in skies a - far.
Who left be - hind His glo - rious throne to pay the ran - som for His own.
The Spi - rit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness.



All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the gal - ax - ies a - bove,
All praise to Him Who hum - bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and shame,
*To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it now our souls we lift, our wills we bow.



yet bends to hear our ev - 'ry prayer, with sov - ereign pow'r and ten - der care.
Who lived to die, Who died to rise, the all suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
To you, the Tri - une God, we raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:7-11

But the LORD sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,
and he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 95 - *Though Troubles Assail Us*

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Heidelberg Catechism* 27-28

What do you understand by the providence of God?

Providence is the almighty and ever-present power of God

by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty - all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity,

and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature will separate us from his love.

For all creatures are so completely in his hand

that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

****Seating Interlude****

CALL TO CONFESION

1 John 1

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father, we have sinned against you this past week in thought, word, and deed.
Our secret desires have not been aligned with your holy calling in our lives.
We are often selfish, impatient, and rude to those you have placed in our lives.
We have grown weary of doing good and for this we repent.
Cleanse us from our sin and help us to look up to you for healing and strength.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE - *O Church Arise*

Oh church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is, love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,
For the conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

What Shall I Render to My God? Austin C. Lovelace

*What shall I render to my God for all His mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace and to His glory live.*

*My vows I will to His great name before His people pay,
And all I have and all I am upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate'er is mine.
Born in Thy family below, and by redemption Thine.*

*Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv'n,
Till gathered to the church above, We sing the songs of heav'n.*

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.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Glory, Hallelujah!

Upper part (melody) - sopranos and tenors; Lower part - altos and basses

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The upper part (melody) is in soprano and tenor voices, and the lower part is in alto and bass voices. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the melody line often consisting of eighth-note chords. The lyrics include:

- 1. I know that My Re-deem-er lives. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!
- 2. He lives tri-um-phant from the grave. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!
- 3. He lives to bless me with his love. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!
- 4. He lives to crush the fiends of hell. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!

What com-fort this sweet sen-tence gives. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!

He lives e-ter-nal-ly to save. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!

He lives to plead for me a-bove. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!

He lives and doth with-in me dwell. Glo-ry Hal-le-lu-jah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gain-ing ground. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!

The dead's a-live and the lost is found. Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

God's Providence In the Life of Joseph

Genesis 45:1-15

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY 731

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. Amen.

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CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session

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

Class of 2028 - Adam Blakely, Julian Hutchins, Chris Inhulsen, Bob Johnson, Wynne Pearson, Alfred Sams, Robert Stamps, Will Stanford, Jay Strickland, Bill Taylor

The Diaconate

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

Class of 2028 - Rickie Baucom, Phil Clark, Michael Garud, John Kitchens, Phillip Leonhard, Troy Nash, Joey Rogers

Trustees

Rob Danner, Bruce Jones, Ray Pearson, Buddy Ponder, 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



Discover how faith, learning, and confidence take shape each day at FPD.

Join us for Preview Day on January 25 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for a personal tour of our campus and classrooms. .

You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, learn more about our programs, and meet teachers, students, and parents

Please use the QR code or call the school office at 478-477-6505 to reserve your spot. We look forward to welcoming you.



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.

FROM APATHY TO AWE

Zeal to Build
God's House
from Haggai



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.



Join us March 6-8 for our Women's Conference at FPC.

HELD: Learning to Live Un-Anxiously

March 6-8
Cost: \$40/Person
Speaker: Jeanne Harrison

This year's conference is rooted in the I AM statements of Jesus from the book of John, taught through the lens of core anxieties many women face daily. Each session is anchored in Scripture and unpacks a different fear — not just to diagnose it, but to point to the character of Christ as the cure.

To register, visit www.fpcmacon.org/women or contact Mary Anne Shipley at mshipley@fpcmacon.org with any questions

Upcoming Events

NO Wednesday Night Activities - Feb. 4

World Missions Conference – Feb. 6-8

Youth Super Bowl Party - Feb 8

Women's Conference – March 6-8

Men's Hike - March 13-15