



Worship Services

July 27, 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 Kerry Elizabeth Lewis and Laura Dixon Ryan by the Souma and Lewis 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.*

GATHERING SONG - *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:1-6

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 95 - *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with gold beam, Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin; cast all your burdens now on Him.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign;
Heaven and earth will join to say: O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and king.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

****Seating Interlude****

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Adam and Gina Blakely

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.
Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward the suffering of others,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law.
Transform us by your Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love,
and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE OF GRACE

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and
gave himself for me.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Robinson, Thomspson, Farren



What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er; there is no more
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my side,
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture sure;
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has said



for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom,
the Sav - ior he will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing
the price it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don,
that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re - new me



my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold,
for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold,
and he was raised to o - ver - come the grave. To this I hold,
un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold,



my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to his.
my Shep - herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est val - ley he will lead.
my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea.
my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry ev - er - more to him.



Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine!
Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come!
Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!
* When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
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Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go arr. Susan Borwick

*O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul on thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine oceans depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.*

*O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

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 535 - O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, in the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

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O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Andy Wyatt
Spiritually Strong
Ephesians 3:14-21

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.

Andy Wyatt is our guest preacher today. He is the senior pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Johnson City, TN. Andy holds a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee, a Masters of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC.

Andy served as Assistant Pastor here at First Presbyterian for five years before moving to Johnson City. Andy and his wife, Lauren, have two boys.

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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
Canterbury	70s-80s	Studies in the Psalms	Education Building E104
Children	4K-6th Grade	New Testament	Cornerstone
Connections	Mixed Ages	Acts	Gathering Place
Covenant	70s+	Fundamentals of Faith	Education Building E105
Generations	Mixed Ages	Various Topics	Ballroom
Young Adults	College/20s-30s	Mark	Chapel
Immanuel	Mid 40s-50s	Hosea	Education Building E102
Nursery & Special Needs		New Testament	Nursery
Pathways	Intergenerational	Luke	Brickyard M103
Shepherds	50s-60s	I & II Peter	Brickyard M102
Trinity	60s+	Equipping Yourself	Education Building E103
Young Marrieds	20s-30s	Acts	Education Building E100
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

Announcements



On **August 10th**, join us in the **Fellowship Hall** during the **Sunday School** hour to hear how you can get connected through our various ministries at FPC!



August 3rd is Sunday School promotion Sunday for **grades K4-5th**. Children should report to their new Sunday School Classroom.



Commitment Sunday will be held on **August 10th**. 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.



Budget Giving Update

Thank you for your faithful support of the work and ministries of First Presbyterian Church to make disciples in Macon and to reach the world for Christ. Our fiscal year begins August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. To meet our ministry needs, our Budget Giving Goal for this fiscal year is \$2,740,000. Giving through July 22, 2025 is noted below.

Actual Giving Year-To-Date July 22, 2025	\$2,582,000
Budget Goal for Fiscal Year July 31, 2025	\$2,740,000
Budget Giving Needed for July 2025	\$ 158,000

Photo Directory

On **July 27, August 3 or August 10**, please 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**. We plan to publish an updated **photo directory** later this fall. There will be a QR to input your contact information. You can also go to www.fpcmacon.org/photodirectory to enter your contact information. **Photos will only be taken between services.**

Upcoming Events

July 19-29 – Scotland Mission Trip

August 3 – Promotion Sunday

August 10 – Joint Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

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

October 26 – Proclaim! An Evening of Congregational Singing

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