



Worship Services

May 11, 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 honor of all mothers by the Women in the Church.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ben Bowden and in honor of the 2025 Graduating Class of First Presbyterian Church by Steve and Judy Bowden and his sister, Kelly.

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 - O Church Arise

O 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 ev'ry 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

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.
The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands formed the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
 let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture,
 and the sheep of his hand.

HYMN OF PRAISE 101 - *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Verses 1-3

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy comforter, thy sacred witness bear, In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
 did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself,
 by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

****Seating Interlude****

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (11:15)

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 & 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 - Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

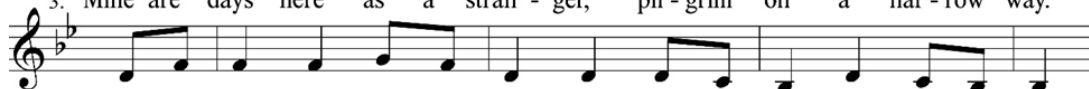
HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Christ is Mine Forevermore

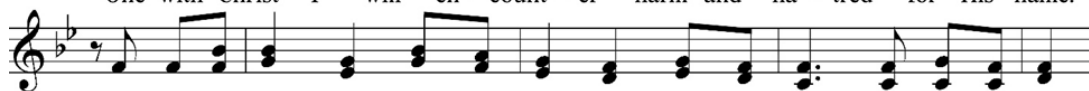
Robinson and Thompson



1. Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with Him.
2. *Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der - stood.*
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row way.



Yet, I look for world - ly trea - sure and for - sake the King of kings.
Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth - ly good.
One with Christ I will en - count - er harm and ha - tred for His name.



But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure.
But mine is peace that flows from heav - en, and the strength in times of need.
But mine is ar - mour for the bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war.



For Christ has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing; I am His for - ev - er - more. (to v2)
I know my pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me. (to v3)
And He has said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en shore. →



**tag:* And mine are keys to Zi - on ci - ty where be - side the King I walk.



For there my heart has found its trea - sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.



Come re - joice now, O my soul, for His love is my re - ward.



Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more. *2x to tag**

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Arise, O God, and Shine arr. S. Drummond Wolff

*Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow that all the earth Thy truth may know.*

*Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let ev'ry people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause and govern by Thy righteous laws.*

*Put forth Thy glorious pow'r that Gentiles all may see
And earth present her store in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless and fill the world with righteousness.*

Alleluia! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 469 - *How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place*

How sweet and aweful is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice,
And enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
Constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

Honoring Parents

Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-4

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³"that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE 101 - *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Verse 4

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, Hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Leading in Worship Today
Chip Miller, Senior Pastor
Parker Agnew, Assistant Pastor
Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist
Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director
Tom Rule, Pianist
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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

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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	Fundamentals of Faith	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	Romans	Ballroom
Grad & Career	College/20s-30s	Gospel In Life	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



All **men** are invited to join us on **Thursday, June 5 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** **Erick Erickson** will be sharing about "The man comes around". Fincher's bar b q will be served at no charge. **Scan the QR code to register.**



Join us as we cheer on the **Macon Bacon baseball team!** Families of all ages are welcome. Tickets are **\$17 per person** and include all-you-can-eat food in the stadium. Tickets will be distributed at the gate at 6:45 p.m. Family Max: \$40 **June 6th!** Scan the QR Code to Register!



Kick off the Summer with our **Family Square Dance Night!** Strap on your boots and boot, scoot, and boogie with us! Families of all ages are invited! Dessert provided Date: **Wednesday, June 4th** Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM Cost: \$10/family **Scan the QR Code to Register!**

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 May 7, 2025 is noted below.

Actual Giving Year-To-Date May 7, 2025	\$2,048,000
Budget Goal Year-To-Date May 7, 2025	\$2,170,000
Budget Giving Shortfall YTD May 7, 2025	(\$122,000)

Manchester to Macon

For the past few years we have sent a team to City Church Manchester, our UKP partners. We have gotten to know their church and the members there. This year **City Church is sending a team to Macon** in hopes of getting to know us better. We are excited to welcome them here **May 31-June 8**. We have several opportunities that week to connect with the Manchester team.

June 2 we will host a seminar called Christian Maturity in the Church. 7-8:30PM at FPC

June 3 we will host a seminar called City Church's DNA

June 4 we will enjoy the square dance with the children and youth of FPC

June 5 Man to Man Event/Women's Event (more details to come)



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