



Worship Services

November 30, 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 Joel Archer by his wife and family.

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

Psalm 95:1-6

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!

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 98 - *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven -
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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 providence –
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.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 691 - *It Is Well*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" - it is well with my soul.

****Seating Interlude****

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:15)

Noah Michael Lancour

Covenant Child of Michael and Sally Anne Lancour

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 34:11-22

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is there who desires life

and loves many days, that he may see good?

Keep your tongue from evil

and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn away from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous

and his ears toward their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,

to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears

and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted

and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

He keeps all his bones;

not one of them is broken.

Affliction will slay the wicked,

and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Everlasting God, the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and base desire.

Empower us, by Your Spirit,

to keep our lips from speaking deceit,

to turn from evil and do good, to seek and pursue peace.

Lead us under the shadow of your cross,

that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jerusalem

Robinson, Thompson, and Kleyn



See Him in Je - ru - sa - lem, walk - ing where the crowds are.
See Him there up - on the hill; hear the scorn and laugh - ter.
See Him there up - on the cross, now no long - er breath - ing.
See the emp - ty tomb to - day; death could not con - tain Him.

Once these streets had sung to Him, now they cry for mur - der.
Si - lent as a lamb He waits, pray - ing to the Fath - er.
Dust that formed the watch - ing crowds, takes the blood of Je - sus.
Once the Ser - vant of the world, now in vic - t'ry reign - ing.

Such a frail and lone - ly Man hold - ing up the hea - vy cross.
See the King who made the sun and the moon and shin - ing stars
Feel the earth is shak - ing now, see the veil is split in two.
*Lift your voic - es to the One, who is seat - ed on the throne.

See Him walk - ing in Je - ru - sa - lem on the road to save us.
let the sold - iers hold and nail him down, so that he could save them.
And He stood be - fore the wrath of God, shield - ing sin - ners with His blood.
See Him in the new Je - ru - sa - lem, praise the One who saved us!*

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PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Awake, My Soul (Psalm 57) Craig Courtney

*Awake, my soul! Awake psalter 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 psalter 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 94 - *How Firm a Foundation*

Verses 1-3, 6

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD - Justin Leslein

Fear Not

Matthew 10:26-33

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 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



You can help beautify our sanctuary this Christmas by purchasing one or more **poinsettias for decorations! The cost is \$15.00 per plant.** Plants can be given in memory or honor of someone and this will be published in the Christmas Poinsettia booklet.

Deadline for submission is Nov. 30th. Order forms are in the pews or you can order online by scanning the QR code.



Join us Sunday, **December 7th for Special Christmas Music and Brunch!** 9 and 11:15 am Worship Services
Drop in Brunch in the Fellowship Hall 9:45 - 11:45 am.



Join us on **Dec. 9th for the annual Ladies Christmas Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.** The tables will be set, dinner served and we will enjoy a special program! Dinner is \$20 per person. Sign up on Realm, in Sunday School or by calling the church office, 478-746-3223. You won't want to miss this special event.



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!



December 14th from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Children will rehearse in the church sanctuary with pizza dinner provided. Parents are encouraged to have an evening out downtown. Please register your child's attendance in Realm. **The nursery is open for children 3K and below, no charge.**

Upcoming Events

- December 7 – Youth Christmas Party
- December 7 – Christmas Music and Brunch
- December 9 – Women's Christmas Dinner
- December 14 – Parent's Night Out and Children's Program rehearsal
- December 17 – Children's Christmas Program
- December 19 – Carols on Mulberry
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Services
- December 28 – One Worship Service