



## *Worship Services*

November 9, 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](http://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 Captain Joseph N. Neel, Jr. (1892-1918) and in honor of all who have served in the armed forces by the Neel family.

Memorial flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary on Veterans' Sunday since 1918 by the Neel 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

## GATHERING SONG

### Christus Victor (Amen)

Boswell, Fowler, Getty, Papa

1. O Most High, King of the a - ges, great I AM, God of won - ders, by the blood  
you have re-deemed us, led us through might-y wa - ters. Our strength, our song, our  
sure sal-va-tion. Now to the Lamb up-on the throne Be bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry,  
pow - er for the bat - tle You have won. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the first measure of the melody. The second line contains the second measure. The third line contains the third measure. The fourth line contains the fourth measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The melody is a simple, hymn-like tune. The lyrics are in a simple, sans-serif font. The overall style is clean and professional.

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2. O Most High, dwel-ling a-mong us; Son of man, sent for sin-ners.  
3. O Most High, King of the na-tions; robed in praise, crowned in splen-dor.

By Your blood You have re-deemed us; spot-less Lamb, might-y Sav-ior who  
On that day, who will not trem-ble? When You stand, Christ the Vic-tor who

lived, who died, who rose vic-to-ri-ous. \* Now to the Lamb up-on the throne  
was, and is and is for-ev-er.

Be bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, pow-er for the bat-tle You have won. Hal-le-

lu-jah! With ev-'ry tribe and ev-'ry tongue, we join the an-them of the

an-gels in the tri-umph of the Son. Hal-le-lu-jah! A-men!

A-men, a-men, a-men. 2x to chorus\*

### CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 118:1, 22-24

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

### HYMN OF PRAISE 342 - *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Verses 1-3, 5

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All the dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,  
but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,  
whom he appointed the heir of all things,  
through whom also he created the world.

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature,  
and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited  
is more excellent than theirs.

\*\*\**Seating Interlude*\*\*\*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:15)

*Tucker McGhee*

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 25:6-18

- Leader: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.
- All: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**
- Leader: Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- All: He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.**
- Leader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- All: For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**
- Leader: Who is the man who fears the LORD?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
- All: His soul shall abide in well-being,  
and his offspring shall inherit the land.**
- Leader: The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- All: My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**
- Leader: Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.
- All: The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.**
- Leader: Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF HOPE

Hebrews 9:24, 26-28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE 261 - *What Wondrous Love Is This*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb

Who is the great "I AM,"

While millions join the theme,

I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free,

I'll sing and joyful be,

And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal..... arr. Alice Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

*And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

*Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

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*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 - *We Will Not Cease the Gospel to Proclaim***

We will not cease the Gospel to proclaim.  
Nor dare we ever turn from it in shame.  
It is God's pow'r to save in Jesus' name.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Both Jew and Greek, and all those who believe,  
By faith alone the gift of life receive.  
By grace alone, to Christ alone we cleave.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

All shall be saved who call upon the Lord.  
How can they call on Whom they have not heard?  
Arise, O Church, proclaim God's saving Word!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

How vast the mercy shown to us in Christ,  
Who has redeemed us at so great a price!  
We yield ourselves, a living sacrifice.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller**  
*The Disciples Sent Out On Mission*  
Matthew 10:1-25

## **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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*Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist*  
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*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

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## 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. 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

November 8 – Men's BBQ Cookoff

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

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