



Worship Services

October 19, 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 Charles Duggan, Jr., M.D. by his wife, Nancy.

YOUR PRESENCE

Please let us know that you're here today by scanning the QR code.

Worshippers read text in bold.



SCAN ME

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 38 - *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nehemiah 9:5-6

“Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

“You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.”

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 310 - *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Verses 1-3, 5

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above. (*Refrain*)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. (*Refrain*)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home. (*Refrain*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

****Seating Interlude****

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:15)

Willett Russell Souma

Covenant Child of Justin and Kelly Souma

PSALM OF LAMENT

Psalm 42

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
 so pants my soul for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
 for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my food
 day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
 “Where is your God?”
These things I remember,
 as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
 and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
 a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
 and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
 my salvation and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
 therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
 from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep
 at the roar of your waterfalls;

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all your breakers and your waves
 have gone over me.
By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
 and at night his song is with me,
 a prayer to the God of my life.
I say to God, my rock:
 “Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning
 because of the oppression of the enemy?”
As with a deadly wound in my bones,
 my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
 “Where is your God?”

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 and why are you in turmoil within me?
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SILENT LAMENT

CORPORATE PRAYER - *from Heidelberg Catechism 27-28*

**Father, you uphold heaven and earth and all creatures, and rule them
so that 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 your fatherly hand.**
**Knowing this, we can be patient when things go against us
and thankful when things go well.**
**Empower us to live in confidence that you are a faithful God and Father,
and that nothing in creation will separate us from your love.**
**Remind us often that we are so completely in your hand
that without your will we can neither move nor be moved. Amen.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

God of Every Grace

Fowler, Getty, & Boswell



Oh, let not this world of sor - rows steal my on - ly hope a - way,
Wear - y with the weight I car - ry, give me wings of faith to rise;
There's a dawn - ing hope be - fore us that I know is soon to break,



for the pow - er of — Your gos - pel shines with - in this jar of clay.
for You know each grief that lin - gers through the watch - es of the night.
as I wait up - on — Your mer - cy which will swal - low ev - 'ry ache.



In af - flic - tion You bring wis - dom that my com - forts can dis - place.
Sure - ly You have borne our suf - f'rings, at the cross took up our pain;
Cries of joy and songs of vic - t'ry, when we en - ter Heav - en's gates.



How my true and great - est treas - ure is in You, the God of grace.
and You lead us un - to glo - ry as we trust You, God of grace.
all Your chil - dren home to - geth - er all with You, the God of grace.



*Now to the God of ev - 'ry grace Who counts my tears, Who holds my days.



I sing through sor - row, sing with faith. Oh, praise the God of ev - 'ry grace.

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**final time
repeat chorus*

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Be Thou My Vision arr. John Rutter

Lyrics can be found in the Hymnal #642.

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

From Everlasting (Psalm 90)

Clow and Hudson

1. O God, be - fore the moun - tains were brought forth, or days of spring and
2. We dwell be - neath the stars in an - cient skies, a thou - sand years are
3. O God, when joy and tra - ge - dy col - lide and loss re - minds us

sum - mer filled the earth, from ev - er - last - ing, You are God. to vs. 2
noth - ing in Your sight, from ev - er - last - ing, You are God. →
life is but a sigh, from ev - er - last - ing, You are God. →

And all our days are held with-in Your hands, Your per - fect love and fa - vor have no
— end. We rest with-in the wis - dom of Your plan, Ev - er - last - ing God.

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4. O God of light, our ways are known to You, but by Your grace You're mak-ing all things
new, so sa - tis-fy us in our num-bered days, es - tab - lish ev - 'ry
ef - fort while we wait. From ev - er - last - ing, You are God.
And all our days are held with-in Your hands, Your per-fect love and fa-vor have no
— end. We rest with-in the wis-dom of Your plan, Ev - er - last - ing God.

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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

Responding to God's Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE 731 - *Doxology*

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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Chancel Choir

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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

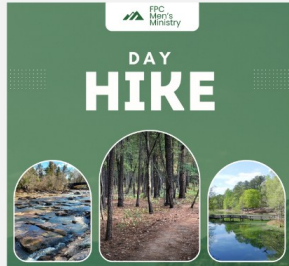
YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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



care we offer through the nursery. **Sunday, October 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Spring!**



All Men are invited to join us for a **day hike on Saturday, October 25 at Indian Springs State Park** with the option to camp overnight on Friday, October 24.

Hike: **9am-11:30am**
For those desiring to carpool, please meet at FPD at 8am **Register on Realm!**



Campus Clubs invites you to the **Seventh Annual Campus Clubs Golf Classic on Friday, October 24th. 9:30** Shotgun start at River North Country Club. Questions? **Call Robin, 478-747-4293 or email at rccrosbycc@gmail.com.**



PROCLAIM
An Evening of Congregational Singing
for the Glory of Christ



**FPC
Macon**

**5 PM
October 26**



Come and join your voices with strings, brass, and percussion to proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light! **A nursery will be provided for children 3 and under.** This year's theme is **"Everlasting"**. Please consider **memorizing Psalm 90** in anticipation of the evening.



**FIVE MINUTES WITH GOD
PODCAST**

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Scan the QR code and
download the FPC
Macon APP to listen.



Upcoming Events

October 19 – Little Blessings Brunch

October 24 – Campus Clubs Golf Classic

October 25 – Men's Day Hike

October 26 – Proclaim: An Evening of Congregational Singing

November 8 – Men's BBQ Cookoff

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