



## *Worship Services*

October 26, 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 the marriage of Julia Grayson Rumph and Ian Nathaniel Payne.

## **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 117

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

## **PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE 1 - *All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

Him serve with fear; His praise forth tell. Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid He did us make.

We are His folk; He doth us feed. And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto.

Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure.

His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The Nicene Creed***

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

# We Believe

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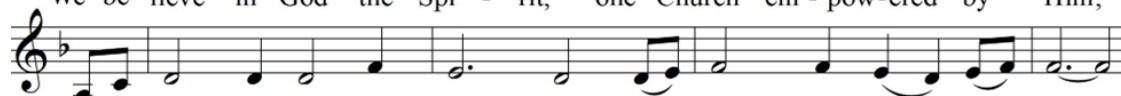
We be-lieve in one true God: Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son;



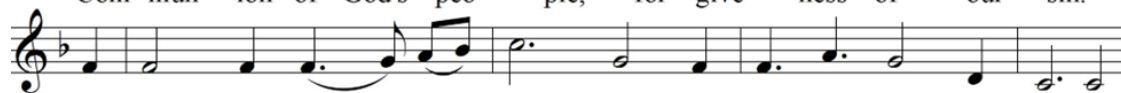
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all; His King - dom come.



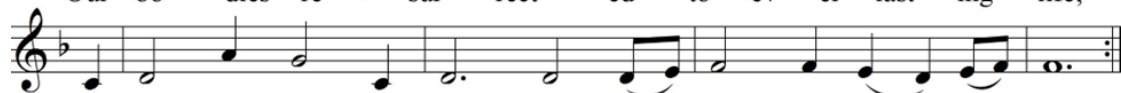
We be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, Al - might - y Lord of Life;  
*We be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, was beat - en, cru - ci - fied;*  
We be-lieve in God the Spi - rit, one Church em - pow-ered by Him;



Cre - a - tor of the hea - vens, the earth, the sea, the sky.  
*He died and He was bur - ied, en - tombed in dark - est night.*  
Com - mun - ion of God's peo - ple, for - give - ness of our sin.



And we be - lieve in Je - sus, the on - ly Son of God;  
*The third day rose vic - to - rious, as - cend - ed in - to heav'n;*  
Our bo - dies re - sur - rect - ed to ev - er - last - ing life;



born of the vir - gin Ma - ry, Who lived as one of us.  
*will one day come to judge us, the liv - ing and the dead.*  
to wor - ship, love, and won - der be - fore the throne of Christ.

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

## 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 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

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

# His Mercy Is More

M. Papa and M. Boswell



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?  
*What pat - ience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?*  
What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us;



Om - nis - cient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a  
*What Fath - er so tend - er is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the*  
His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a



sea with - out bot - tom or shore, Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.  
*weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.*  
debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more. \_\_\_\_\_ Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn, Our sins they are man - y his mer - cy is more.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER - *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever, Amen.

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

To God Be the Glory ..... arr. M. Roger Holland II

*To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life, an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (refrain)*

*Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (refrain)*

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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 457 - *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.

### **PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller**

*The Reformation of Grace*

1 Timothy 1:12-17

### **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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*Elliott Everitt, Assistant Pastor*  
*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                |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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



## 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.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in both morning worship services next Sunday, November 2.



## Officer Nominees

The following officer nominees will be voted on at the Called Congregational Meeting  
**Sunday, November 23, 2025**  
after the 9:00 and 11:15 Worship Services:

### Candidates for the Session

Adam Blakely  
Julian Hutchins  
Chris Inhulsen  
Bob Johnson  
Wynne Pearson  
Alfred Sams  
Robert Stamps  
Will Stanford  
Jay Strickland  
Bill Taylor

### Candidates for the Diaconate

Rickie Baucom  
Phil Clark  
Michael Garud  
John Kitchens  
Phillip Leonhard  
Troy Nash  
Joey Rogers

## Upcoming Events

October 26 – Proclaim: An Evening of Congregational Singing

November 8 – Men's BBQ Cookoff

December 7 – Youth Christmas Party

December 7 – Christmas Music and Brunch

December 9 – Women's Christmas Dinner

December 17 – Children's Christmas Program

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