



First Presbyterian Church Macon

200 Years of God's Faithfulness

*First Presbyterian is a Welcoming Church in Downtown Macon
Committed to Knowing Christ and Making Him Known.*

April 5, 2026 · 9:00 · 11:15 AM

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.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of our Lord's resurrection and His gift of eternal life by the Women in the Church.

YOUR PRESENCE

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

Worshippers read text in bold.



FPC 200TH ANNIVERSARY (1826-2026): A MOMENT FROM OUR PAST

The present church sanctuary was dedicated to Christian worship on September 19, 1858. An audience larger than the house could accommodate assembled for the occasion since some other churches suspended their services to be present. The construction costs totaled \$3000 for the lot and \$22,943 for the building. There were about 200 members on the church rolls at this time.

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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Getty, Kauflin, Merker, Papa and Story



1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives; what hope this sweet as-sur-ance gives!
2. I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and all my life is bound to His.



That He who gave His life for me a-rose with heal-ing in His wings.
In realms a-bove, He in-ter-cedes; our sin-less Sa-vior, per-fect Priest.



He lives, the tomb is emp-ty still; re-demp-tion's pro-mise He ful-filled.
No fear can fol-low where He guides; His con-stant pre-sence is my light.



No con-dem-na-tion now re-mains; the stone of death is rolled a-way.
No pow'r on earth or heav'n a-bove can sep-a-rate us from His love.



My Re-deem-er lives, my Re-deem-er lives on heav-en's throne



and in my ve-ry soul, I know that my Re-deem-er lives.

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3. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; in life and death I trust in Him.



My soul se - cure, my fu - ture safe; He'll not for - sake me to the grave.



He lives, and He will not de - lay; my eyes will wake to bright - est day



and in my flesh I'll see him stand when Christ in glo - ry comes a - gain,



and ev - 'ry eye will see him stand when Christ in glo - ry comes a - gain. _____



My Re - deem - er lives, my Re - deem - er lives on heav - en's throne



and in my ve - ry soul, I know that my Re - deem - er lives.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Luke 24:1-6

Leader: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed!

ANTHEM

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made G.F. Handel/arr. H. Hopson

*This is the day the Lord has made; rejoice and sing.
We triumph in the name of the Lord our God. Hallelujah!
We shall not die, but we shall live forevermore.
We triumph in the name of the Lord our God. Hallelujah!*

CORPORATE READING

Based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45; Revelation 19:6b-7a

Pastor: By his resurrection Christ has overcome death,
so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death,
and by his power we too are already raised to a new life.
Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

And so, with the saints of all ages we say:

**All: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory."**

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 - Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter VIII

**In his eternal purpose it pleased God to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus,
his only Begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and man.**

**He was made under and perfectly fulfilled the law.
He endured severe torment in his soul and extremely painful suffering in his body.
He was crucified and died.
He was buried and remained under the power of death, but his body did not decay.**

**On the third day he arose from the dead with the same body in which he suffered
and with which he also ascended into heaven.
There he sits at the right hand of his Father, interceding for believers.
He will return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.**

****Seating Interlude****

ANTHEM

This Is My Beloved Son Pepper Choplin

*Long, long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations.
But in these days, God shows his ways and through the Son He's spoken.
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.*

*You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.
The heav'ns you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation.
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.
The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow'r and majesty.
The first begotten One, this is my high and holy Son.*

*On earth one day, John, Peter, James followed Him up a mountain.
Before their eyes, His face would shine with light as bright as morning.
His garment shone and brightened. The disciples were so frightened, their faces on the ground.
A bright cloud overwhelmed them, a voice came forth to tell them,
"Now listen to this one, for this is my beloved Son!"*

*You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.
The heav'ns you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation.
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.
The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow'r and majesty.
For this is my Son, for this is my beloved son. This is my son.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:6-12

He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise. And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Amazing Grace arr. D. Funderburk

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.

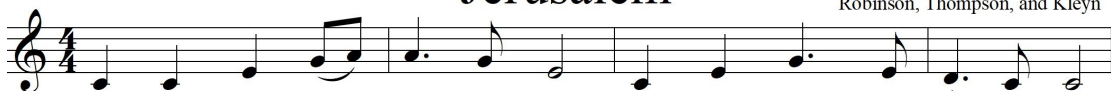
HYMNS OF PREPARATION - *How Deep the Father's Love for Us and Jerusalem*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

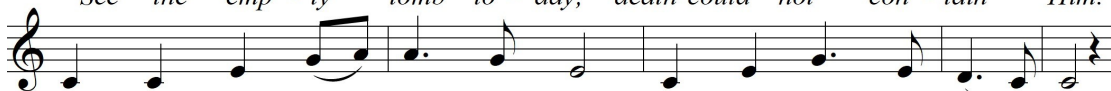
Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

Jerusalem

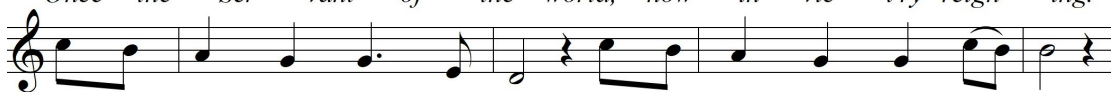
Robinson, Thompson, and Kleyn



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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I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

Moving from Doubt to Belief

John 20:19-31

ANTHEM

An Easter Alleluia Eugene Butler

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ has broken every chain.
Hark! The angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high! Alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high. Pleads for us and hears our cry! Alleluia!*

*He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save.
Now through Christendom it rings: That the Lamb is King of Kings!*

HYMN - *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heavens, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! Amen.

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CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session

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

Class of 2028 - Adam Blakely, Julian Hutchins, Chris Inhulsen, Bob Johnson, Wynne Pearson, Alfred Sams, Robert Stamps, Will Stanford, Jay Strickland, Bill Taylor

The Diaconate

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

Class of 2028 - Rickie Baucom, Phil Clark, Michael Garud, John Kitchens, Phillip Leonhard, Troy Nash, Joey Rogers

Trustees

Rob Danner, Bruce Jones, Ray Pearson, Buddy Ponder, 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	Joshua & Judges	Basement M102
Foundations	20s-30s	Romans	Education Building
Immanuel	Mid 40s-50s	Titus & Philemon	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	Genesis	Brickyard M103

Announcements

200 Years of FPC Macon!

Join us on April 19 as we celebrate 200 years of FPC! Worship services will be held at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m., with no Sunday School that morning. A picnic lunch with time for fellowship and celebration will follow each service in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special day!



We invite members of our congregation to share their reflections of FPC by scanning this QR code and filling out a brief survey.

The Edge | Middle School Conference

Rising 6th - 8th Grade students are invited to join us for the Edge! A 5 day conference at Covenant College on Lookout Mountain in Tennessee. This conference is centered on the Gospel as well as counselor and student relationships
June 15-19 | Cost: \$350. Only 6 spots remaining!



El Salvador Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for the following team members and leaders serving with Shelter in

El Salvador April 4-11: Parker Agnew, Paul Cable, Adam Crosby, Andrew Fahsholz, John Michael Phillips, and Jim Self



Senior Recognition Sunday May 10

If you have a graduating high school senior, we invite you and your family to join us for a Senior Brunch and Recognition Service on May 10. Please scan the QR code to register.



The Senior Brunch will take place during the Sunday School hour at 10:10 a.m., followed by Senior Recognition during the second worship service at 11:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School 2026

Join us June 22-25 (9:00 AM-12:00 PM) as kids (rising 4K-5th grade) explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God and find a safe place in life's storms. Rising 6th-8th graders are invited to serve as Jr. Counselors, and nursery care is available for volunteers. Scan QR Code to Register



As a reminder, there will be **NO Wednesday Night Activities this Wednesday, April 8.** We will resume Wednesday Night activities on April 15.



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