



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.*

August 30, 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. 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 loving memory of Bob Kimsey by his wife, Carol, and sons Mark and Matthew and their families.

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 third centennial celebration in the church was observed on September 19, 1958. This marked the 100th anniversary of the church building. A commemorative plate with a rendering of the church was made to mark the occasion. Shortly after the celebration, the Georgia Historical Commission erected near the sidewalk in front of the church an historical marker. The same week, the Macon Telegraph and News devoted more than a page to the church and its past. In addition, the history of the church was brought up to date and republished under the title, "One Hundred Years of Witnessing for God."

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 101 - Come, Thou Almighty King

Verses 1-3

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 119 - *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where're I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
And everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

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****

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION - Colossians 3:5-17

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, you have called us out of darkness and have chosen us to be your people.

We should be filled with gratitude for your mercy;

we should be filled with courage to war against our flesh.

Yet, our conduct often gives no indication that we belong to you.

Forgive us for abusing your grace by not resisting temptation.

Forgive us for abasing your glory by not being a light to the world.

Please give us compassionate hearts

and fill us with boldness and righteousness in our words and in our deeds,
to the praise of Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF GRACE - Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us - for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"- so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM 33

What is justification?

Justification is the act of God's free grace

by which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight.

He does so only because he counts the righteousness of Christ as ours.

Justification is received by faith alone.

He Will Hold Me Fast

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. *Those He saves are His de - light,* Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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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 visiting the church website at www.fpcmacon.org.

Children K4-second grade are welcome to leave the worship service for a Bible Lesson in Cornerstone (BLC). We encourage children third grade and above to continue in corporate worship with their parents.

HYMN OF PREPARATION - *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Parker Agnew

Meeting Christ In Our Disagreements

2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE 101 - *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Verse 4

To the great One in Three,
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

*Leading in Worship Today
Parker Agnew, Interim Pastor
Elliott Everitt, Assistant Pastor
Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist
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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	30s-40s	Ruth	Education Building
Immanuel	Mid 40s-50s	Lamentations	Education Building E102
Shepherds	50s-60s	Mark	Brickyard M102
Trinity	60s+	Equipping Yourself	Education Building E103
Covenant	70s+	John 4	Education Building E105
Canterbury	70s-80s	Studies in the Psalms	Education Building E104
Connections	Mixed Ages	Reformed Church History	Gathering Place
Generations	Mixed Ages	Romans	Basement M100
Pathways	Mixed Ages	Genesis	Brickyard M103

Announcements

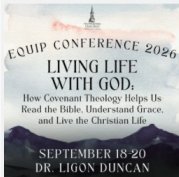


Wednesday Night Kickoff Dinner

Join us **September 2 at 5:15 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for our first Wednesday Night of the Fall Semester. **Dinner will be FREE** of charge and catered by Margarita's Mexican Grill. **Registration is REQUIRED.** Please register by Tuesday, September 1 at noon. Scan QR code to register.



After dinner, stay for a class or Bible study! We offer programming for infants-5th grade, Jr. High Youth, men's and women's Bible studies, co-ed classes, prayer group, GriefShare, and more. Visit fpcmacon.org/wednesday-night-fellowship for more information.



Equip Conference 2026

Sept 18-20 | "Living Life with God"

Join us for Equip 2026 as **Dr. Ligon Duncan** explores how Covenant Theology helps us better understand Scripture, find assurance of salvation, rest in God's grace and forgiveness, and faithfully live the Christian life. We'll kick off the conference with dinner and one session on Friday evening, followed by two sessions on Saturday.



On Sunday, Dr. Duncan will join us for a special Q&A during the Sunday School hour. **Scan QR code to register today!** Visit www.fpcmacon.org/equip for more information.



Women's Bible Study

Women of all ages are invited to study the Psalms of Ascent together beginning September 2. Choose from Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:30AM, or evenings, 6:15-7:30PM.

Contact Mary Anne Shipley at 478-719-7306 for more information.



Join us for our Inquirer's Class

- New to First Presbyterian Church?
- Interested in church membership?
- Wondering what Christianity is all about?

The Inquirer's Class is an informative 6 week course, taught by Executive Pastor Justin Leslein that will help you assimilate into church life at FPC.

The Inquirer's Class begins Sunday, September 13 at 10:10AM. Location TBA. *Please let us know if you're coming by calling Tammy Jones at 746.3223 or by emailing tjones@fpcmacon.org.*



Men's Fall Bible Study

Join us Thursdays beginning September 17 from 7:00-8:00 AM in the Connections Classroom (Gathering Place). This 13-week study will walk through the book of

Ephesians using *Let's Study Ephesians* by Sinclair Ferguson. Coffee and donuts will be available beginning at 6:30 AM, and the first 20 attendees on September 17 will receive a free study guide. We hope you'll join us!



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Jeremiah Project Bedding Drive

Jeremiah Project is partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to provide safe, comfortable beds for children in our community. While 875 local children have received beds, more than 1,100 remain on the waiting list. **Help us fill the display bed in the Brick Yard with new twin-size sheets, pillows, comforters, and other bedding for local children in need.** Learn more by contacting **Jeff Wilhelm at jeffwilhelm13@gmail.com** or by visiting www.shpbs.org/chapter/ga-macon

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