



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 9, 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.

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 Braxton Davis Bragg, Chase Marshall Duggan and Alexander John Newman.

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

Once again, war clouds gathered during 1940-41. And again, the church opened its doors to the servicemen in our region. Each Sunday, the Presbyterians held open house for the soldiers from Camp Wheeler an hour before Vespers. This was a time of fellowship and gave the young men an opportunity to meet the church members. Some special relationships were formed. Notice this paragraph from a local newspaper account dated, December 29, 1941: "Special services were held at the Sunday School hour to dedicate a new chapel, just completed in the first floor of the church, just below the main auditorium. The new chapel was a scene of a wedding between Pvt Andy Kozsuuch Jr., NCO school, Camp Wheeler and Miss Elanor Kathryn Luyster, Key, Ohio an hour after the conclusion of the morning worship services."

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.*

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99:1-5

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

HYMN OF PRAISE 100 - *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself,
by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All My Boast Is in Jesus

Getty, Boswell, Papa, & Fowler



1. What won - der of won - ders, what love is this; that Christ would die for me!
2. Now ful - ly for - giv - en, my life is filled with grac - es un - de - served.
3. I boast not in rich - es, in strength or might, but in the grace of God.



His good - ness, His mer - it, His right - eous - ness, this sin - ner's on - ly plea.
For mer - cy that flowed down that sa - cred hill, let prais - es now re - turn.
I glo - ry in weak - ness, to live is Christ in plen - ty or in want.



O fool - ish pride, be cru - ci - fied; the work is fin - ished!
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord! Who else is wor - thy?
That I may know, that all may see His pow'r with in me!



Chorus: All my boast is in Je - sus; all my hope is His love,
* Now I stand in this free - dom; ran - somed, clean in His sight,



and I will glo - ry for - ev - er in what the cross has done. *1x: to v. 2*
and I can - not be a - shamed for my boast is Je - sus Christ. *2x: Bridge*
*3x: **



Bridge: O, praise the One, for - ev - er blessed! Him a - lone my heart a - dores _____



and I will boast in noth - ing less than the love of Christ, my Lord. *to v. 3*

Seating Interlude

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalms 51:1-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

All: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

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All: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF HOPE

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 252 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks arr. Howard Helvey

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
Don't you feel like going home; My home is in the promised land, and I feel like going home.*

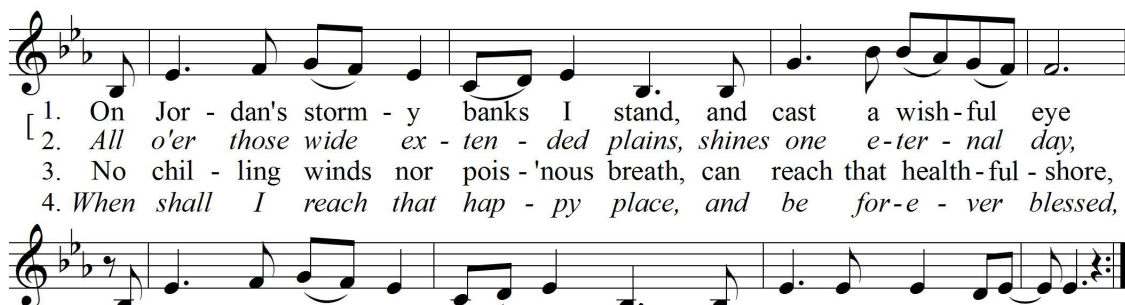
*O the pure transporting rapturous scene that rises to my sight!
Sweet fields arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight.
Yes, I feel like going home. My home it is in the promised land, and I feel like going home.*

*Filled with great delight, my raptured soul would here no longer stay!
Though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away.
I am bound for the promised land!
Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land!*

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.

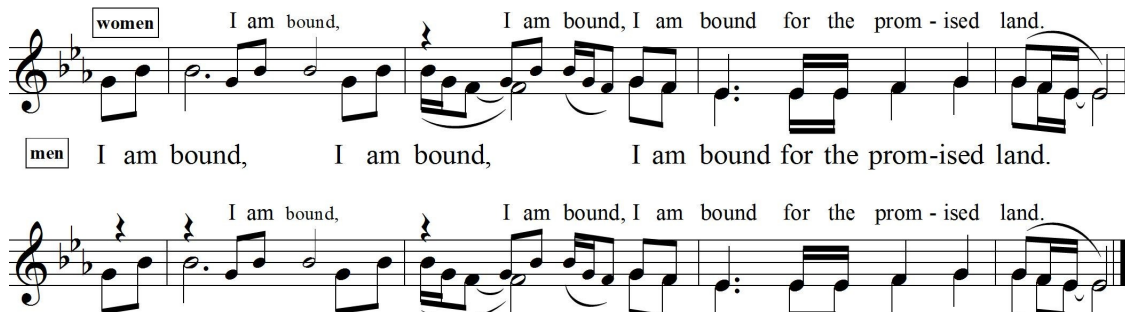
On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

S. Stennett and C. Miner



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, shines one e - ter - nal day,
 3. No chil - ling winds nor pois - 'nous breath, can reach that health - ful - shore,
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for - e - ver blessed,

to Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - sess - ions lie.
 there God, the Son, for - ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a - way.
 sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
 where shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and in his bos - om rest.



women I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.
 men I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.
 I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.

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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Parker Agnew

Meeting Christ in 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 1:1-2

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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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	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



Men of all ages are invited to join us **Thursday, August 13 at 6 PM** for a Man to Man event.

"Real Talk': an evening of honest conversation as men from our church answer questions about faith, work, family, leadership, and everyday life through a biblical lens." **Free BBQ Dinner Provided. Registration Required.** Scan QR Code to Register.



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.



Women of all ages are invited to join us at **6:30 PM** on **Sunday, August 23**, at the **home of Terri Harper** (1435 Twin Pines Drive) for our **Ladies Fall Kickoff!** Enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun, and connection as we begin

the fall season together. It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, learn about ways to get involved, and build community. **Bring a friend and an appetizer to share!** We hope you'll join us.

Fall Kickoff @ FIRST PRES



SUNDAY,
AUGUST 16
10:10 AM

FPC
FELLOWSHIP
HALL

FPC Fall Kickoff

Join us August 16 in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (10:10 AM) for our Fall Kickoff!

Come learn about our various ministries and how you can plug in at FPC this fall!



Small Group Leader & Volunteer Training

All of our small group leaders and ministry volunteers are invited to join us for Small Group Leader Training on August 26.

Dinner will be catered by Panda Express Dinner 5:15-6PM | Training: 6-7:30PM \$8/Adult | \$6/Child | \$30 family max Childcare will be provided Scan QR code to register and pay



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.



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!

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