



# First Presbyterian Church Macon

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*200 Years of God's Faithfulness*

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

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# 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).

## 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 Carolyn Durham by her daughter, Tyger Hopkins, and family.

## 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

A major project in the 1920's for the church was the construction of the "church school building." The Sunday class for children and adults had all met in the basement of the sanctuary building until that time. The money was subscribed to pay for a building with an estimated cost of \$75,000. It was dedicated on October 11, 1925 "to the training of the youth of our church in the knowledge and fear of the Lord." The church had 400 members in 1925. That same year on the world scene, Adolf Hitler published the first volume of *Mein Kampf* which outlined the racial ideology and expansionist plans that would later lead to World War II and the Holocaust. High school teacher John T. Scopes was tried in Dayton, Tennessee, for teaching evolution. The trial became a national debate over science, religion, and education. The New York Yankees, led by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, became baseball's dominant team.

# *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** - 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Pastor: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

All: **Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory  
and the victory and the majesty,  
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.**

Pastor: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.  
Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

All: **In your hand are power and might,  
and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.**

Pastor: And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE** - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing. Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ, our King. Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice.

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high. Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend.

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, praise the risen Lamb. Alleluia! Amen!

He died to ransom man. Alleluia! Amen!

On that triumphant day, he took our sins away.

Death could not bid him stay. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again. Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain. Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore. Alleluia! Amen!

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,  
    visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -  
    all things were created through him and for him.  
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
    that in everything he might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
    and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
    whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 3:15-22

“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing,” not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Great God and Heavenly Father, our hearts are full of pride.  
We have counted ourselves rich, as if we needed nothing from your hand.  
But in reality we are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.  
Forgive our unwarranted self-sufficiency and spiritual sluggishness  
and grant us the repentance that you require.  
Lord, hear our prayer; come in and eat with us  
that we may know the joy of your fellowship. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### SCRIPTURE OF GRACE

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

### HYMN OF ASSURANCE 307 - *Nothing but the Blood*

Verses 1-4

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

#### *Refrain*

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea - nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Nothing can for sin atone - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done - nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

This is all my hope and peace - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness - nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Online giving may be done by texting **fpcmacon** to 73256 or visiting the church website at [www.fpcmacon.org](http://www.fpcmacon.org).

Marching to Zion ..... Ken Berg

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*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

## Christus Victor (Amen)

Boswell, Fowler, Getty, Papa

1. O Most High, King of the a - ges, great I AM, God of won - ders, by the blood  
you have re-deemed us, led us through might-y wa - ters. Our strength, our song, our  
sure sal-va-tion. Now to the Lamb up-on the throne Be bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry,  
pow - er for the bat - tle You have won. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1. O Most High, King of the a - ges, great I AM, God of won - ders, by the blood'. The second staff continues: 'you have re-deemed us, led us through might-y wa - ters. Our strength, our song, our'. The third staff continues: 'sure sal-va-tion. Now to the Lamb up-on the throne Be bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry,'. The fourth staff concludes: 'pow - er for the bat - tle You have won. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!'.

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2. O Most High, dwell-ing a-mong us; Son of man, sent for sin-ners.  
 3. O Most High, King of the na-tions; robed in praise, crowned in splen-dor.

By Your blood You have re-deemed us; spot-less Lamb, might-y Sav-ior who  
 On that day, who will not trem-ble? When You stand, Christ the Vic-tor who

lived, who died, who rose vic-to-ri-ous. \*Now to the Lamb up-on the throne  
 was, and is and is for-ev-er.

Be bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, pow-er for the bat-tle You have won. Hal-le-

lu-jah! With ev-'ry tribe and ev-'ry tongue, we join the an-them of the

an-gels in the tri-umph of the Son. Hal-le-lu-jah! A-men!

A-men, a-men, a-men.

2x to chorus\*

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD** - John Piper  
*God Will Rejoice in Doing You Good*  
 Jeremiah 32:36-41



## HYMN OF RESPONSE

# 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.



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. *\*to chorus*

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## 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.

*John Piper is our guest preacher today. He is the founder and lead teacher of Desiring God, chancellor of Bethlehem College and Seminary, and former pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he served for nearly 33 years. For over half a century, he has preached thousands of messages and written dozens of books to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ.*

*The son of an itinerant evangelist, John was raised in Greenville, South Carolina, and studied English literature at Wheaton College (1964-1968), where he also met Noël Henry, whom he married in 1968. He then received a Bachelor of Divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary (1968-1971) and a doctorate from the University of Munich (1971-1974) before teaching biblical studies at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota, for six years. Then, in 1980, feeling an irresistible call to preach, John became the senior pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Since 2013, he has served full time for the ministry of Desiring God.*

*John and Noël live in Minneapolis, and together they have five children and a growing number of grandchildren.*

*Leading in Worship Today  
Chip Miller, Senior Pastor  
John Piper, Guest Preacher  
Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist  
Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director  
Tom Rule, Pianist  
Chancel Choir*

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**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

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## 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



We will have a **Retirement Party for Pastor Chip on July 26 at 6:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**. We are collecting pictures of Pastor Chip and his family,

and would like for you to send them to Jave Bjorkman at [jboysquared@gmail.com](mailto:jboysquared@gmail.com).



**Mom + Son Date | July 23 2 - 4 PM | Macon Rocks**  
**Enjoy an afternoon of mother-son time with us at Macon Rocks!**

Ages: Rising 4K - Rising 6th  
Cost: \$15 per son (free for moms unless you want to climb)  
We will have 2 hours to climb the rock walls followed by ice cream sundaes!



## GriefShare | September 2

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, GriefShare offers a safe, welcoming place to find support, encouragement, and hope.

This 12-week support group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 PM, beginning September 2. For more information, please contact Pastor Parker Agnew at 478-746-3223.



*There will be a congregational meeting following the 9 am worship service on July 26 in the sanctuary for the purpose of officially receiving the resignation/retirement of Pastor Chip Miller.*

## Please be in prayer for the following team members serving Scotland- July 17-July 25.

Marley Gardner, Wendy Hamm, Carol Kimsey, Allison Newman, Bobby Newman, Bradley Newman, Charlotte Newman, Sam Newman, Della Pownall, Kellen Pownall, Kyle Pownall, Nan Pownall, Rubye Grace Pownall, Brian Stone, Brinkley Stone, Kristen Stone, Lorelai Stone, Asa Wood, Greg Wood, Wendy Wood

## Please be in prayer for the following team members serving at Casa Hogar July 22-July 29.

Rory Brumbelow, Mia Buzzell Abigail Cudnik, Jonathan Cudnik, Katherine Cudnik, Abbee Leslein, Landis Mauldin, David Newberry, Bailey Pearson, Martha Pearson, Wynne Pearson, Wynne Pearson Jr., Emily Shaw, Ansley Smith, Shepherd Tanner



## World Cup Final Watch Party July 19 | 2-6 PM

Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun, hosted by the Men's Ministry at FPC. We will have water, and light snacks. Feel free to bring an additional snack to share.



## Youth End of Summer Party August 1 | 5-8 PM

**the Fiebig home**  
All youth students are invited for an evening of tubing, boat rides, swimming, and lots of fun. Dinner and drinks provided.

## Fall Kickoff @ FIRST PRES



## 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!

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