



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.*

July 5, 2026 · 10:30 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 with thankfulness for His divine Providence in the founding of the United States of America 250 years ago.

YOUR PRESENCE

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



SCAN ME

Worshippers read text in bold.

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

During WW1, Presbyterians offered a church home for the troops in our community even as the work of the church plodded forward. Here is a notice from the November 21, 1915 Macon Daily Telegraph: "First Presbyterian - R.E. Douglas, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 AM Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. At 11 o'clock the question of the Every Member Canvass will be discussed. At night service the theme will be "A Man and His Conscience." Christian Endeavor at 6:45. Good music, free pews, and gospel preaching. Don't forget the canvass that afternoon. Be sure and be home from 2:30 until you are called on by the canvassers." (compiled by Harriet Comer)

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 72:1-4, 17

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!

May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 441 - *Jesus Shall Reign*

Verses 1, 3-5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring blessing and honor to our King,
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

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****

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Esther Harris

Wallace McLeod Harris

Covenant children of Marlin and Caroline Harris

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen

WORDS OF HOPE

Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with - in.

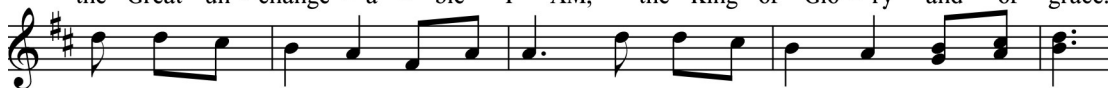
Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.

Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.

the Great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.

Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.

One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**

For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on Him and par - don me.

My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.**

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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.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

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

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Getty, Papa, and Boswell

1. There's an end-less song wait-ing to be sung, with the voice of ev-'ry tribe, the
sound of ev-'ry tongue; When the bride of Christ on that day of days,
2. We will join the feast, rest from bat-tles won;
3. Cer - tain of that day Christ we will pro-claim,
brings with joy un - to the Lamb a mul - ti - tude of praise. And
tell with great re - joic - ing all the won-ders God has done. And
Oh, that more would share the prize, sal - va - tion in His name. Then
like the roar of might - y seas and rolls of thun-der hear His peo - ple sing:
like the roar of might - y seas and rolls of thun-der all the church will sing:
great - er will the an - them ring, a might - y chor - us ris - ing to the King.
* Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, for the Lord Al-might - y reigns. Hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, for the Lord our God, the Al-might-y reigns! *

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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller
George Whitefield and the Power of the Gospel
Romans 1:16

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Awaken Us Today

Chad Marriott



1. From the o - ceans, through the val - leys, from the main - land to the shore,
2. *Love un - end - ing, grace un - yield - ing; ten - der mer - cies from thy throne;*
3. I will serve Thee, pre - cious Je - sus, un - to thee I give my all.
4. *Wake, O sleep - er, from your slum - ber! Saints a - wak - en, come to life!*



let Your King - dom be a - wak - ened in the hearts of men once more.
brings the lost soul in - to fam - lies, calls the way - ward sin - ner home.
Lay my hand un - to thy ser - vice and my heart un - to thy call.
Christ will rise and shine up - on you in His heav - 'nly light di - vine.



Call Your chil - dren in - to free - dom, cap - tive souls to lib - er - ty.
Bring sal - va - tion, great Re - deem - er, Ho - ly fi - re fan to flame.
Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, lay a - side all self - ish gain;
Like the sun - rise in its dawn - ing break - ing dark - ness with new light



Come a - wak - en, Ho - ly Spir - it! Come a - wak - en us to - day!
Come re - store us. Come re - vive us. Come a - wak - en us to - day!
all for - sak - en for thy glo - ry; come a - wak - en us to - day!
Rise up - on us, King of glo - ry; come a - wak - en us to - day!

BENEDICTION

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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+	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



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.



Wacky Wednesday & Mother's Monring Out July 8th
Join us on **Wednesday mornings for play, bible study and fellowship. Snacks provided!**



July 8th - Nerf Guns & Necklaces
Time: 9am - 12pm
Ages: Infant - 6th Grade
Cost: \$5 a child

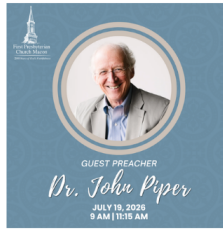


Macon Bacon Baseball Game
Join us **Wednesday, July 15** as we cheer on the Macon Bacon baseball team! Families of all ages are welcome. **Tickets are \$17 per person** and include **all-you-can-eat food in the stadium**. Tickets will be distributed at the gate at 6:45 p.m. **Family Max: \$40**



For questions, reach out to **Spring Rawlings** at rawlings@fpcmacon.org.

Scan QR Code to register.



As a part of our 200th year celebration, we are excited to have **Dr. John Piper** as our guest preacher on Sunday, **July 19** at both **9 am and 11:15 am** services.



All youth students are invited to join us on **July 11** for a day trip to **Columbus, Georgia** to go **White Water Rafting**. We will raft at 11 am and eat lunch in Columbus before heading back to Macon. **Cost is \$40 per person.**
Scan QR code to register!

Contact **David Newberry** (dnewberry@fpcmacon.org) or **Landis Mauldin** (Imauldin@fpcmacon.org) with any questions.

RYM | Sr. High Conf. | Panama City Beach, FL
Please be in prayer for these leaders and Sr. High students going to the RYM conference July 3-7.

Hadley Anderson, Sydney Brumbelow, Zoie Burnsed, Mia Buzzell, Hudson Crosby, Jackson Dantzler, Keitt Dantzler, Graham Everitt, Thomas Everitt, Reese Garvin, Lilly Geist, Mack Gillis, Lucy Gillis, Samantha Gray, Mary Suzanna Hunt, Oliver Hunt, Kate Kitchell, Sarah Kitchell, Abee Leslein, Elcee Leslein, John Thomas Leslein, Adelle Marbutt, Jabin Marbutt, Stevi Martin, Landis Mauldin, Amelia Mixon, David Newberry, Taliyah Parrott, Bailey Pearson, Wynne Pearson, Josephine Peed, Della Pownall, Kellen Pownall, Kyle Pownall, Nan Pownall, Kendall Rawlings, Brett Roper, Emily Shaw, Jackson Shiver, Ransom Shiver, Victoria Smaha, Ansley Smith, Rachel Smith, Avery Thaxton, Ben Waits, and Zoey Willingham

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