



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.*

June 28, 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 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 loving memory of Glenn and Anne Hobby and Eugene and Eve Stamps by Robert and Marilyn Stamps.

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

By 1913, another congregation was planned out of FPC. According to *The Macon Daily Telegraph*, dated August 15, 1913, 75-100 members residing in the vicinity of College Street decided "for their own good and the good of the church they should have church nearer their homes." This would have given Macon its Presbyterian congregations, five of them offshoots from First Presbyterian Church - Jeff Davis Street Presbyterian Church (the name later changed to Westminster Presbyterian Church), East Macon PC, Tattnell Square PC, Vineville PC and the proposed new church. For some reason, the College Street congregation was never formed. (from Harriet Comer). Also in 1913, the first prize was inserted into a Cracker Jack box; the 16th Amendment to the US Constitution becomes law, providing the legal basis for the institution of a graduated income tax which was 1% that year. And, stainless steel was invented in Sheffield, England.

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 97:1-6

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE - *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with gold beam, Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, Three in One.

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood

Come and rejoice in His great love. O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin; cast all your burdens now on Him.

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign;

Heaven and earth will join to say: O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and king.

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

****Seating Interlude****

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION

1 Peter 3:8-12

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Everlasting God, the true home of every heart:
our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved
by selfish passion and base desire.
Empower us, by Your Spirit,
to keep our tongues from speaking deceit,
to turn from evil and do good,
to seek and pursue peace.
Lead us under the shadow of your cross,
that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF HOPE

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Robinson, Thomposn, & Hendroff



1. How I love the voice of Je - sus on the cross of Cal - va - ry.
2. *Now the curse, it has been bro - ken; Je - sus paid the price for me.*
3. Death was once my great op - po - nent; fear once had a hold on me.



He de - clares His work is fin - ished; He has spo - ken this hope to me.
Full, the par - don He has of - fered. Great, the wel - come that I re - ceive.
* But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free in - deed. *



Though the sun had ceased it shin - ing, though the war ap - peared as lost,
Bold - ly I ap - proach my Fa - ther, clothed in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.
Free from ev - 'ry plan of dark - ness, free to live and free to love.



Christ had tri - umphed o - ver e - vil. It was fin - ished up - on that cross.
There is no more guilt to car - ry. It was fin - ished up - on that cross.
Death is dead and Christ is ris - en! It was fin - ished up - on that cross. →



On - ward to e - ter - nal glo - ry, to my Sav - ior and my God.



* I re - joice in Je - sus' vic - t'ry. It was fin - ished up - on that cross. *

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STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY
Jave and Katie Bjorkman

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Grace Mark Hayes

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
I once was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And that same grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
This grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home, I shall go home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun, the glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than since the day we first begun.*

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er; We will feast
and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He
In the dark of night be-fore the dawn my
Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed; You
is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the
soul be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how
are the faith - ful One. And from the gar - den to the
flood; Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
long? O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
grave bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

A New Wardrobe

Colossians 3:12-14

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS

HYMN - *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
On the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.
I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me, son of God, with him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

BENEDICTION

Leading in Worship Today
Chip Miller, Senior Pastor
Justin Leslein, Executive Pastor
Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist
Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director
Tom Rule, Pianist
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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	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

One Worship Service Sunday, July 5



There will be **ONE worship service** on **Sunday, July 5 at 10:30am**. There will be **NO Sunday School**.



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 Morning 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



Upcoming Events

RYM - July 3-7
Nursery Playdate - July 11
Youth Volleyball - July 13
Macon Bacon Baseball Game - July 15
Scotland Mission Trip - July 17-26
Casa Hogar Mission Trip - July 22-29
Mom + Son Date - July 23



Young adults, join us this summer for a Thursday nights for our large group Bible study on Union with Christ! We will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the FPC Chapel.

For more information or questions, reach out to Chris Gerwig at cgerwig@fpcmacon.org or Calleeene Newberry at cnewberry@fpcmacon.org



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!**



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 srawlings@fpcmacon.org.

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