



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 7, 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 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 Lillie Sheppard by Danny and Joy Humphrey.

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

In May of 1893, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met here at First Presbyterian Church. On the Sunday morning before the Assembly began, Rev. William B. Jennings (the FPC pastor at the time) preached from Acts 15:6 "And the apostles and elders came together for to consider this matter." In this sermon, he surveyed the work of the last General Assembly which had met in Macon, in First Church, in 1865. Also in May 1893, a decline in the New York stock market triggered the *Panic of 1893* which led to an economic depression second only to the Great Depression of the 1930's.

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 117

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 263 - *Lift High the Cross*

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious Tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

For Thy blest Cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

****Seating Interlude****

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:33-39

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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.

The Lone Wild Bird arr. David N. Johnson

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine, I rest in thee. Holy Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*The ends of the earth are in thy hand; The sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am thine! I rest in thee. Holy Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.

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 521 - *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Verses 1-2, 4

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *(Refrain)*

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

Reflections on the Lord's Supper

Luke 22:1-20

HYMN OF PREPARATION 308 - *Jesus Paid It All*

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Refrain

Jesus paid it all,
All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *(Refrain)*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb. *(Refrain)*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *(Refrain)*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

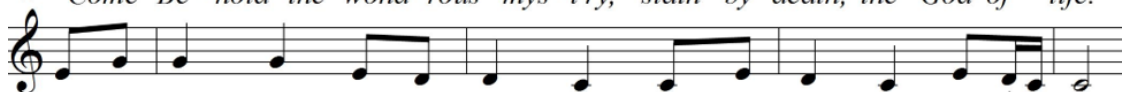
HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell, Papa, and Bleecker



1. Come Be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry in the dawn - ing of the King;
2. *Come Be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry: He the spot - less Son of Man.*
3. Come Be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. *Come Be - hold the wond-rous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the God of life.*



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es robed in frail hum - an - i - ty.
In His liv - ing, in His suff - 'ring, ne - ver trace nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry!
But no grave could e'er re - strain him. Praise the Lord! He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the Light of life has come;
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am come to save the hell - bound man.
See the price of our re - demp - tion; see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.
What a for - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in him we stand.
Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un-meas - ured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er, re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.



Song What a for - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.
Ending:



Christ in pow - er, re-sur-rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

BENEDICTION

*As you exit, deacons will be at the door to receive the Deacon's Fund Offering.
Funds received are used for deeds of mercy for members of our congregation.*

*Leading in Worship Today
Chip Miller, Senior Pastor
Parker Agnew, Assistant Pastor
Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist
Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director
Tom Rule, Pianist
Chancel Choir*

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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

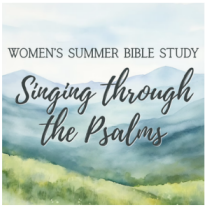
Trustees

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	I & II Peter	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



All **women** are invited to join us on for our summer bible study, "Singing Through the Psalms" taught by Carrie Everitt on Wednesdays this summer! *morning and evening option available*

June 10, 17; July 1, 8, 15, 22

Morning study will be at FPC from 10-11:30 AM.

Evening study will be at the home of Nan Pownall from 7:30-9 PM

For more information and to register, please scan the QR code.



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.
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 9, 16, 23, 30

Community dinner will be held on the last Thursday of June and July (details coming soon).

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



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

Join us on Wednesday mornings for play, bible study and fellowship.

Snacks provided!

June 10th - Water Day

Time: 9am - 12pm

Ages: Infant - 6th Grade

Cost: \$5

Scan QR Code to register!



Vacation Bible School 2026

Join us June 22-25 (9:00 AM-12:00 PM) as kids (rising 4K-5th grade) explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God and find a safe place in life's storms.

Rising 6th-8th graders are invited to serve as Jr. Counselors, and nursery care is available for volunteers.
Scan QR Code to Register

Manchester Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for these team members who will be serving in Manchester May 31-June 9:

Carrie Everitt, Elliott Everitt, Marin Guta, Alice Hill, Jeff Hill, Justin Leslein, Landis Mauldin Calleene Newberry, Ann Sharp, Chasidi Sharp, Jane Sharp, John Sharp, Mae Sharp, Kim Thompson, Marie Widstrom, Gray Widstrom, Shea Wozny, & Jared Wozny

Upcoming Events

The Edge - June 15-19
Youth Six Flags Day Trip - June 26
RYM - July 3-7
Wacky Wednesday/MMO - July 8
Youth White Water Rafting - July 11
Macon Bacon Baseball Game - July 15
Mom + Son Date - July 23

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