



# 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).

## 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 John, Mary, and Drew Comer by members of the 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

The 1840's brought continued growth for the First Presbyterian Church. The decade was marked by major political events like the U.S. presidency changes and the annexation of Texas. The Gold Rush began in 1848 when gold was discovered in California, sparking massive migration. The decade featured technological progress with the first telegram sent by Samuel F.B. Morse in 1844 which messaged, "what hath God wrought."

# *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 47:1-2, 5-7

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

### **PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE - *Crown Him With Many Crowns***

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing, of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail; for Thou hast died for me!  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

## **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\*\*\*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Marshall Matthews Coker*

*Covenant Child of Cullen and Mary Houston Coker*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-21

And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM 88-90

What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

**Two things: the dying-away of the old self,  
and the rising-to-life of the new.**

What is the dying-away of the old self?

**To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.**

What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**Wholehearted joy in God through Christ  
and a love and delight to live according to the will of God  
by doing every kind of good work.**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## WORDS OF COMFORT

Joel 2:12-13

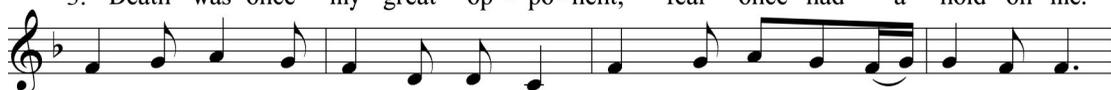
“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

# 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.\*

## 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).

Hallelujah ..... Eugene S. Butler

*Hallelujah! In His temple God be praised,  
In the high and heav'nly places be the sounding anthem raised.  
Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! With the trumpet's joyful sound,  
Praise with harp and praise with viol, Let His glorious praise abound.  
Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! With the flute His praises sing,  
Praise Him with the clanging cymbals. Let them with their praises ring!  
Hallelujah! All that breathe, Jehovah praise,  
Let the voices God has given joyful anthems to Him raise!*

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*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 498 - *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!***

Verses 1-2

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain*

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a Strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my Strength, my victory wins. *(Refrain)*

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Marlin Harris**

*What Is Your Name?*

Genesis 32:24-32

**BENEDICTION**

*Marlin Harris is our guest preacher today. Marlin is the RUF campus minister at Mercer University. He grew up on the mission field in Paraguay before moving to Alabama in 1999. He attended Mercer University and Reformed Theological Seminary. Marlin and his wife, Caroline, married in 2011 and have three children, Marlin IV, Elizabeth, and Mack.*

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*Chip Miller, Senior Pastor*  
*Marlin Harris, Guest Preacher*  
*Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist*  
*Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director*  
*Tom Rule, Pianist*  
*Chancel Choir*

## 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	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

**Campus Clubs Banquet**  
March 17 | 6 PM | FPC Fellowship Hall  
RSVP to [rcrosbycc@gmail.com](mailto:rcrosbycc@gmail.com)



**Pink Parade Party**  
March 22 | 2:30-4:30 PM | FPC Courtyard



Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pink Parade Party in the FPC Courtyard. March 22nd from 2:30-4:30pm. Invite your friends and neighbors, play pink games, enjoy pink cotton candy & pink lemonade, and watch the Cherry Blossom Parade with our downtown friends!



**Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner on March 18!**

Menu: Chick-Fil-A choice of sandwich or nuggets, fruit, & chips. Gluten Free option of grilled nuggets available.

\$6/person OR \$25 family max

Scan QR Code to Register!



## 200 Years of FPC Macon!

As we celebrate 200 years of God's faithfulness at FPC Macon, we want to hear your story. Our church's history isn't only marked by dates and buildings, but by the people God has gathered here & the ways He has worked in their lives.



We invite members of our congregation to share their reflections by scanning this QR code and filling out this brief survey.

## Senior Recognition Sunday May 10



If you have a graduating high school senior, we invite you and your family to join us for a Senior Brunch and Recognition Service on May 10. Please scan the QR code to register.



The Senior Brunch will take place during the Sunday School hour at 10:10 a.m., followed by Senior Recognition during the second worship service at 11:15 a.m.

## Men's Bible Study

Looking to join a Men's Bible Study?

All men are invited to a study of 2 Samuel using the guide *2 Samuel: God's Heart Revealed* by John MacArthur. Led by Blake Sullivan, the group will meet Thursdays from March 19 - May 21 in either the Chapel or the Gathering Place. Coffee and donuts will be available beginning at 6:30am, and the Bible study will meet from 7:00-8:00a.m.

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