



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.*

March 22, 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 Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Schofield and George Nottingham, Jr. 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

During the 1850's, First Presbyterian Church had outgrown its second building. The property at the corner of Mulberry and First Streets was bought by the trustees of the church on December 10, 1855 for \$3000. The lot fronted First Street for 208 feet and extended 139 feet along Mulberry.

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 165 - *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh - his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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.**

Rise with the Sun

Thompson, Robinson, & Challies



1. There's a song that's sung through the na - tions, of joy - ful thanks to the king,
2. *Hear the an - them sung in the is - lands, where sun first touch - es the earth.*
3. I will add my voice to the cho - rus of man - y peo - ple and tongues,



where the count - less saints who are res - cued praise Je - sus who set them all free. *(to v2)*
O - ver land and sea it ad - vanc - es, now joined by the saints of this church. →
for we share the gift of sal - va - tion and share in the life yet to come. →



*Rise with the sun, lift up his name. All through the earth we sing out his praise.



East to the west, night to the day, join in the song and sing out his praise.



And the church will sing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you Lord.
And the church will sing: Shèng-jíé, San-to, Ka - dosh are you Lord.



You're the glo - ri - ous one, we lift up your name. And the church will sing: Ta - bu,[^]
You're the king who was raised, we lift up your name. And the church will sing: Ho - ly,



Hei - lig, O - li are you Lord. You're the lamb who was slain, we lift up your name.
ho - ly, ho - ly are you Lord. Now you reign ev - er - more, we lift up your name.*

[^]Fijian, German, Australian Creole, Mandarin, Spanish, & Hebrew

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Seating Interlude

MISSION REPORT

Clay & Hannah Jones, El Salvador

SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 9:17-19

“Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM 117

What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

**First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God,
revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.**
**Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery,
so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.**
**Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it,
God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord.**
That is what God promised us in his Word.

HYMN

O Great God

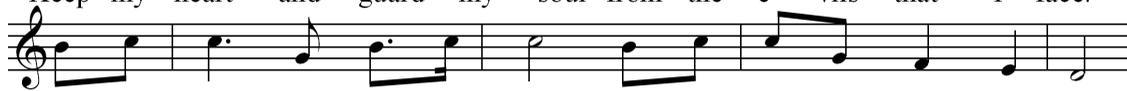
Bob Kauflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.
did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.



You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

2006 Sovereign Grace Praise/CCLI Song #4804015

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Praise the Lord G.F. Handel, arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth,
Sing alleluia, praise His name forevermore.
Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate,
Rejoice, let all within us praise His name.
Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.
Sing alleluia, praise His name forevermore.*

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 44 - *How Great Thou Art*

Verses 1-3-4

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art,
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *(Refrain)*

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Marlin Harris

What Is Your Name?

Genesis 32:24-32

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.

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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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

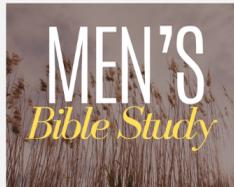
Pink Parade Party **March 22 | 2:30-4:30 PM | FPC Courtyard**



Join us for our 2nd 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!

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.



Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner on March 25!

Menu: Bear's Den choice of chicken tenders or meatloaf, butter beans, cream potatoes, rolls, dessert

\$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.



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



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