



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 8, 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 Helen Bea Comer and Donald D. Comer by Harriet Comer.

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 1836, after ten years of growth, the Macon Presbyterian Church (original name) needed a larger house of worship. They built a new building on the east side of Fourth Street (now Broadway) between Mulberry and Walnut streets. It was made of Philadelphia brick at a cost of \$5000. There were 165 members and the new building could seat 800 people.

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 103:1-4, 13-14

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 77 - *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Verses 1-3, 5

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him:
You behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Heidelberg Catechism* Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,
but belong - body and soul, in life and in death -
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

****Seating Interlude****

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH (11:15)

Charlie Crosby
Lillian Hallman
Jay Hutchins
Jack Lennon
Harrison Miller
Thomas Milligan

Bo Peed
Oscar Peterson
Dash Rawlings
Ann Sharp
Timothy Smith

Alie Parker Stanford
Gus Tanner
Lois Tanner
Shepherd Tanner
Nora Willingham

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ann Sharp Lois Tanner
Gus Tanner Shepherd Tanner

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Ascription of Praise David Schwoebel

*Now to him who's able to keep you from falling
And to present you without blemish before the presence of His glory
With rejoicing to the only God our Savior,
To Jesus Christ our Lord be the glory, majesty, dominion,
And the authority before all time. Now and forever. Amen.
(Jude 24-25)*

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.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Parker Agnew

The Amazing Gospel

1 Timothy 1:15-17

There is One Gospel

J. Robinson and R. Thompson



1. There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. *There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.*
3. There is one Gos-pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still speaks.



It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued me.
For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the cross.
For death could not keep my Sav - ior down, He lives and I am free.



Oh, what a Gos-pel, oh what a peace. My high-est joy and my deep - est need.
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car - ry the weight of sin.
Now on my Sav - ior I fix my eyes, my life is His and His hope is mine.



Now and for - ev - er, He is my light. I stand in the Gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.
For He has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.
For He has pro - mised I too, will rise. I stand in the Gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.



4. And in this Gos-pel, the church is one, we do not walk a - lone.



We have His Spi - rit as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.



*And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that res - cues me.



Praise to my Sav - ior, the King of life, I stand in the Gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.*

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF RESPONSE - *There Is One Gospel*

Verses 3-4

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.*

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS



Front Row: Nora Willingham, Ann Sharp, Timothy Smith, Jay Hutchins, Jack Lennon, Harrison Miller

Middle Row: Lillian Hallman, Alie Parker Stanford

Back Row: Shepherd Tanner, Gus Tanner, Lois Tanner, Charlie Crosby, Dash Rawlings, Oscar Peterson, Thomas Milligan

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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

Campus Clubs Banquet
March 17 | 6 PM | FPC Fellowship Hall
RSVP to rcrosbycc@gmail.com



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.

THE LEDGE

When: March 13 | 6 - 11:30 PM
Who: Rising 6th-8th Graders
Cost: \$20/student

Join us for an evening packed with pizza, games, worship, snacks, and tons of fun—basically a preview of what the EDGE Conference is all about.

Scan QR Code to Register today!



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.



Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner on March 11!

Menu: Margaritas Mexican Grill Taco Bar

\$6/person OR \$25 family max

Scan QR Code to Register!



Upcoming Events

- March 13-15 - Men's Hike
- March 13 - The LEdge Jr. High Event
- March 22 - Pink Parade Party
- March 29 - Palm Sunday
- April 5 - Easter Sunday
- April 19 - FPC 200th Year Celebration

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