



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.*

May 17, 2026 · 10:45 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. G. Paul Jones, Jr. and Mr. G. Paul Jones III by Sanford Jones McAllister and Louise Jones Geddes.

YOUR PRESENCE

Please let us know that you're here today by scanning the QR code.



FPC 200TH ANNIVERSARY (1826-2026): A MOMENT FROM OUR PAST

1880's - As Europe struggled with political realignments and rising nationalism, American cities like Macon embraced modern conveniences. Telephone service rapidly expanded and by 1884 Macon already had 148 subscribers. Protestant churches continued to grow, strengthened by education, youth ministries, and revival preaching. First Presbyterian Church found itself at the center of a flourishing urban district as new buildings, theaters, and clubs rose around it. In 1889, the city added its first library next door to the church, enhancing its role in Macon's intellectual life.

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

Revelation 5:9-10, 12

Pastor: “Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

All: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 286 - *Worship Christ, the Risen King!*

Verses 1-3, 5

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, Come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”
Come and worship, Come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r,
All hell's minions may assemble, but can not withstand his hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, Stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

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.**

****Seating Interlude****

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION

Galatians 5:13-24

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness
and our offenses against you and others.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
in not loving our neighbors as ourselves,
in gratifying the desires of the flesh,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

**Forgive our sins, and lead us by your Spirit that we may walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

SILENT CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF GRACE

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauffman



1. I once was lost in dark-est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that



pro-mised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would



own a re-bel to Your will. And if you had not loved me first, I would re-fuse you still.



2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in-dif-ferent to the cost, You looked up-on

3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours a-lone, and live that all might see; the strength to fol-



my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis-played;

low Your com-mands could ne-ver come from me. O Fa-ther, use my ran-somed life



You suf-ered in my place. You bore the wrath re-served for me. Now all I know is grace.

in an-y way You choose. And let my song for-ev-er be: my on-ly boast is You.



Hal-le-lu-jah! All I have is Christ. Hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus is my life.



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(last time repeat chorus)

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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We Believe Dan Forrest

*We believe in God Supreme, ever present, never seen;
God Most High, who reigns above; Father nigh, whose name is Love.
We whose prayers to God ascend praise creation's Source and End.*

*We rejoice in Jesus Christ - God's own Son, our Sacrifice;
Very God, yet virgin born; Sinless, yet for sinners torn.
We whom Jesus died to win know He lives to come again.*

*We adore the Spirit free - Author of our unity.
Giver of the sacred Word, Wellspring of the second birth.
We whom He indwells and fills yield our hearts and minds and wills.*

*We, the Church, affirm our faith in the Triune God of grace;
Kingdoms fall and ages change; Faithful, changeless, God remains!
One in Christ, we lift one voice! We believe, and we rejoice!*

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 648 - My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death; and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Michael Youssef

Testing the Spirits

1 John 4

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. *What truth can calm the trou- bled soul? God is good, God is good.*
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"



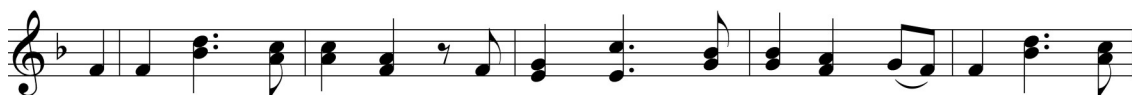
What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long.
Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem - er's blood.
And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him.



Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from his com-mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. _
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the Rock of Christ?
and we will feast in end - less joy when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. _



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O _ sing hal - le -



lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.*

Dr. Michael A. Youssef is our guest preacher today. He is an internationally respected Bible teacher whose messages are broadcast more than 18,000 times per week across six continents. He is the founding rector of The Church of The Apostles in Atlanta and the founder and president of Leading The Way, a global ministry that is reaching the masses through cutting-edge media and on-the-ground Field Teams.

Dr. Youssef was born in Egypt and lived in Lebanon and Australia before coming to the United States, where he fulfilled a childhood dream of becoming an American citizen. He holds multiple degrees in theology and a doctorate in cultural anthropology from Emory University. Dr. Youssef has been teaching the Bible for more than 50 years and has authored more than 50 books, including popular titles Saving Christianity?, How to Read the Bible, Is the End Near?, Heaven Awaits, God's Final Call, and An Unholy Alliance. He and his wife reside in Atlanta and have four grown children and 15 grandchildren.

*Leading in Worship Today
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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

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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



Our Kids + Youth Ministry Summer Calendars are full of Bible studies, fellowship events, and opportunities to grow in faith and community throughout the summer. We would love to have you join us this summer - there is something for everyone!

For more information on our kids events this summer, please visit fpcmacon.org/kid-s-summer.

For more information on our youth events this summer, please visit fpcmacon.org/youthsummer

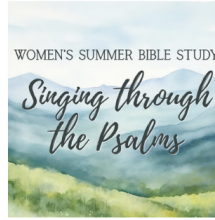


All **men** are invited to join us on **Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall** for a Man to Man Event. Paul Cable will be speaking on the topic, "Life if Full of Problems and Opportunities". There will be a free BBQ dinner. Scan the QR code to register.



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.



All **women** are invited to join us on for our summer bible study, "Singing Through the Psalms" taught by Carrie Everitt. The study will take place on Wednesdays: **June 10, 17; July 1, 8, 15, 22**. Both morning and evening options will be available. **For more information and to register, please scan the QR code.**



Wacky Wednesday & Mother's Morning Out

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

Snacks provided!

June 3rd - Art Day

Time: 9am - 12pm

Ages: Infant - 6th Grade

Cost: \$5

Scan QR Code to register!

Upcoming Events

May 22-25: Young Adults Beach Retreat

May 28: Man to Man Event

May 31: Youth Summer Kickoff Party

June 1-9: Manchester Mission Trip

June 3: Wacky Wednesday/Mother's Morning Out

June 8: Youth Pickleball

June 10: Women's Summer Bible Study begins

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