



# 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 Dan and Martha Brundige 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

In the late 1860's, reconstruction brought both hardship and rebuilding across the South. Nation-shaping amendments abolished slavery and defined citizenship, while mechanical reapers and typewriters signaled a new industrial era. Protestant missions surged again as peace returned. At First Presbyterian Church, membership grew to 223 by 1869, indicating a resilient congregation emerging from wartime scarcity. The Rev. David Wills, who had guided the church throughout the war, continued pastoring as the community sought normal life again. (Adapted from Harriet Comer's History of FPC)

# *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 148:1-5

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE 122 - *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory***

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;  
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;  
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;  
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;  
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.  
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,  
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve  
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.  
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed  
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy all creation praises thee;  
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Westminster Shorter Catechism 1, 4-6***

What is the chief end of man?

**Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

What is God?

**God is a Spirit - infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,  
in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

Are there more Gods than one?

**There is only one, the living and true God.**

How many persons are there in the Godhead?

**There are three persons in the Godhead:  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
and these three are one God, the same in substance,  
equal in power and glory.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

# Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. *What oth - er beau - ty de - mand such prais - es?*
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. *Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?*



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?  
*What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?*  
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
*Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?*



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *(to v. 2)*  
*What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.*  
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
*Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? \*On - ly my Ho - ly God.\**



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing



ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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\*\*\*Seating Interlude\*\*\*

## MINISTRY REPORT

*Sarah Kettel Warner, RUF*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**CORPORATE PRAYER** - from the *Heidelberg Catechism* 123 & 127

**Father, rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way**

**that more and more we submit to you.**

**Preserve and increase your church.**

**Destroy the devil's work.**

**By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment.**

**And our sworn enemies - the devil, the world, and our own flesh -**

**never stop attacking us.**

**And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit,**

**so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle,**

**but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.**

**Do all this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE OF GRACE

Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE 535 - *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus***

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, in the current of thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

**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).

O Saviour, Hear Me ..... C.W. Gluck, arr. N.J. Taylor

*O Saviour, hear me, I implore Thee;  
In Thee alone can peace be found.  
Thou canst sustain and Thou restore me,  
Whate'er the cares that hover round.  
Hear my supplication; take my heart and make it Thine  
Lord, I long to live for Thee only.  
Live, Thou within this heart of mine.*

*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.*

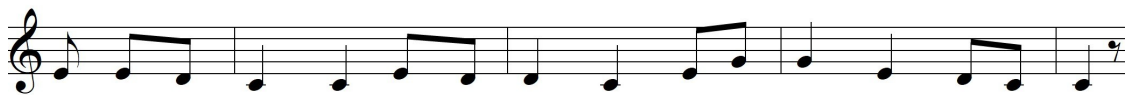
## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

# Your Will Be Done

R. Thompson and J. Robinson



1. Your will be done, my God and Fa - ther as in heav - en, so on earth.
2. *How in that gar - den he per - sis - ted, I may nev - er ful - ly know.*
3. When I am lost, when I am bro - ken, in the night of fear and doubt;



My heart is drawn to self - ex - alt - ing, help me seek Your king - dom first.  
*The fear - ful weight of true o - be - dience, it was held by him a - lone.*  
still I will trust in my good Fa - ther, yes, to one great King I bow!



As Je - sus walked, so I shall walk held by Your same un - chang - ing love.  
*What won - drous faith to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what won - drous love!*  
As Je - sus rose, so I shall rise in ran - somed glo - ry at the throne.



Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray, Fa - ther, not my will, but Yours be done.  
*My hope was sure when there my Sav - ior prayed: Fa - ther, not my will, but Yours be done.*  
\* My heart re - stored, with all your saints I sing: Fa - ther, not my will, but Yours be done.\*

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**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD** - Randy Pope  
*Choosing Your Life Purpose*  
Philippians 1:12-26

## BENEDICTION

## RESPONSE

# Your Will Be Done (v. 4)

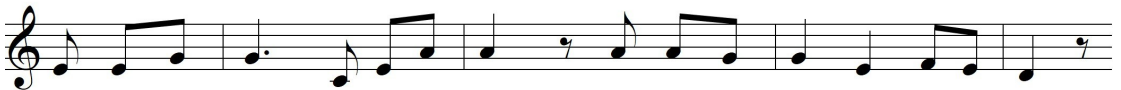
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4. As we go forth, our God and Fa - ther, lead us dai - ly in the fight;



that all the world might see Your glo - ry and Your Name be lift-ed high.



And in this Name we o - ver - come, For You shall see us safe-ly home.



Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray: Fa-ther, not our will, but Yours be done.

*Randy Pope is our guest preacher today. Randy is the founding pastor of Perimeter Church in Johns Creek, Georgia. After 42 years of leading Perimeter Church, in September 2019, he moved into the role of full-time Assistant Pastor of Perimeter Church and President of Life on Life Ministries. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama, with a major in math, and received a Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary.*

*His personal passion and commitment is to make and train disciples of Christ. He founded Life on Life Ministries, an organization committed to establish discipleship in churches worldwide. He is the author of numerous books for pastors and church leaders.*

*Randy and his wife, Carol, have four grown children and fifteen grandchildren who all live in North Atlanta.*

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*Chip Miller, Senior Pastor*  
*Randy Pope, 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

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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

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## 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



## OFFICER *nominations*

We are receiving officer nominations through **May 15** from communing church members of First Presbyterian Church. **Nomination forms are the in the pews or you may use the link provided to access the form on the church website.**

You may print the form, complete it, and put in the offering plate, mail to the church office at **652 Mulberry Street, Macon, GA 31201** or email to **Tammy Jones at [tjones@fpcmacon.org](mailto:tjones@fpcmacon.org).**

Print the form here:

**[www.fpcmacon.org/officer-nominationform](http://www.fpcmacon.org/officer-nominationform).**



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.

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. Email David Newberry at **[dnewberry@fpcmacon.org](mailto:dnewberry@fpcmacon.org)** for more information.



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](mailto:jboysquared@gmail.com)**.



## MAN TO MAN MINISTRY



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.



## 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



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.**

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