



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.*

November 1, 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. 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 Jim and Dot Bruce by their 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

Who can forget the devastating flood of '94? Called "the Great Flood of '94 but to quote a news article, "The only thing great about it was its magnitude." (Macon Melody) The flooding was because of Hurricane Alberto stalling over middle Georgia, delivering 10 inches of rainfall and flooding in Middle and South Georgia, killing 34 people, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes and causing an estimated \$750 million dollars in damage. How did the flood of '94 affect First Presbyterian Church? From our recorded history: "During the flood of 1994, when water services in the community were disrupted, the regular morning service was held on Sunday, July 19, at 11 a.m., but Sunday School classes and the evening service was canceled. The Central Georgia Presbytery meeting was moved from FPC to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville. Three weeks later, things returned to normal." (*175 Years FPC, 1826-2001*, Pg. 63)

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 145:1-3, 10-13

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

HYMN OF PRAISE 441 – *Jesus Shall Reign*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His Name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

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.

****Seating Interlude****

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

He Is Holy, He Is Lord Mary McDonald

*Christ behind us; Christ before us; Christ within us, He is glorious;
Christ beside us, He will guide us; He is holy; He is Lord!
He is faithful; He is righteous; everlasting, He's victorious!
He is Father, Son and Spirit; He is holy, He is Lord!*

*Rock of ages, Defender, Redeemer; his kingdom without end!
Mighty fortress, our Savior, Deliverer, our King, our Lord and friend.
He is honor; He is glory; we proclaim his wondrous story.
He is Father, Son and Spirit; He is holy, He is Lord!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*He is faithful; He is righteous; everlasting, He's victorious!
He is Father, Son and Spirit; He is holy, He is Lord!
He is holy! He is mighty! He is Lord!*

Children K4-second grade are welcome to leave the worship service for a Bible Lesson in Cornerstone (BLC). We encourage children third grade and above to continue in corporate worship with their parents.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD – Parker Agnew

Meeting Christ In Our Greatest Need

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 499 – *Rock of Ages*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling,
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF RESPONSE – *O Church Arise*

O church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is, love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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.*

*Leading in Worship Today
Parker Agnew, Interim Pastor
Elliott Everitt, Assistant Pastor
Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist
Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director
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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		New Testament	Nursery Children 4K-5th
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	30s-40s	Ruth	Education Building
Immanuel	Mid 40s-50s	1-3 John	Education Building E102
Shepherds	50s-60s	Mark	Brickyard M102
Trinity	60s+	Equipping Yourself	Education Building E103
Covenant	70s+	John 4	Education Building E105
Canterbury	70s-80s	Studies in Psalms	Brickyard M103
Connections	Mixed Ages	Reformed Ch History	Gathering Place
Generations	Mixed Ages	Hebrews	Basement M100
Pathways	Mixed Ages	Genesis	Education Building E104

Announcements



Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner on **November 4** from 5:15-6PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Menu: Papouli's Greek

Cost:

- \$8/adult, \$6/child, \$30 family max

Scan QR code to register by November 3 at noon.



You can help beautify our sanctuary this Christmas by donating one or more **poinsettias for decorations!** The cost is **\$15.00 per plant**. Plants can be given in memory or honor of someone and this will be published in the Christmas Poinsettia booklet. **Deadline for submission is Nov. 30th.** Order forms are in the pews or you can order online by scanning the QR code.



Ladies Christmas Dinner | Dec. 1

Ladies, mark your calendars for our annual Ladies Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 1, in the Fellowship Hall! Join us for a special evening of fellowship, a delicious dinner, and hear from our very own Amanda Doane! Catered by Carrabbas Italian Grill

Cost: \$25/person

Scan QR code to register!



The following officer nominees will be voted on at the Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 22, 2026 after the 9:00 and 11:15 Worship Services:

Candidates for the Session: Joey Brumbelow, Paul Cable, Ken Harper, Eric Hunt, Kort Peterson, Brent Pyles, Sam Jones, Winfield Tufts

Candidates for the Diaconate: Jave Bjorkman, Will Hooper, Michael Lancour, Kent McCormick, David Milligan

1016 United Kingdom Partnership Annual Meeting November 9-10, 2026

FPC is pleased to be hosting this year's United Kingdom Partnership Annual Meeting November 9-10, 2026. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact April Kitchell at missions@fpcmacon.org



4th Annual Men's BBQ Cook-Off

Men of FPC and their friends are invited to our 4th Annual Men's BBQ Cook-Off on **Saturday, November 7!** Teams of 2-5 will compete in a "Best Bite" competition, preparing any protein or side dish on site. All men at FPC and their friends are invited to enjoy a Pulled Pork BBQ dinner (provided by competitors) at 5:30pm. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. **Scan the QR code to register your team!**



Sr. High Ski Trip | Feb. 13-16

Sr. High Ski Trip Registration is Now Live! **Current 9th-12th grade students** are invited to join us for our annual Sr. High Ski Trip to **Winterplace, West Virginia, February 13-16** over Presidents' Day weekend! Enjoy two days on the slopes along with worship, teaching, and a great weekend of fellowship. **Scan QR code to register today!**



Save the Dates:

- Nov 7 - Men's BBQ Cook-off
- Nov 9-10 - UKP Annual Meeting @ FPC
- Nov 22 - Congregational Meeting
- Dec 1 - Ladies Christmas Dinner
- Dec 2 - Last WND of semester
- Dec 6 - Youth Christmas Party
- Dec 13 - Deacon's Brunch & Special Music
- Dec 13 - Parent's Night Out
- Dec 16 - Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 18 - Carols on Mulberry

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