



# 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.*

October 11, 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](http://fpcmacon.org).

## **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 Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Dunwody, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliot Dunwody, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliot Dunwody III and Eugene Cox Dunwody 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.**



SCAN ME

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

In March of 1987, the Macon Telegraph and News reported on a new "Walking Tour of Downtown Historic Places of Worship." This tour was a part of the Cherry Blossom Festival. The tour of churches took place on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. First Presbyterian Church was on the tour, along with nine other historic downtown churches. Other headline stories that would have been reported by the Macon Telegraph and News during the month of March 1987 would have been The Iran Contra Story; Jim Bakker's PTL Scandal, the development of the first effective drug developed to treat HIV/AIDS and the Apple launch of the new Macintosh computers. In December 1990, the membership of First Presbyterian Church was 1,143.

# *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**

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

## HYMN OF PRAISE 1 - *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear; His praise forth tell.  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make.  
We are His folk; He doth us feed.  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto.  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!  
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.  
Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!

## PASTORAL PRAYER - *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever, Amen.

## 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).

Only Jesus ..... Amy Tate Williams

*Who can still my anxious heart? Who can ease my strain?  
What dear friend would ne'er depart in my hour of pain?  
Only Jesus, only Jesus, Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace;  
He alone can calm the storm, make all war to cease.*

*Who can fill the void within? Who can meet my need?  
Who can cleanse me from all sin, and my footsteps lead?  
Only Jesus, only Jesus, Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace;  
He alone can calm the storm, make all war to cease.*

*Who can change this troubled world bound by doubts and fears,  
into peaceful union to last a thousand years?  
Only Jesus, only Jesus, Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace;  
He alone can calm the storm, make all war to cease.*

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*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 the Paradoxes of Ministry*

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's Word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

# From Everlasting (Psalm 90)

Clow and Hudson

1. O God, be - fore the moun - tains were brought forth, or days of spring and  
2. *We dwell* be - neath the stars in an - cient skies, a thou - sand years are  
3. O God, when joy and tra - ge - dy col - lide and loss re - minds us  
sum - mer filled the earth, from ev - er - last - ing, You are God. *to vs. 2*  
noth - ing in Your sight, from ev - er - last - ing, You are God. →  
life is but a sigh, from ev - er - last - ing, You are God. →  
\*And all our days are held with-in Your hands, Your per - fect love and fa - vor have no  
\_ end. We rest with-in the wis - dom of Your plan, Ev - er - last - ing God.  
4. O God of light, our ways are known to You, but by Your grace You're mak - ing all things  
new, so sa - tis - fy us in our num - bered days, es - tab - lish ev - 'ry  
ef - fort while we wait. From ev - er - last - ing, You are God. *\*to chorus*

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## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

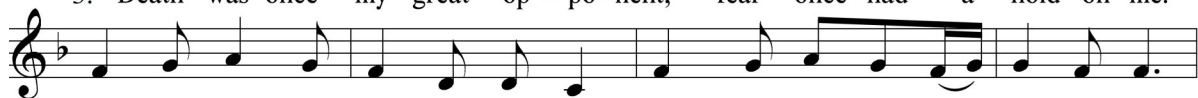
### HYMN OF RESPONSE

# It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Robinson, Thomposn, & Hendroff



1. How I love the voice of Je - sus on the cross of Cal - va - ry.
2. *Now the curse, it has been bro - ken; Je - sus paid the price for me.*
3. Death was once my great op - po - nent; fear once had a hold on me.



He de - clares His work is fin - ished; He has spo - ken this hope to me.  
*Full, the par - don He has of - fered. Great, the wel - come that I re - ceive.*  
\* But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free in - deed. \*



Though the sun had ceased it shin - ing, though the war ap - peared as lost,  
*Bold - ly I ap - proach my Fa - ther, clothed in Je - sus' right - eous-ness.*  
Free from ev - 'ry plan of dark - ness, free to live and free to love.



Christ had tri - umphed o - ver e - vil. It was fin - ished up - on that cross.  
*There is no more guilt to car - ry. It was fin - ished up - on that cross.*  
Death is dead and Christ is ris - en! It was fin - ished up - on that cross. →



On - ward to e - ter - nal glo - ry, to my Sav - ior and my God.



\* I re - joice in Je - sus' vic - t'ry. It was fin - ished up - on that cross. \*

## 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  
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Michael McGhee, Music Director/Organist  
Rebecca Lanning, Choir Director  
Tom Rule, Pianist  
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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

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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             | 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 the Psalms   | Brickyard M103               |
| Connections             | Mixed Ages      | Reformed Church History | Gathering Place              |
| Generations             | Mixed Ages      | Hebrews                 | Basement M100                |
| Pathways                | Mixed Ages      | Genesis                 | Education Building E104      |

# Announcements



## Church Wide Fall Picnic | Oct. 18

Join us **Sunday, October 18**, from **4:00-7:00 p.m. at the FPD Soccer Field** for fellowship, games, music, inflatables, a free dinner, and more! Volunteers are needed for 30-minute shifts. Scan the QR code to sign up to serve!



**Menu:** Pulled pork, grilled chicken, hot dogs, coleslaw, mac & cheese, baked beans, walking tacos, churros, sweet tea, lemonade, and water. **Please bring a dessert to share.**



## Missions Refresh Sunday | Oct. 25

### "Pressing on in Mission: Celebration and Participation"

Join us for our first Missions Refresh Sunday on October 25! During this special Sunday, we'll hear from two

of our missions partners, learn about our 2027 mission trip opportunities, hear testimonies from those who have served on previous trips, and more. Come be encouraged by what God is doing around the world and learn how you can be a part of FPC's mission to pray, give, and go!



## Save the Date | Proclaim! | Oct. 25

Join us Sunday, October 25, at 5PM in the Sanctuary for Proclaim! An evening of congregational singing. This year's theme is "The Joy of Being God's People." Please consider memorizing 1 Peter 2:9-10 in anticipation of this event.

## Young Adult Fall Retreat | October 9-11

**Please be in prayer for the following young adults and leaders on Fall Retreat in Pine Mountain, GA:**

Mikayla Collins, Katherine Crum, Lauren Fairall, Chris Gerwig, Stephen Graves, Landis Mauldin, Nancy Miller, David & Calleeene Newberry, Michael & Ashleigh Nottingham, Levi & Maggie Pate, Nora Tuck



**REMINDER:** There will be **NO Wednesday night activities next Wednesday, October 14.** We will resume the following Wednesday, October 21.



## 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 three teams. **Scan the QR code to register your team!**



## Men's Ski Trip | January 14-18

Men of all ages are invited to join us for our annual **Men's Ski Trip to Park City, Utah!** The **cost is \$375 and includes lodging**; participants are responsible for travel and skiing expenses. All experience levels are welcome! Come enjoy a great weekend of fellowship, adventure, and fun with the men of FPC. **Spots are limited! Scan QR code to register.**



## 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!**



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