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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH MACON

Worship Services

September 4, 2022
9:00 AM • 11:15 AM

*We exist to make disciples in Macon to reach the world for Christ
by loving God, loving others, and serving people.*

Welcome

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Gathering Place for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

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 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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing assistance devices are in the Narthex for worshippers needing hearing assistance. You may also use a smartphone or bluetooth-enabled hearing aid to connect directly to the sound system. Connection instructions are in the Narthex. Please ask an usher or deacon for assistance.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Kimsey by his wife, Carol, and sons Mark and Matthew and their families.

YOUR PRESENCE

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

Worshippers read text in bold.



SCAN ME

Corporate Worship

We welcome you to our worship service today. It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will find your worship experience to be encouraging, challenging, invigorating, and renewing you in the knowledge of God and the wonderful hope that we have through the Gospel of Christ.

Most of all, we hope that God will be glorified by the worship we render to him.

GATHERING SONG 302 - *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ, our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:1, 11-13

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
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 263 - *Lift High the Cross*

(Verses 1, 3-5)

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious Tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

For Thy blest Cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

****Seating Interlude****

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:1-20

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, so that

"they may indeed see but not perceive,
and may indeed hear but not understand,
lest they should turn and be forgiven."

And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

PASTORAL 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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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



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



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



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

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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Come, Ye Disconsolate David Rasbach

*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.*

*Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure,
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure.*

*Here see the Bread of Life; See waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above;
Come to the feast of Love, come ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.*

Children K4-second grade are welcome to leave the worship service for a Bible Lesson in Cornerstone. They will meet their teacher at the front. We encourage children third grade and above to continue in corporate worship with their parents.

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.
Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**
For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.
My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - John Kinser

Jesus Trains Us to Witness In a World Rejection

Mark 6:1-13

BENEDICTION

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Announcements

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Each Wednesday night will start off with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15pm followed by bible study, choir, and fun games. Nursery is provided for children 3 years old and under. www.fpcmacon.org/wednesday-night. This semester children will study **Pilgrims Progress**.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Wednesday morning Women's bible study, 9:30 - 11:30 am. Women's Small Group and Large groups will be studying the **Gospel of John**. All women will meet in small groups, then together in a large group setting. **Childcare is available, as well as a Homeschool Group, contact Spring for more info!**
For information: www.fpcmacon.org/women

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every member of the body of Christ has gifts and talents that they can use to serve the church. Please take a moment and consider how you might be able to use your gifts and talents to bless the guests and members of this church family. Scan the QR code to find out how to get involved.



EQUIP 2022

CHRISTIANITY IN A POSTCHRISTIAN WORLD

September 16-18, Alex Watlington, Speaker.

You live in a Postchristian society. Postchristianity is the situation in which Christianity is no longer the dominant civil religion of a society but has gradually assumed values, culture, and worldviews that are more secular than Christian. Over the weekend we will seek to understand what it means for the church to be in a society that does not acknowledge it to be the centerpiece of society and to see that we should not fear these circumstances, but learn the tools and needed practices for a faithful and thriving witness going forward. www.fpcmacon.org/equip

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday nights begin at 5:15 with dinner in the Fellowship Hall! Meals are \$5, \$20 family max. **Please register on Realm!**

Children and Youth meet from 6-7:30

Adult groups meet from 6:15 - 7:30.
www.fpcmacon.org/wednesday-night.

WOMEN'S GROUPS will be studying the **Gospel of John**. For women's groups email maryanneshipley1@gmail.com.

MEN'S GROUPS will meet all together before breaking up into smaller groups for study and discussion. For men's groups email Elliott.eeveritt@fpcmacon.org.

CO-ED GROUPS

Westminster Confession of Faith - Begins Sept. 7th
Led by **Chip Miller**, this class is working it's way through this nearly **400 year old confession**. If you want to learn more about the Reformed faith, or if you want to be reminded and grow in these doctrines, this class is for you. **The class makes use of video commentary by John Gerstner, and Chip leads discussion.**

Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored is a **seven-session course that gives people the time and space to think about the big questions of life** and to explore the life of the man at the heart of the Christian faith.

All are welcome, especially those investigating the claims of Christ or those wanting to study the gospel message more in depth. Led by Justin Leslein.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to attend **Second Saturday Men's Breakfast, September 10th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall**. This is a monthly men's breakfast and time to gather for fellowship. Special speaker will be Mark Farriba.

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The Session

Class of 2022

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 Bill Taylor

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 Wayne Gullatt
 Mike Peed
 Tom Scott
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 Cameron Garvin
 Will Hooper
 Kevin Lennon
 Steven Rumford
 Will Stanford

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 Clay Jones
 John Kitchens
 Henry Mahler
 Koutsunis Prater
 Robert Stamps

Trustees

Rob Danner
 Bruce Jones

Buddy Ponder
 Ray Pearson

Lowry Tribble

YOUTH AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 10:10 AM

Canterbury	Education Building E104	John Kinser
Connections	Basement M100	Various Teachers
Covenant	Education Building E105	Calvin Smith
Immanuel	Education Building E106	Various Teachers
Logos	Education Building E208	Various Teachers
Providence	Brickyard M103	Various Teachers
Shepherds	Brickyard M102	Tom Scott
Trinity	Education Building E103	Various Teachers
Young Adults	Gathering Place	Various Teachers
Young Marrieds	Education Building E100	Various Teachers
Youth	Education Building 3rd Floor	Todd Robinson

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