

# First Presbyterian Church



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*Inspired by Scripture, guided by Spirit, and nourished by our life together, we seek to be a reflection of God's radical grace. We believe God's love models a world without walls; therefore, we provide a safe and affirming home where you are welcomed exactly as you are. No matter the color or your skin, who you love, your gender, or the unique ways your mind and body work, you have a place here. Following the way of Jesus and empowering one another to grow in faith, we commit to feeding the hungry, caring for those in need, and working for justice and peace in our community and the world—living out our confidence in the promises of God.*

**June 7, 2026**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**                      *Arioso*                                      J. S. Bach, arr. Colin Hand

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**CHORAL INTROIT**                      *Standing on the promises*                                      GTG #838, vs. 1-2

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today to remember the path that brought us here, tracing the steps of those who built this community of faith.

**Congregation: We look back with gratitude for the cloud of witnesses who carved out space for the Spirit to move.**

Leader: In every generation, God calls us forward into new depths of grace, service, and love for our neighbors.

**Congregation: Let us worship the One who has been our dwelling place in all generations, as we continue the journey together.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Joyful God, we thank you for the vibrant, living legacy of this congregation. We celebrate the imagination, the dedication, and the bold generosity of those who laid our foundations and carried the torch of faith to this day. Fill us with that same creative energy and joyful spirit. As we honor our history, open our eyes to the exciting ways you are moving among us right now, and guide our steps as we write the next faithful chapter of our story together. Amen.**

**MOMENT FOR HISTORY**

**\*HYMN 39**                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we recognize that despite your everlasting guidance our faith is prone to falter, waver, and doubt. Despite your reassurance, we often look to the fast and fleeting pleasures of this world, and neglect the charge to build your steadfast kin-dom. Forgive us for our flawed impulse and help us to invest our passion in your calling. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** *Standing on the promises*                                      GTG #838, vs. 3

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The God who has sustained our ancestors is the very same God who pours out mercy upon us today, washing away our failures.

**Congregation: In the fullness of that grace, we are unburdened from our mistakes and made new for the journey ahead.**

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!  
Amen, amen.***

*\*At this time young children may depart for the nursery.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### ANTHEM

*Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth, arr. John Ferguson

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody.  
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1–9

OT 10

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 4:13–21

NT 154

#### SERMON

*Built on the Promises of God*

### MOMENT FOR HISTORY

#### \*HYMN

*Christ Is the Seed Within Our Hearts*

This hymn was composed in memory of Janet Claire Forts Goldsmith, associate pastor of FPCM from January 2002-December 2002.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### MOMENT FOR HISTORY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### INVITATION TO OFFERING



You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR code in your bulletin or visit our website at [fpcmilledgeville.org](http://fpcmilledgeville.org).



#### OFFERTORY

*Trumpet Tune*

Giuseppi Torelli

William Humphrey, trumpet

#### \*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;***

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God .... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

Great is the mystery of faith....

SERVICE MUSIC


# 553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F C F/A Am



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



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TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever....

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## MOMENT FOR HISTORY

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 295** *Go to the World!*

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *The Church's One Foundation*

Paul Bunjes

**\*At these times the congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

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# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*After the postlude, all are invited to join the Care & Fellowship Committee for a reception in the fellowship hall.*



# Christ is the seed within our hearts

words by Jean Wiebe Janson

music by Bradley P. Lehman

Christ is the seed with in our hearts Who stirs us with his  
Christ is the root with in our hearts When oth - ers sway and  
Christ is the flower with in our hearts, His beau - ty is our  
Praise to the God of love come down. Praise the in - var - iate

7  
flame. He wak - ens us to hear our names, To know his  
fall. The God whose wa - ters quench our thirst Throbs deep with -  
breath. His fra - grance spreads through us to those Who wait in  
Word. Our pla - net glows with sac - red fire, Ig - nit - ing

14  
love through those who touch, Who feed, and turn us to the  
in the ones who trust. Who then pour out with heal - ing  
dark - ness and who grow Un - fold - ing, bright, toward ho - ly  
seed and root and flower To bloom through life and death's cold

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sun. Christ is the seed of love  
grace. Christ is the root of life  
light. Christ is the flower of hope  
hour. Praise to the ris - en Son!

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This hymn was composed and dedicated to the memory of  
Janet Claire Forts Goldsmith.

Janet was the Associate Pastor of this church from  
January 2002 - December 2002.

## Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

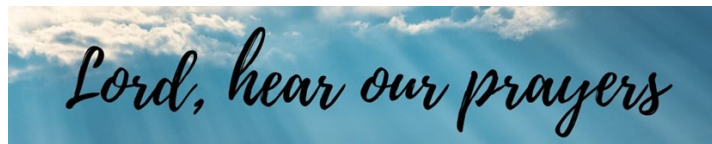
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 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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Offerings in June \$ 3,781  
 Anticipated June expenses: \$ 20,161  
*(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)*

### **THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: June 7-June14**

Today	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Reception
Monday	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Church Work Day</b>
	7:00	PATH/Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Have a Mug with Mari</b>
	6:30	Potluck & Study
Thursday	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Bicentennial Open House</b>
	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Dr. Bob Bicentennial Presentation</b>
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Lunch



**CHURCH FAMILY:**

Min Lindsay, recovering from surgery  
Sherry Henry, recovering in Atlanta  
Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns  
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns  
Ellen Thompson, waiting on two hip replacements

**EXTENDED FAMILY:**

Rebecca McQuain, Jessica McQuain's grandma, dealing with a cancer diagnosis  
Ron Bracewell, Joy Bracewell's father, dealing with a cancer diagnosis  
Judy Tufts, Susan McGill's stepmother, tibial head fracture  
Murray Nelson, homelessness, financial struggles, better relationship with Jesus  
Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns  
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues  
Kathie Bishop, Mari Turner's mother, in memory care  
Bob Bishop, Mari Turner's father, in rehab hospital  
Kandace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Ivester, heart attack  
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer  
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns  
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns  
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, health issues—at Carlyle House in Macon  
John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation  
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, at home with health concerns  
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis  
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns  
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments  
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care  
Wayne Woodward, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

**IN ASSISTED LIVING:**

Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Laura King, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive  
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Runette Pounds, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
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# WORSHIP with us

Join us for worship in-person or online  
on Facebook Live every week.

**9:45 AM Sunday School Class** (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), doing an intensive study of the Book of Jeremiah. Please contact Joel Burns [joelburns@gmail.com](mailto:joelburns@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

**Sunday: 9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class** (meets in small room next to office at end of hall), studying *When People Are Big and God Is Small* by Edward T. Welch.

**Sunday: 10:15AM Children's Sunday School Class**, singing, crafts and stories, (meeting in the Craft Room upstairs)

**Sunday: 12:00PM Youth Group** (Youth Room)

**Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, we are studying *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted V. Foote and P. Alex Thornburg, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).

## Greeters

June 7: Bradleys & Anne Smart  
June 14: Charles Burrell & Nancy Miller

## Communion

June 7: Donna Gautier, Andrew Allen, Margaret Ivester, Melba Burrell

## Bell Ringer

Jakob Freeman

## Nursery Volunteers

June 7: Charles Burrell/Susan McGill  
June 14: Gloria Burns/Laurie Peebles

## Liturgists

June 7: Bill Werts  
June 14: Bill Werts

Thank you  
VOLUNTEERS!

Church Staff

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## OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you would like to share old church photos at the Open House, please drop off photos to the Church Office by 12 noon Wednesday June 10th and be sure to write your name on the back for easy return. Thank you.
- Bicentennial Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.
- Save the date for Vacation Bible School, June 29-July 3 and July 5! Register using the QR code to the right or contact the church office.
- Volunteer for VBS using the QR code with the heart or contact the church office. Roles include snacks, music, costumes, and more!
- We need more nursery volunteers! Speak with Anne Smart if you're interested in serving in this role on Sundays.



### Coming soon as part of the bicentennial special events!

Keep an eye out for the self  
guided memory tour in  
Memory Hill Cemetery.

You can walk or drive  
through Memory Hill  
Cemetery to visit the  
gravesites of our FPC  
ancestors, including former  
pastors and staff.

Contact Susan McGill with  
questions.

