

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 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

J. Pachelbel

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

I want to walk as a child of the light

GTG #377, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the living God,

Congregation: who calls us from our scattered lives into holy community.

Leader: We come with our joys and our burdens, our hopes and our fears.

Congregation: God welcomes us with grace, mercy, and steadfast love.

Leader: Let us lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving.

Congregation: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and faithful God, you gather us from scattered lives into your presence. Quiet our anxious hearts and awaken us to your guiding voice among us. Form us into a people who trust your leading and walk in your ways together. Through Jesus Christ, our life and our hope. Amen.

***HYMN 619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we do not always follow where you lead. We choose comfort over discipleship, certainty over trust, and our own desires over your will. When life is difficult, we grow impatient and question your purposes rather than seeking your guidance. We have been slow to show compassion, quick to judge others, and reluctant to work for peace and reconciliation. Too often we allow fear, worry, and resentment to shape our decisions and relationships. We have neglected the needs of our neighbors and overlooked opportunities to serve you with glad and generous hearts. Forgive us, renew us, and teach us to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *I want to see the brightness of God*

GTG #377, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

Don Michael Dicie

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Lord.*

*For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT:

Psalm 13

OT 494

NEW TESTAMENT:

Hebrews 10:23-25, 35-36

NT 224

SERMON

“A Prayer for Those Tired of Waiting”

*HYMN 30

O God, in a Mysterious Way

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 PC(USA) 9.17*

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man’s mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MOMENT FOR CHURCH LIFE *The General Assembly*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING



God has richly blessed us with grace, mercy, and daily provision. In gratitude for all we have received, let us offer our gifts and our lives to God's service. Let us present our tithes and offerings with thankful hearts.



OFFERTORY

O Help Me, Lord, to Praise Thee

J. S. Bach

*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!***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your care. Use them to bring life where there is need, and hope where there is uncertainty. Shape us, as we give, into a people who follow your way with open hands. Through Christ, who leads us into abundant life. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Go into the world trusting not in your own strength, but in the steadfast love of God.

Congregation: We will walk by faith, seeking to follow Christ in all we do.

Leader: When questions remain and the way forward is unclear, remember that God is faithful.

Congregation: We will hold fast to hope and encourage one another along the journey.

Leader: And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Congregation: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *I'm looking for the coming of Christ* GTG #377, vs. 3

*POSTLUDE *The God of Abraham Praise* Arr. Edward Broughton

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

Today we welcome Jenny Moore as guest organist.

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**Flowers in the sanctuary today
are dedicated to the memory of
Coraline Putnam Hall, Gini
Wilkerson's niece.**





Lord, hear our prayers

CONDOLENCES:

Elaine Goggans on the loss of her son, Don Goggans

CHURCH FAMILY:

Kym Thomas, recovering from surgery

Min Lindsay, recovering from surgery

Sherry Henry, recovering from surgery

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns

Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

Ellen Thompson, waiting on two hip replacements

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Rachel Putnam, Gini Wilkerson's sister, high-risk pregnancy

Ron Bracewell, Joy Bracewell's father, cancer diagnosis & treatment

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Foster 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 Foster Ivester, heart attack

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

Frankie Holder, Pruitt Health-Marietta, 50 Saine Dr. SW-Rm 215, Marietta, GA 30008

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

Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive

Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210

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 joeldburns@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)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study—We will not meet on July 1, and all are invited to join us the following week as we begin our new book study, *Poverty in the Promised Land* by Walter Bruggemann.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

Church Staff

Pastor, Rev. Mari Turner (in office every Wednesday)

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Children & Youth, vacant

Administrative Assistant, Jessica McQuain

Music Director, Dr. Jennifer Flory, jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu

Organist, Kate Phillips

Treasurer, Joel Burns

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OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

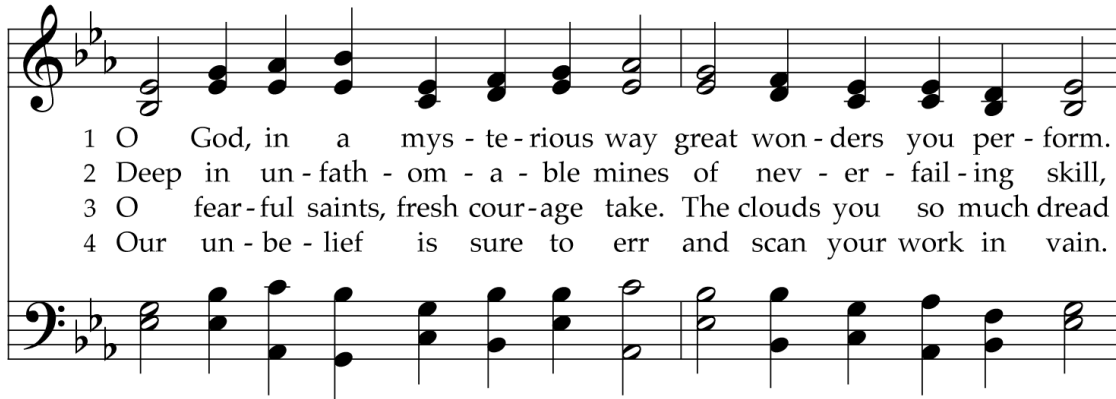
car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

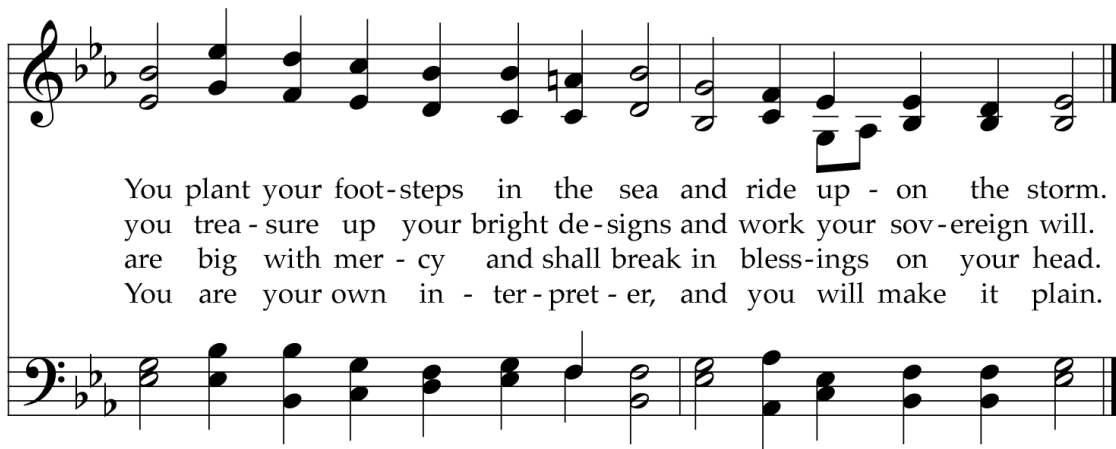
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

30 O God, in a Mysterious Way



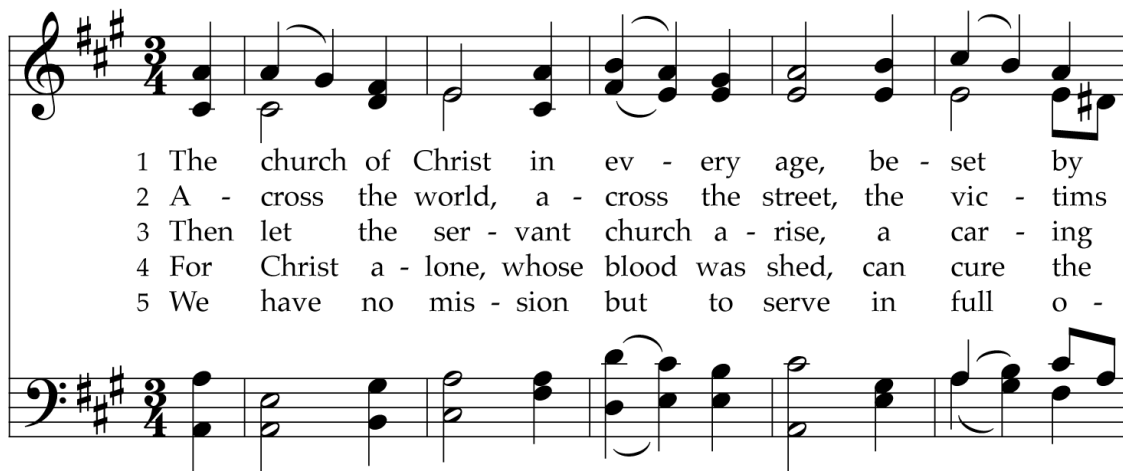
1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.
 2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
 3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread
 4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.



You plant your foot-steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm.
 you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.

This classic text gains renewed energy and focus from its recasting here: despite our fear and confusion, we can trust that God's providential purposes will eventually be revealed. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned to a specific hymn.

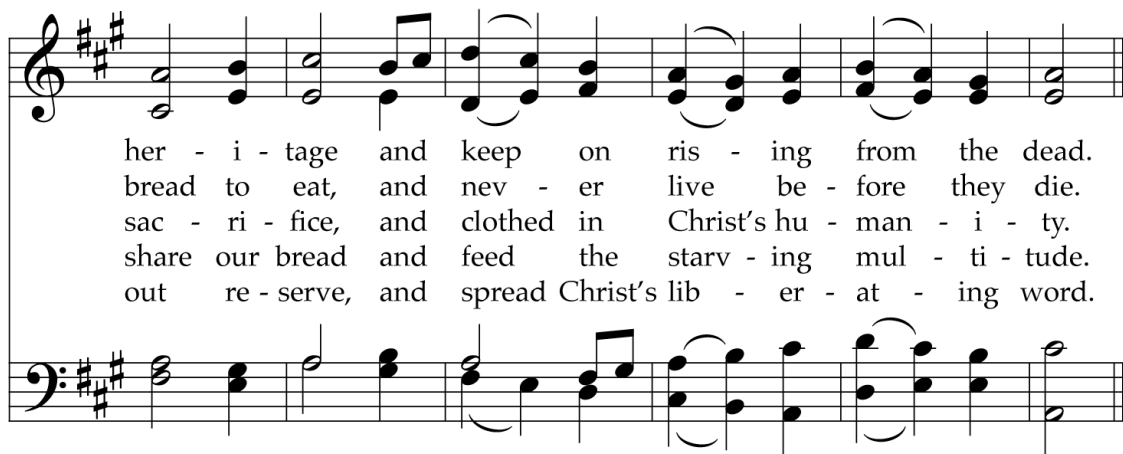
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.



Sign up for

VBS

**June 29-July 3
9:00am-12:00pm**

Play performance - July 5, 11:00am

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