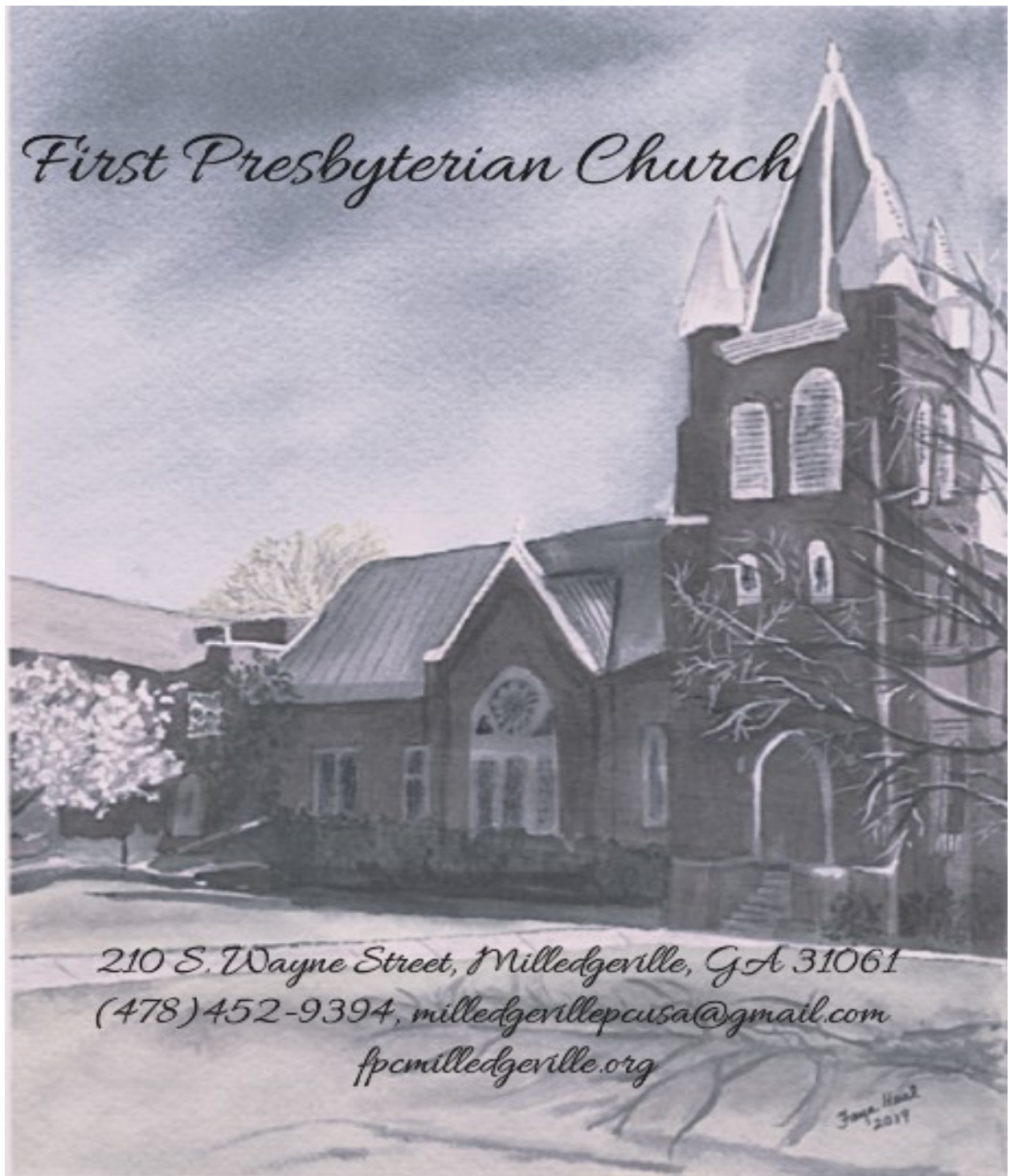


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**Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.**

**We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship,
empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to
provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians
Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshiping community for
LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they
seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.**

August 3, 2025
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

PRELUDE

Largo from "Serse"

G.F. Handel, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to the Minister or the Liturgist. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

Like a mother who has borne us

(GTG #44, vs. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

Congregation: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble;

Congregation: They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gloria Burns

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without Measure upon your whole creation. Teach us such generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may be used for the building of your commonwealth of blessing. Amen..

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. However, our lives are too often insular and self-absorbed. We have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make a sincere confession before God and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Like a father who has taught us

(GTG #44, vs. 2)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people. Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

**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**

THE PEACE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

O Give Thanks

Joseph Corfe

*O give thanks unto the Lord, the Lord is good;
For his steadfast love endures forever more.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the scripture we are about to hear will become God's Word for us today. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Hosea 11:1-11
PSALM	Psalms 107:1-9, 43
NEW TESTAMENT	Colossians 3:1-11
GOSPEL	Luke 12:13-21
SERMON	No!

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Reverend Dr. Sue Park

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*HYMN 306

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING (see insert)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



Scan. Pay. Go.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return. 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.



OFFERTORY

Bédard Sept Vocalises, Number V

Andrew Allen, saxophone

*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 AND DEDICATION

O God, may these gifts serve as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION *When we offer food and comfort*

(GTG #44, vs. 4)

POSTLUDE

Fughetta in A Flat Major

Gottlieb Muffat

We welcome Reverend Dr. Sue Park to the pulpit today.



Lord, hear our prayers

CHURCH FAMILY:

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns
Sunda Coleman, recovering from surgery after a fall
Frida Ituka, recovering from knee surgery
Ellen Thompson, home recovering from a broken hip

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues
Wesley Applebury, completed cancer treatments and showing no sign of the disease, attending seminary in Atlanta, **Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030**
Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, knee surgery
Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns
Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis
Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer
Peter Hall, Gini Wilkerson's brother, ongoing health concerns
Peter Hall, Gini Wilkerson's brother, & Rachel Putnam on the loss of their daughter
Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melanoma
Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, surgery, active cancer
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Harrington House in Macon
Paul Orman, Barbara Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, diagnosed with congestive heart failure, at home
Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns
Maddy Reeves, Pat and Sherry Henry's granddaughter, diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes
Paul Schrage, Carrie Cook's father, ongoing health concerns
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis
Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns
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 Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549
Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Nancy Holbrook, The Dublin Place, 504 Fire Tower Rd, Dublin GA 31021
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Runette Pounds, The Cottages, 1010 Fernwood Dr, Rm 206, Milledgeville, GA 31061
Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 3– August 10

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship with communion
Monday	Amy returns as Admin Assistant	
Tuesday	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
	6:30	Wednesday Night Pot Luck and Bible Study
Thursday	6:00	IOBI
Friday	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
	Lois' last day	
Saturday	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School



Nursery Schedule for August:

Aug. 10 Anne Smart/ Nancy Miller
Aug. 17 Gloria Burns/ Sherry Henry
Aug. 24 Charles Burrell/ Anne Smart
Aug. 31 Joel Burns/ Margaret Ivester

Please contact Anne Smart if you are unavailable on the date you are listed to serve.

Liturgist:

Greg Jones
Greg Jones
Nancy Miller
Nancy Miller

Offerings in July	\$11,623.76
Anticipated July expenses:	\$17,638.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	

Join us for worship in-person and online at Facebook Live every week.



Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we are studying *Ancient Echoes, Refusing the Fear-Filled, Greed Driven Toxicity of the Far Right* www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781 Passcode: 085809

Fellowship Sunday School Class, studying *Jesus CEO: Using Ancient Wisdom for Visionary Leadership* by Laurie Beth Jones 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**, studying *The Righteous Mind, Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b 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^b 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^b 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

According to Christ's commandment: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...

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 \flat 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 \flat C Dm B \flat F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



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

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. **Amen.**

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.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joice - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.