

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.

May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday

PRELUDE

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Clyde Tipton

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The spirit of God is here.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

Mothering God

GTG #7, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the mountaintop, and let us worship Jesus in joyful praise.

Congregation: Let us worship he who has been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Leader: Go from the mountaintop, and let us make disciples of all nations.

Congregation: Let us make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Triune God, every week you bring us back to this sanctuary to unite as one in praise, and every week we have something new to be grateful for. Continue to pour your endless teachings and ageless commandments into our souls to nourish our growing body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Teri Anne Bradley

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 *Mothering Christ*

GTG #7, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jakob Freeman

Leader: Hear the good news: God is with us to the very end of the age.

Congregation: God's steadfastness guides our growth.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and nurtured!

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.***

***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

Iain Flory

ANTHEM

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun--
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.*

*Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!*

*Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in
death,
God rolls away the stone.*

*Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.*

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 8

OT 492

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 28:16–20

NT 34

SERMON

Uriel Nwankonta

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hannah Nwankonta

We behold the good news of our Savior who surpasses human constraints and preconceptions. We behold this good news that God graciously reveals to us God's self in three faces: the Father, creator of all, the Son, the Word in human form, and the Holy Spirit that flows through creation. And in every form, God calls us to put our full faith in God and fulfill our mission as the church to be a beacon of light and bastion of love to people of every nation.

***HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR HISTORY

Josefa Tchamna

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Maxime Tchamna

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Aubrey Cook



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

O Blessed Holy Trinity

Jan Bender

*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 DEDICATION

Holy God, take these gifts and use them to proclaim your grace in this community and beyond. May our resources and our lives be a shared song of love and obedience, offered in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Emily Carson

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Mothering Spirit*

GTG #7, vs. 3

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major*

G. F. Handel

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

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Congratulations to our 2026 High School graduates: Hannah Erickson, Leland Erickson and Uriel Nwankonta!

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Arlie Katherine, daughter of Kerry and Andy Strickland, and granddaughter of Susan McGill.



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

Greeters

May 31: Susan McGill & Millie Murphy
June 7: Bradleys & Anne Smart

Communion

June 7: Donna Gautier, Charles Burrell, Margaret Ivester, Melba Burrell

Bell Ringer

Jakob Freeman

Nursery Volunteers

May 31: Gloria Burns/Margaret Ivester
June 7: Charles Burrell/Susan McGill

Thank you 
VOLUNTEERS!

Liturgists

May 31: Laurie Peebles
June 7: Bill Werts



Lord, hear our prayers

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 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 *Questions of Faith: A Practical Guide to Christian Faith* by Nicky Gumbel.

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).



MORE LIGHT
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OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



THE TRIUNE GOD

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly, - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

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THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

SPANISH

- 1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,
 siempre el labio mío loores te dará.
 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente,
 Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.
- 2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre
 de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,
 ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,
 ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.
- 3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado
 e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,
 santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado,
 en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.
- 4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre
 vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.
 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adore,
 Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

KOREAN

- 1 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
 이룬아침우리주를 찬송합니다
 거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
 성삼위일체 우리주로다
- 2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에
 모든성도 금면류관 벗어드리네
 천군천사 모두주께 굴복하니
 영원히 위에 계신 주로다
- 3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광
 모든죄인 눈어두워 보지못하네
 거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 뉘뇨
 권능과사랑 온전하셔라
- 4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
 천지만물 주의이름 찬송합니다
 거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
 성삼위일체 우리주로다

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.