

A light of Christ actively engaging the world.

First Presbyterian Church
OF MILLEGEVILLE, GEORGIA

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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.

Novemeber 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Air from "Water Music"* G. F. Handel

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT *Come, O spirit, dwell among us* GTG #280, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us raise a joyful song to the Lord,
People: A shout of triumph to the rock of our salvation.
Leader: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.
People: And sing Him psalms of triumph.
Leader: For the Lord is a great God,
People: A great king over all gods.
Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Amen.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

In this house of prayer, O God, we invoke your name. There is no one like you who surrounds us with your steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart. Not only have you lived on earth in Christ, but by the Spirit live in our hearts today. We ask you that you hear our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, whose salvation is never far from us, have mercy on us. Pardon us for whatever we have done or said, desired or planned against your holy will; for particular sins we now remember; for those sins we have so easily forgotten; for our lack of faith in the teachings of your Word, for our fear to serve you completely. Let your grace be upon us, O Lord, transforming our lives from what we are to what we can be. Unite us in a new attitude of life, a new happiness of obedience, and a new grace of service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *We would raise our alleluias* GTG #280, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” In the name of Christ, our risen Savior, I declare to you, our sins 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.

***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 *Praise the Lord, All Ye People* Johann Michael Haydn

Praise the Lord all ye people,
sing praise to our God and King;
sing praises all ye people.
Tell of his righteousness, his wonder and majesty.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT	Exodus 33:12-23	OT 80
GOSPEL	I Peter 2:4-10	NT 233

SERMON “Our Gracious and Merciful God” Rev. John Lamsma

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA))**

Leader: In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

People: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken-hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Leader: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

People: God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Leader: With believers of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***HYMN 451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg 35 in hymnal)

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

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.

OFFERTORY *Just a Closer Walk* Andrew Fletcher

***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**

Creator God, you have satisfied us with your steadfast love and made all things new in Jesus Christ. Bless and prosper the work of our hands and receive these gifts, that they may bring healing to the broken, relief to the weary, and reconciliation to your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 39** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Come, O spirit, dwell among us* GTG #280, vs. 3

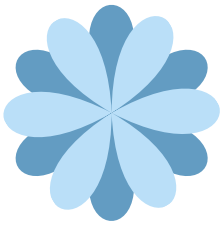
***POSTLUDE** *Bourrée from "Water Music"* G. F. Handel

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Stewardship Luncheon next week - sign up for sides and desserts in the fellowship hall.
- If you do not receive your stewardship packet in the mail before November 15, please notify the office.



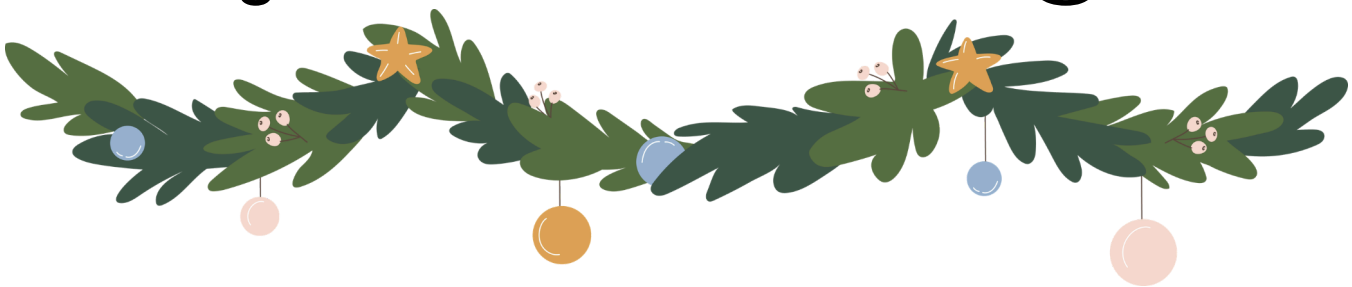
Flowers on the communion table this week are dedicated to the glory of God.

A note from the food pantry coordinator:

Our "community angel" flew in recently and donated canned hams for Christmas bags, as well as other items for holidays. We would like to provide yams, stuffing, instant potatoes and gravy for the optional holiday bags. If you find good buys on any of these, keep us in mind.



Greening of the Church - 11/28 @ 9:00am



Prayer List



CONDOLENCES:
Anne Weathers for the loss of her husband, Dudley Weathers

CHURCH FAMILY:
Becky Humphrey, blood pressure issues
Harry Beck, recovering from surgery
Debbie Lamsma, dealing with Parkinson's
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ongoing health concerns
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns
Ellen Thompson, ongoing medical issues
Laura King, recovering from a fall

EXTENDED FAMILY:
Lindsey Jones, friend of Gini Wilkerson, awaiting medical diagnosis
Don Lucik, Mary Lucik's son, in the hospital
Ron Bracewell, Joy Bracewell's father, ongoing health issues
Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Foster with serious health issues
Kathie Bishop, Mari Turner's mother, in memory care
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
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments
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, Room 2208, 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

Greeters

Nov. 8: John & Emily Bradley

Nov. 15: Margaret Ivester & Becky Humphrey

Nursery Volunteers

Nov. 8: Anne Smart/

Nov. 15: Susan McGill/Gloria Burns

Liturgist

Nov. 8: Laurie Peebles

Nov. 15: Laurie Peebles

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offerings in November	$ 19,758
Anticipated November expenses:	$ 14,546

(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)

This week at our church:

November 8-15

Today	9:45	Sunday School
	10:40	Fellowship
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth group
	5:00	Elder Training
	5:00	PW
Monday	7:00	PATH/Oconee Recovery Coalition
	7:00	Milledgeville Singers Guild
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	11:00	PW
	12:00	Kiwanis
	6:30	Session Meeting
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	10:00	Mug with Mari
	6:30	Potluck & Study
Thursday	2:00	Book Club
	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Sunday School
	10:40	Fellowship
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Stewardship Lunch
	5:00	Elder Training



WORSHIP with us

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

9:45 AM Engage Sunday School Class (meets in upstairs classroom), studying PC(USA) Engage Discipleship curriculum.

9:45 AM Bible 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.

9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class (meets in the library) studying *God In Pain* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Class, (meets in the Craft Room upstairs) singing, crafts and stories, & **Youth Sunday School Class** (meets in youth room upstairs) exploring *Faith Questions*.

12:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall), reading *Liberating the Gospels: Reading the Bible with Jewish Eyes* by John Shelby Spong . Potluck at 6:30 and study at 7:00.

MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIANS

We're a Matthew 25 church pcusa.org/matthew25

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667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

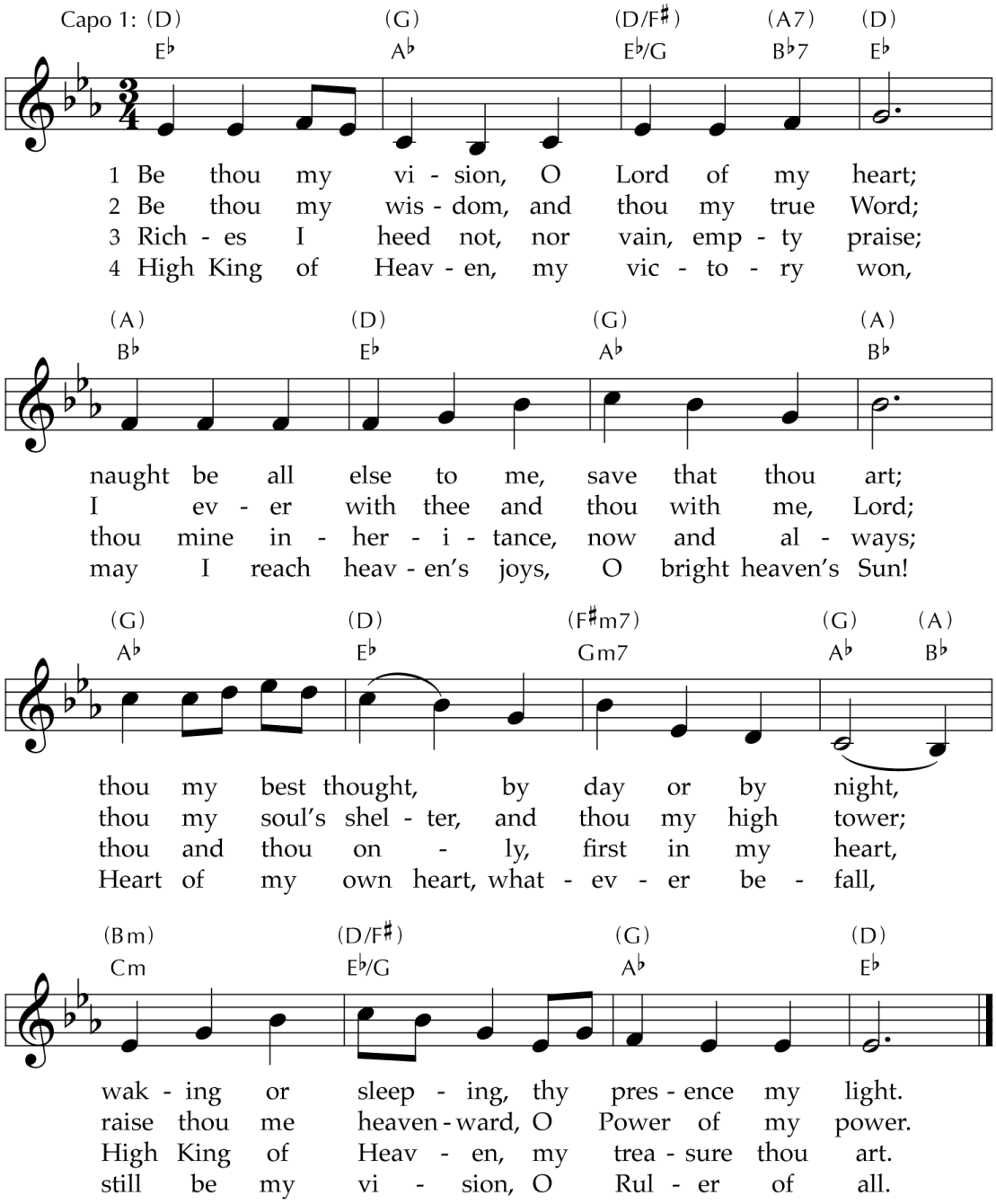


This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

LAUDES DOMINI
6.6.6.D

450 Be Thou My Vision



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.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

SLANE
10.10.10.10

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



*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.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
11.10.11.10 with refrain

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 베 푸 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