

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: March 16- March 23

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Potato Bar Fundraiser
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
	1:30	Homelessness Awareness Club
Monday	7:00	MSG
	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry and Samaritan Ministry
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Wednesday Night Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The UMC Bridge Bible Study
Thursday	6:00	IOBI
Saturday	6:30	PFLAG Movie Night
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship

Offerings in March	\$10,943.69
Anticipated March expenses:	\$24,456.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor, Vacant
 Children & Youth, vacant
 Admin. Asst., Lois Callender, fpchurch@windstream.net
 Music Director, Dr. Jennifer Flory, jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu
 Organist, Kate Phillips
 Treasurer, Joel Burns

OFFICE HOURS
 9am ~ 1pm M-Fri.
AC OFFICE HOURS
 10am ~ 2pm Thursdays



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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.

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent
Prelude on "Newbury"

Healey Willan

PRELUDE
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 Liturgist or Minister. 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 *We have come at Christ's own bidding* GTG #191, vs. 1
CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Congregation: Whom shall I fear?
Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Congregation: Of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

CHILDREN'S TIME Gloria Burns
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

CALL TO CONFESSION
When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears. Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHORAL RESPONSE *Light breaks through our clouds and shadows* GTG #191, vs. 2
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God does not forsake us in times of trial. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

***Please stand as you are able.**



CHURCH FAMILY:

Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns
Sunda Coleman, recovering from surgery after a fall
Ellen Thompson, recovering at home with broken hip

LIMITED MOBILITY

Helen Danuser

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, hip replacement, recovering at home

Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns

Blake Connolly, Mary Lucik's great grandson, ongoing 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 bother, ongoing health concerns

Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melenoma

Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns

Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns

Donald Lucik, Mary Lucik's son, recovering from back surgery

Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns

Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle 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

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

George and 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, Oaks at Lake Wildwood, Rm 109, 6191 Peake Rd, Macon, GA 31220

Suzy Smith, The Haven, 1061 Willow Run Rd., Unit 4, Greensboro, GA 30642



SUNDAY SCHOOL Matters

There is more than one Sunday School Class to choose from!
Find one that's right for you!



Sunday: 9:30 am **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we have returned to studying *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann*
www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781
Passcode: 085809

MATTHEW 25

Fellowship Sunday School Class, studying *Gospel Bound: Living With Resolute Hope in an Anxious Age* by Collin Hansen & Sarah

Eekhoff Zylstra

10:15 am **Children's Sunday School Class**, songs, prayers and stories, Meeting in the Craft Room Upstairs

Wednesday: 6:30PM **Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, studying Letter to the Romans, Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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**

PEACE
ANTHEM

O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Moonyeen Albrecht

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls
and plenteousness be in thy palaces.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
They shall prosper that love thee.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Merciful God, open us to your Word and your way. Help us to seek you,
your truth, and the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM
GOSPEL

Psalm 27
Luke 13:10-13, 31-35

Pew Bible Page #
OT P 473
NT P 77

SERMON
*HYMN 282

*Waiting for God
Come Down, O Love Devine*

Reverend Ron Gilreath

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joel Burns

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Blue or white bookmarks in the pew)

Apostle's Creed

INVITATION TO OFFERING



God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today. 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.



Scan. Pay. Go.

OFFERTORY
Norris
*DOXOLOGY

Reflection on "Pange Lingua"

Kevin

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Strengthened by this glimpse of glory* GTG #191,
vs. 3

POSTLUDE
Pachelbel

Fugue in D Minor

Johann

We welcome Reverend Ron Gilreath to the pulpit today.
We thank Jenny Moore for accompanying us on the organ today.
The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Liturgy written, in part, by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution by *The Presbyterian Outlook*.



Nursery Schedule
March 16- Charles Burrell/
Nancy Miller
March 23- Joel Burns/Melba
Burrell
March 30- Anne Smart/Susan
McGill
*Please contact Anne Smart if you
are unavailable on the date you
are listed to serve.*



**YOUTH GROUP
POTATO BAR
MONTREAT FUNDRAISER**

**\$10 per
person/
\$20 per
family**

03.16.25 | FELLOWSHIP HALL | 12 PM

Make plans to join us after worship service for the Youth Fundraiser- a Potato Bar. Food, Fellowship & Fun will rule the day. We can't wait to see you there!

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing,
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing,
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.