

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.

**April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter
Kirkin' o' the Tartan**

PRELUDE *Highland Cathedral* Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen.

Congregation: He is risen indeed.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS AND COLORS *Hielan' Laddie*

***HYMN 390** *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!*

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS AND COLORS

Leader: Eternal God, you are the Maker of all families and the Weaver of every history. We present these tartans and colors—symbols of clans, families, and nations—as a sign of our gratitude for the ancestors who kept the faith and the siblings who bring new life to this community today.

Congregation: We bless these symbols in the name of God, who creates us in holy diversity.

Leader: May these fabrics remind us that though we are many threads, we are woven into one garment of grace. From the Highlands of Scotland to the forests and coasts of Africa, you have called us to be one people in this place.

Congregation: May we be a living sign of your gift of eternal and abundant life. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT *Amazing Grace* arr. Stephen Hatfield

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fear relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
Was blind, but now I see.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Congregation: From the generations of old to the years yet to come,
God is our dwelling place.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate the ties that bind us and the grace that sets us free.

Congregation: We come to offer our praise and to hear what God will speak.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you have been the refuge of your people through all generations. We thank you for the faithful in Milledgeville who came before us, planting seeds of faith in this soil two hundred years ago. We praise you for the vibrant life and heritage brought to us from across the seas, from Scotland to Africa, and beyond. As we gather this day, open our hearts to the movement of your Spirit. Ignite within us a passion for your Word and a commitment to your service, that we may be a living witness to your love in this time and place. Amen.

***HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we admit that we often take your blessings for granted and forget the sacrifices of those who paved the way for us. We confess that we have sometimes preferred our own traditions over your transformation, and our comfort over your call to justice. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves and have stayed silent when your children were hurting. Forgive us, O God. Renew our spirits and lead us in the way of righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Scottish Hymn of Praise

arr. Malcolm Crawford

*O Lord, I sing thy praises who art my strength and stay,
my leader through life's mazes, to bring me to thy way.
Thou didst not leave me straying when I afar would go,
with heedless footsteps playing upon the brink of woe.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Through the humility of the one who emptied the self for our sake, God's mercy is poured out upon us all.

Congregation: By the grace of Christ, we are set free from the power of pride and the weight of our sin.

Leader: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are called to new life.

***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

The Tender Ways of Love

James R. Day

*Blessed are they with simple hearts that safely keep the way;
who in the Lord's most precious truth do walk and do not stray.
Blessed are they who to observe his statutes are inclined;
and who do seek the living God with their whole heart and mind.
Then with integrity of heart with joy they'll praise and bless,
when they the tender ways have learned of Love's pure righteousness.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Peter 1:3-9

NT 232

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

NT 115

SERMON

The Seeds of a Living Hope

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Scots Confession, 3.16*

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace God by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.

*HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR HISTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Robert Lau

*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, we offer these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use them and use us to build up your holy diversity, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to proclaim the good news of your love to all people. All are invited to your table and your service. Bless this offering to your glory. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go*

*Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.
The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.*

***POSTLUDE** *Scotland the Brave*

As the postlude begins, you are invited to depart for fellowship or remain seated in prayerful reflection as the music sends us forth into the world.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for light refreshments.

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The Kirkin' O' the Tartan is a joyful worship tradition celebrating the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian faith. Our Kirkin' reflects the wideness of God's family. We also celebrate the presence and heritage of our members from African nations, bringing special colors and fabrics forward alongside the tartans. Together, these symbols remind us that the Kirkin' O' the Tartan is a colorful celebration of heritage, community, and unity in Christ, affirming that God gathers people of every nation, culture, and tradition into one body.

WORSHIP with us

Join us in-person or online
on [Facebook Live](#) every week.

9:45 AM Sunday School Class (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), we are studying *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. 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).

Greeters

Apr. 12: Charles Burrell & Millie Murphy
Apr. 19: Anne Smart & Becky Humphrey

Nursery Volunteers

Apr. 12: Joel Burns/Margaret Ivester
Apr. 19: Susan McGill/Gloria Burns

Liturgists

Apr. 12: Nancy Miller
Apr. 19: Nancy Miller

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

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OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The youth will host a taco bar fundraiser lunch on Sunday, April 19 after service. \$5 per person or \$15 per family– what a deal! Let’s support them as they raise funds for their summer retreat.



- Bicentennial Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.
- Are you interested in reading or sharing a moment in history about someone who was important in the life of this church? See Ruby Werts.
- The flower calendar is now on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please consider honoring or remembering someone with the gift of flowers for the sanctuary. Contact Becky (478-457-5349) for more information.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 12-19

Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children’s Sunday School
	11:00	Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans Service
	12:30	Bicentennial Play Meeting
	5:00	PW Bible Study
Monday	7:00	ORC All Recovery
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	11:00	PW Bible Study
	12:00	Kiwanis
	5:30	CE meeting
	6:30	Session Meeting
Wednesday	7:30	NA Meeting
	10:00	Have a Mug with Mari
	6:30	Potluck and Study
Thursday	9:00	PW Women @ Atlanta Botanical Gardens
	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children’s Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	12:00	Youth Fundraiser
	12:30	Bicentennial Meeting



CONDOLENCES:

Carpenter family on the loss of Nan Carpenter

CHURCH FAMILY:

Min Lindsay, anticipating surgery

Eleanor Naber-Allen, daughter of Andrew and Elise, at home

Sherry Henry, recovering in Atlanta

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns

Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

EXTENDED FAMILY:

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, moving into memory care

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

Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, hospitalized in Macon

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

Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive

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

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

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! 390

Louez le Seigneur!

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics in English and French.

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the vocal and bass lines from the first system. It includes repeat signs at the beginning of the vocal line.

Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!
 Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

This song may be repeated, adding a vocal part on each repetition: melody (alto) alone; melody + tenor; melody + lower parts; all voices.

This brief song of praise comes from Cameroon, where it is used primarily as a processional song with rhythmic movement and increasing harmonies. The organizing aesthetic here is repetition, experienced as a means of intensification expressed in multiple languages.

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

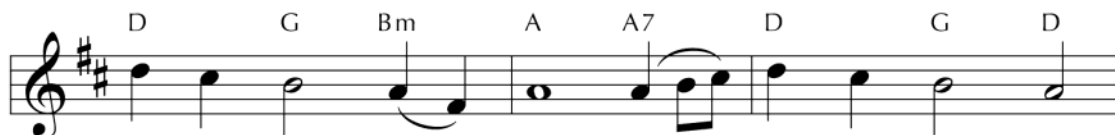
al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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.

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801

(Psalm 23)

1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
 4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,

in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

KOREAN

- 1 주나의목자되시니부족함없도다
푸른풀밭호숫가로날인도하시네
- 2 내영혼소생시키며그이름위하여
늘의로운길건도록날인도하시네
- 3 나어둠골짜지나도두려움없겠네
주막대기와지팡이날안위하시네
- 4 주나의원수앞에서내상을베푸사
머리에기름부으니내잔이넘치네
- 5 선함과인자하심이내평생따르리
여호와전에영원히나거하리로다

SPANISH

- 1 *Es el Señor mi buen pastor y nada faltará;
por verdes prados con amor Él me conducirá.*
- 2 *Al lado de aguas de quietud haráme reposar;
por sendas justas y de paz su mano me guiará.*
- 3 *Y cuando en valle de dolor o muerte deba andar,
no sentiré ningún temor, pues Él me guardará.*
- 4 *Es sabio y fiel mi buen pastor, jamás me dejará;
con su cayado, mi Señor, aliento me dará.*
- 5 *Hasta el final me seguirán misericordia y bien;
y de mi Padre en el hogar por siempre moraré.*

This paraphrase of Psalm 23 comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.