

First Presbyterian Church



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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.

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

Ancient of Days

Paul Taylor

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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 Pastor or an Elder.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

What a fellowship, what a joy divine

GTG #837, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the sea of life's daily stress and strife, in the struggle to keep our heads above the waves, Jesus calls us from the shore: "Follow me, and be fishers of people!"

Congregation: God gathers us into new boats built with room for friend and stranger.

Leader: "Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose. Follow me, and build abundant life."

Congregation: We will be weavers of community, architects of justice, gardeners of peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our light and our rescue, our fortress in times of trouble, when human powers seek to crush us, protect us in the hidden places of your heart. Ease our fears and let us rest in you. When we are safe, but other lives are threatened, fortify our resolve to be your protection for all our kin and all your good creation. When the work is done, we ask only to live in your house and enjoy your beauty forever. Amen.

*HYMN 625 *O Lord My God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.

Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way

GTG #837, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us.

Congregation: Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call.

Leader: Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.

Congregation: 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

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Please greet those near to you with the peace of Christ.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

Anne Smart
Thomas Morley

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nostri.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 11:1-5

OT pg. 640

NEW TESTAMENT: I Corinthians 1:1-9

NT pg. 165

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

NT pg. 92

SERMON *Spiritual Assessment* Rev. Mari Turner
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Our World Belongs to God, 30 (Christian Reformed Church)*

The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ. Anointed and sent by the Spirit, the church is thrust into the world, ambassadors of God's peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace. God's people, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say.

*HYMN 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR HISTORY

Donna Gautier

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING



There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. 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
*DOXOLOGY

O for the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn

*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

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble.
Amen

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

What have I to dread, what have I to fear

GTG #837, vs. 3

POSTLUDE

Siciliana from Concerto No. 5

G.F. Handel

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Lord, hear our prayers

CONDOLENCES

Amy Sallstrom Smith on the passing of her father-in-law Bill Smith

CHURCH FAMILY:

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns
Nan Carpenter, 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
Candace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Ivester, heart attack
Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer
Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melanoma
Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon
John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation
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
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
Judy Turner, Brett Turner's aunt, stroke
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care
Wayne Woodward, 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
Laura King, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Runette Pounds, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive
Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive

Greeters

January 18: Pat & Sherry Henry
January 25: Nancy Miller/Becky Humphrey

Nursery Volunteers

January 18: Joel Burns/ Laurie Peebles
January 25: Margaret Ivester/Gloria Burns

Liturgist

January 18 & 25: Melba Burrell



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: January 18-25

Today	9:45	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth
Monday	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:00	Samaritan Ministry
	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	10:00	Have a Mug with Mari
	6:30	Potluck and Bible Study
Thursday	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth
	12:00	Milly Free Fridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bicentennial Christmas 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.
- Milly Free Fridge is next Sunday. Remember to bring sandwich fixings and snacks to help meet our church's commitment to this ministry. A complete list of items is located in the newsletter.

Offerings in January	\$12,271.73
Anticipated January expenses:	\$ 17,114.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	

**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), 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 *Being a Presbyterian in the Bible Belt* by Ted V. Foote Jr. & P. Alex Thornburg.

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, studying *Uppity Women of the Bible* by Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).

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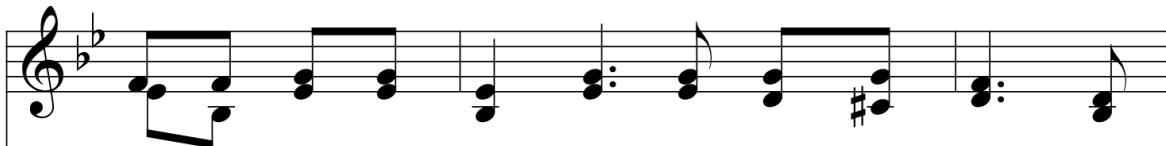
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O Lord My God
How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the
 loft - y moun-tain gran - deur and hear the brook and
 bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to
 hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My

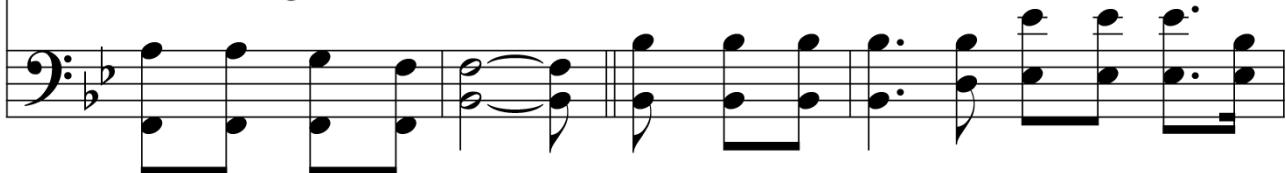


*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."

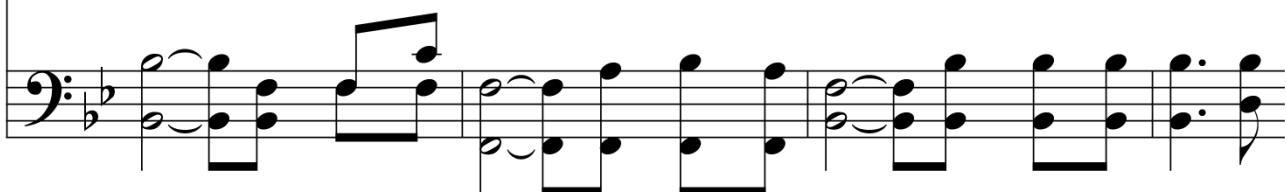
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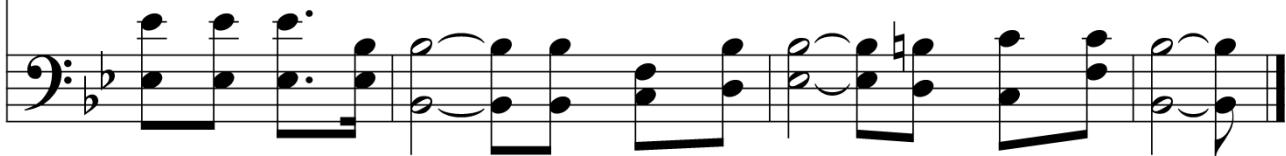
u - ni - verse dis - played:
feel the gen - tle breeze:
take a - way my sin: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.