

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.

November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Flor Peeters

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 Pastor or an Elder.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

GTG #174, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is coming. Whom you will serve?

Congregation: As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

Leader: What has God done for you?

Congregation: Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds. Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!

Leader: Say more.

Congregation: We'll never stop telling our story. The next generation will hear it. Children not yet born will know it.

Leader: Hope in God, whose story will never end.

Congregation: Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful One, you are near; assure us. In our joy and in our need, help us to seek you, for we know that we will find peace and gladness with you.

Today and always, we say again and again, "God is great!" Amen.

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Listen to the Voice of Wisdom

GTG #174, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: All who seek God will rejoice and be glad. We proclaim that God is great because of this good news:

Congregation: we are forgiven! Be at peace.

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 Christ be with you. **Congregation: And also with you.**

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love

Robert J. Powell

*Spirit Truth, pure Light of Love, Guiding Light of God above;
Make Your beacon ours; Inspire us to shine so all may know the radiance of the Spirit's own revealing power. Spirit Wind, sweet Song of Love, Stirring Song of God above,
Make Your music ours; Excite us to sing so all may know the anthem of the Spirit's own Resounding power. Spirit Fire, fierce Breath of Love, Blazing Breath of God above,
Make Your passion ours; Impel us to live so all may know The fervor of the Spirit's own Resplendent power.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT Joshua 24:1-3, 13-15, 24-25
NEW TESTAMENT Romans 8:1-9
SERMON "Making Choices"
*HYMN 726 Will You Come and Follow Me
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Pew Bible Page #
OT P. 215-216
NT P. 157-158
Rev. Mari Turner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP
INVITATION TO OFFERING



I appeal to you, siblings in Christ, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. 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 O Jesus, I Have Promised Richard Greene
*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 THANKSGIVING

To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are—a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION
PROFESSION OF FAITH
APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
BAPTISM
WELCOME

*HYMN 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION Sister Wisdom, Come Assist Us

POSTLUDE Jesus Calls Us

GTG #174, vs. 3
Lani Smith

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*At this time all are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Lord, hear our prayers

CHURCH FAMILY:

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

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues
Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, hip replacement, recovering at home
Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns
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
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

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, in hospital, moving soon to Fellowship Home
Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210

Nursery Volunteers

November 16 ~ Melba Burrell/Jane Tipton

Liturgist

November 16 ~ Ruby Werts
November 23 & 30 ~ Andrew Allen



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: November 16 – November 23

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship w/Baptism
	12:00	STEWARDSHIP LUNCH
Monday	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
	7:00	Milledgeville Singers Guild
Tuesday	9:00	Samaritan Ministry
	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	7:30	NA Meeting
	6:30	Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study
Thursday	4:30	BICENTENNIAL Committee meeting (parlor)
	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	12:00	Youth Group (Youth Room)

Join us for a **Stewardship Lunch** today immediately following worship. This is a chance to gather in fellowship and celebrate the many ways our gifts bless our community.

PW Thank Offering will be received November 23rd.

This morning we have the privilege of administering the sacrament of Baptism to Owen Orock, son of Valentine and Sarah Orock.

Offerings in November	\$21,147.10
Anticipated November expenses:	\$17,147.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



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

Sunday: 9:30AM **Sunday School Class** (meets in 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

joelburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

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.

10:15AM **Children's Sunday School Class**, singing, crafts and stories, (meeting in the Craft Room upstairs)

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).

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

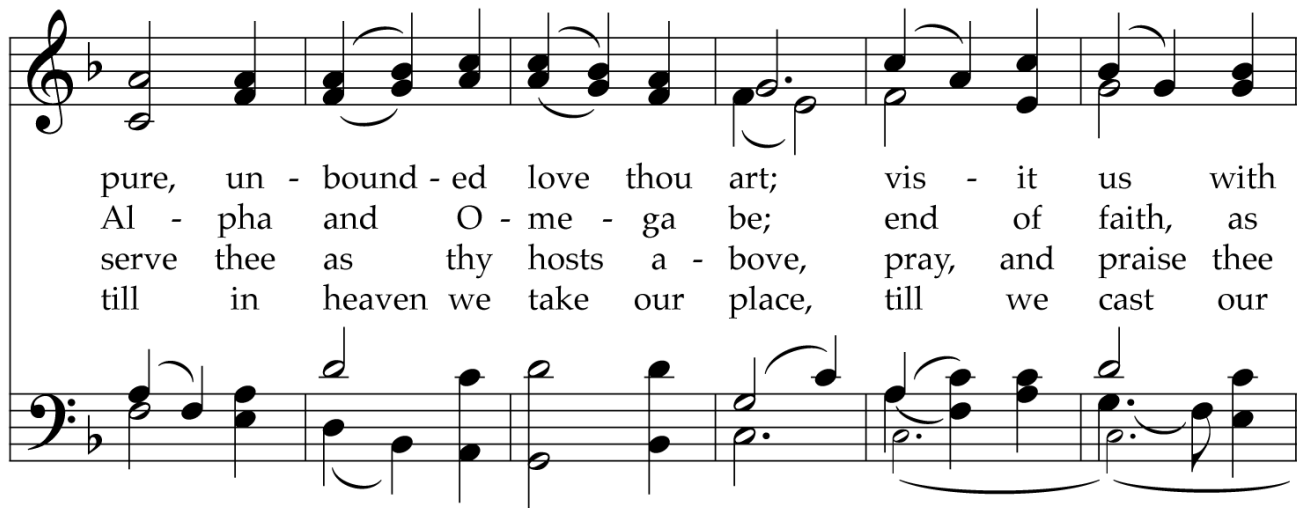


earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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.

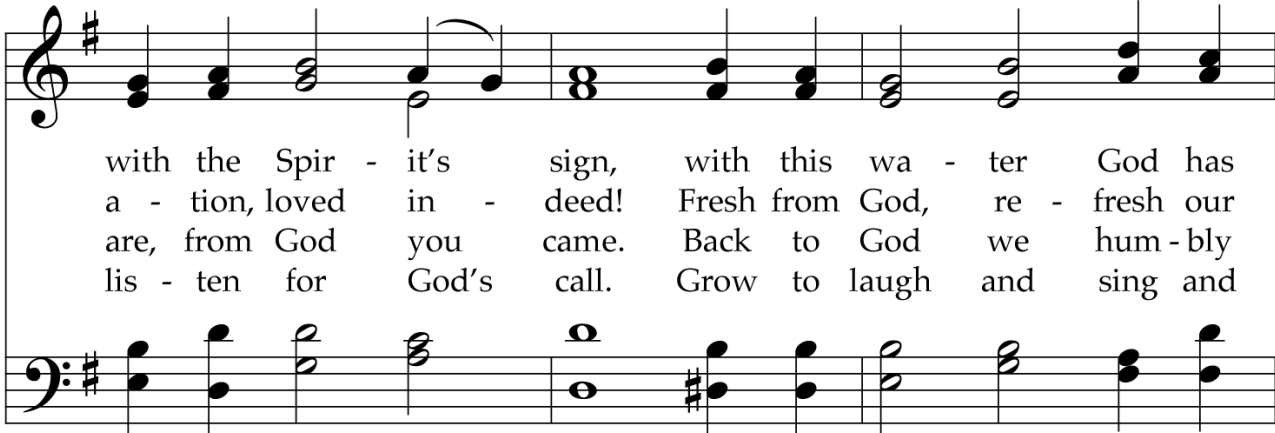
(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
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will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise



1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and



sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

Congregation,

As many of you know, I am the co-founder and leader of the Homelessness Awareness Club of Milledgeville. We are collaborating with other organizations to host an event called "A Day of Action" on November 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm and will take place at New Beginnings Church. We are looking to provide a variety of hygiene resources, including hygiene bags and clothing. That is why we are accepting donations next Sunday. We are specifically looking to collect three categories of items:

Clothing

- Coats
- Gloves
- Hats
- Any other warm articles of clothing

Food

- Granola Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Pop Top Canned Goods
- Boxed Mac n Cheese
- Water Bottles
- Cereal
- Packs of Oatmeal and/or Grits
- Chips
- Little Bottles of Fruit
- And other non-perishables

Hygiene Supplies

- Deodorant
- Wipes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Socks
- Chapstick
- Body Wash or Bars of soap
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Packs of tissues
- Pads or Tampons
- Hand Sanitizer

Every donation, no matter how big or small matters and will make an impact.

Thanks,

Teri Anne Bradley



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



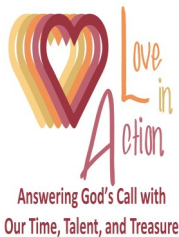
Presbyterian Women Thank Offering will be received on November 23.

Bicentennial Christmas Ornaments will be available for sale beginning November 23. 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. Make sure to bless your tree with this monumental treasure!



An Advent Devotional will also be available on November 23, online and printed.

Our very spectacular Hanging of the Greens will take place on Saturday November 29 at 10:00am.



Dedication Sunday is November 30th. With joyful response to God's abundant grace, we pledge our financial gifts to support the vital mission and outreach of our church. Please return your pledge card in on this day or drop off or mail to the church office.

Joy Gift Offering & Christmas Program will be held on December 7th during the worship service at 11:00am. Please bring your favorite holiday treats to share, following service.

