

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.

August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* Emma Lou Diemer

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!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT *Help us accept each other* GTG #754, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord calls us to step out in faith, even when the wind and waves rage.

Congregation: Our eyes look to the Lord, trusting in God's saving grace.

Leader: Do not be afraid, for the One who walks upon the waters is with us.

Congregation: Savior, reach out your hand and lift us up as we gather to worship your holy name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and Almighty God, source of all strength and power, we come before you today with our varied lives—some of us feeling strong, and many of us struggling just to tread water. Reach out your loving hand, lift us up beyond our limitations, and give us courage to follow Christ wherever he calls. Amen.

***HYMN 624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we often sink under the weight of fear, anxiety, and doubt. We look at the storm around us rather than fixing our eyes on you. We rely on our own toughness instead of your ultimate power, or we give up in despair when we feel weak. Forgive us for our lack of faith, for our division, and for our failure to reach out to our neighbors in need. Extend your hand of mercy, lift us out of the deep waters, and transform our hearts that we may serve you with courage. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Let your acceptance change us* GTG #754, vs. 3

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: God does not leave us in the depths of our weakness or sin.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, God reaches out to save us and set us free.

Leader: "No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for the same Lord is Lord of all and generous to all."

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

(Hymnal pg. 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.

Congregation: And also with you.

**At this time young children may depart for the nursery.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

Give to the Wind Your Fears Robert J. Powell

*Give to the winds your fears,
Have hope, be not dismayed,
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,
God shall lift up your head.*

*Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears the way;
Wait his own time, so shall this night
Soon end in joyous day.*

*Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command,
So shalt you, wondering, own that way,
How wise, how strong his hand!*

*On God the Lord rely,
And safe shall you go on;
On God's work fix your steadfast eye;
So shall your work be done.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

OT 34

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33

NT 16

SERMON

Making It

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.11, 14

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life; through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

***HYMN 641**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR CHURCH LIFE *Music*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal pg. 35)

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

I Danced in the Morning

Emma Lou Diemer

***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**

Generous God, receive these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and commitment. Use them, and us, to feed the hungry, comfort the weak, and proclaim the good news of your love to a world in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Lord, for today's encounters*

GTG #754, vs. 4

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

Christopher Tambling

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

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WORSHIP with us

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), doing an intensive study of the Book of Jeremiah. 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 *God In Pain* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

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 *Poverty in the Promised Land* by Walter Bruggemann (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

Church Staff

Pastor, Rev. Mari Turner (in office every Wednesday) revmariturner@gmail.com

Children & Youth, vacant

Administrative Assistant, Jessica McQuain

Music Director, Dr. Jennifer Flory, jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu

Organist, Kate Phillips

Treasurer, Joel Burns

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OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We need more nursery volunteers! Speak with Anne Smart if you're interested in serving in this role on Sundays.
- Youth group starts today! Sign up to provide meals for the youth group using this link bit.ly/FeedYouth or by calling the church office.

Prayer List

CONDOLENCES

Thompson family for the loss of Hagan Thompson

CHURCH FAMILY:

Harry Beck, at home recovering from surgery
Debbie Lamsma, dealing with Parkinson's
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ongoing health concerns
Runette Pounds, recovering at Fellowship Home
Kym Thomas, recovering from surgery
Min Lindsay, recovering from surgery
Sherry Henry, recovering from surgery
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns
Ellen Thompson, waiting on two hip replacements

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Rachel Putnam, Gini Wilkerson's sister, high-risk pregnancy
Bob Bishop, Mari Turner's father, in the hospital
Ron Bracewell, Joy Bracewell's father, dealing with a cancer diagnosis
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
Kandace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Foster, heart attack
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
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

Greeters

Aug 9: John & Emily Bradley
 Aug 16: Margaret Ivester & Susan McGill

Nursery Volunteers

Aug 9: Anne Smart/Gloria Burns
 Aug 16: Susan McGill/Melba Burrell

Bell Ringer

Jakob Freeman

♥ Thank you ♥
VOLUNTEERS!

Liturgists

Aug 9: Donna Gautier
 Aug 16: Jan Hoffman



Offerings in August

\$ 5,827

Anticipated August expenses:

\$ 19,718

(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)



This week at our Church

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 9-16

Today	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth group
Monday	7:00	PATH/Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	6:30	Session meeting
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	10:00	Mug with Mari
	6:30	Potluck & Study
Thursday	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth group

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

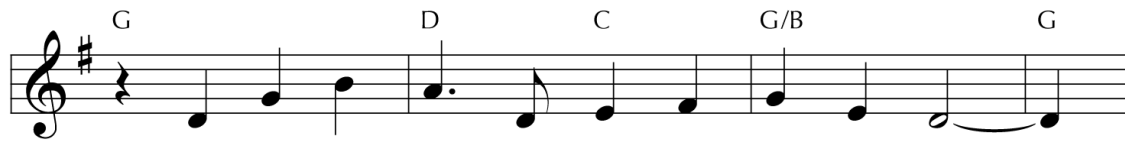
my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

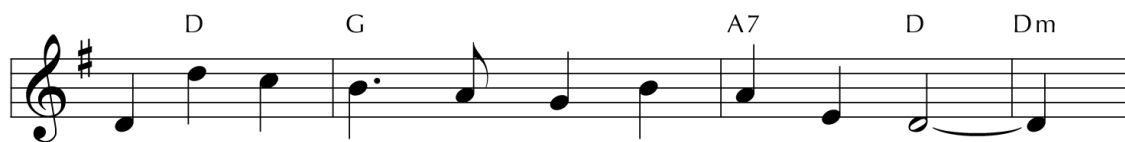
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



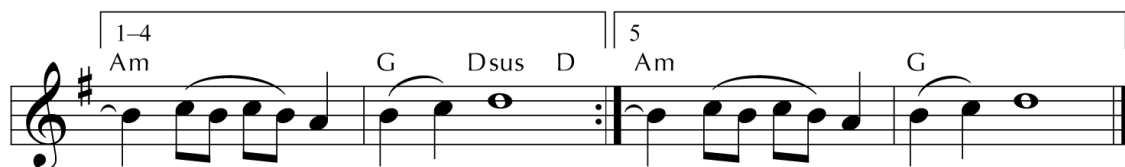
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.