

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.

May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen.

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

There is a place of quiet rest

GTG #824, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Creator a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Congregation: Our ancestors sang their faith in this place, and we lift our voices in that same great chorus.

Leader: From the foundations of the earth to the melodies of this morning, God's grace resounds.

Congregation: We come to offer our praise and to listen for the harmony of the Divine.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, source of all harmony and Creator of the world's rhythm, we gather this day to praise you and celebrate the musical heritage that has sustained this community for two centuries. You are the melody that underlies our lives and the lyrics of hope that we carry into the world. Open our hearts to hear your truth, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, finding our place in your grand, unfolding purpose. Amen.

***HYMN 7**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often live out of tune with your will. We have sought our own success and followed our own paths, ignoring the call to justice and the way of peace you have set before us. We have kept you at a distance, preferring our own comfort over the sacrificial love you demonstrate in Christ. Forgive us for the times we have been silent when we should have spoken, and for the times we have turned away from those in need. By your Spirit, realign our hearts with your grace, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your holiness. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

There is a place of comfort sweet

GTG #824, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ has promised not to leave us orphaned, but to dwell within us.

Congregation: The Spirit of truth leads us out of the shadows and into the light of God's grace.

Leader: I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that we are released from our sins and forgiven.

Congregation: We are restored to the heart of God, ready to sing a new song of hope. Amen.

***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.*

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM *Laudate Dominum from Vesperae solennes de confessore, KV 339*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Megan Gillis, soprano

*Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise him, all people.
For he has bestowed
his mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

NEW TESTAMENT	Acts 17:16-31	NT 137
GOSPEL	Luke 24:1-35	NT 90

SERMON *The Unknown God*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us hope and pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***HYMN 282** *Come Down, O Love Divine*

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

Panis angelicus

César Franck
Megan Gillis, soprano

*The bread of angels is made the bread of men,
The heavenly bread puts an end to symbols:
O wondrous thing!
The poor – the poor, humble servant – consumes the Lord,
The poor – the poor, humble servant.*

***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, take these gifts and use them to proclaim your grace in this community and beyond. May our resources and our lives be a shared song of love and obedience, offered in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BEARING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *There is a place of full release* GTG #824, vs. 3

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude on “Hyfrydol”* Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.

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Welcome to Sunda Coleman’s newest great-grandbaby, Skylar Mae Pearson, born Wednesday, April 29 to parents Ashley Welsh and Ty Pearson. She arrived weighing 6 pounds, 2.8 ounces and measuring 18 inches long.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Love to sing?** Join the Choir for our **Bicentennial Sunday Series**—no long-term commitment required. Rehearsals are welcoming and supportive, with flexible participation encouraged. **Sunday warm-up at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise announced.** Additional rehearsals: **Thu May 7 (6:30 p.m.), Sat May 23 (7:00 p.m.), Thu June 4 (6:30 p.m.).** **Speak to or email Jennifer (jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu) for more info.**
- Bicentennial posters are available in the church office. Come take a couple to put up at your office, nearby park, or friendly businesses around town.
- Bicentennial Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. We're in the final stretch of raising funds to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026 through this effort, so please consider purchasing ornaments for your household or as gifts!
- The flower calendar is 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.

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!

Greeters

May 10: Charles Burrell & Margaret Ivester
May 17: Nancy Miller & Anne Smart

Nursery Volunteers

May 10: Anne Smart/Nancy Miller
May 17: Susan McGill/Joel Burns

Liturgists

May 10: Cecelia Odihe
May 17: Cecelia Odihe

Bell Ringer

Jakob Freeman

Church Staff

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

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



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), 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 *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).

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: May 10-17

Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
Monday	7:00	PATH/ORC All Recovery
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	11:00	Presbyterian Women
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Session meeting
	7:30	NA Meeting
	10:00	Have a Mug with Mari
Thursday	6:30	Potluck and Study
	2:00	Book club
	5:30	In Our Best Interests
Saturday	6:30	PFLAG Peer Support
	7:30	NA Meeting
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Lord, hear our prayers

CHURCH FAMILY:

Min Lindsay, recovering from surgery
Sherry Henry, recovering in Atlanta
Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns
Ellen Thompson, waiting on two hip replacements

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Destiny Akins, community member, healing
Murray Nelson, homelessness, financial struggles, better relationship with Jesus
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, in memory care
Bob Bishop, Mari Turner's father, in rehab hospital
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
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

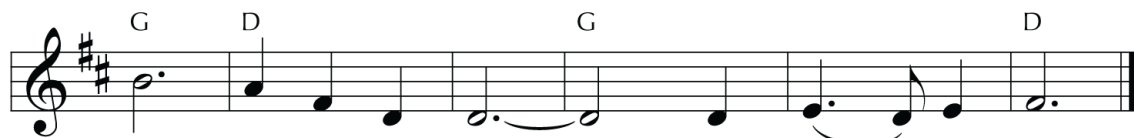
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth 7



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - ery
 me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flower, un - til I know.

As the tune name hints, this text is derived from images in the writings of the English medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich. In 1393 she wrote down an account of her sixteen remarkable visions experienced twenty years earlier; they formed the basis of her theology of God's love.

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*.

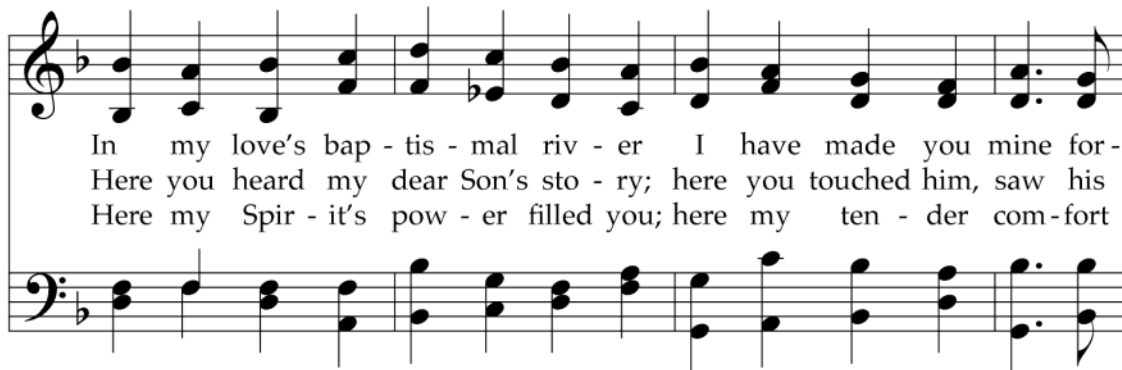
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



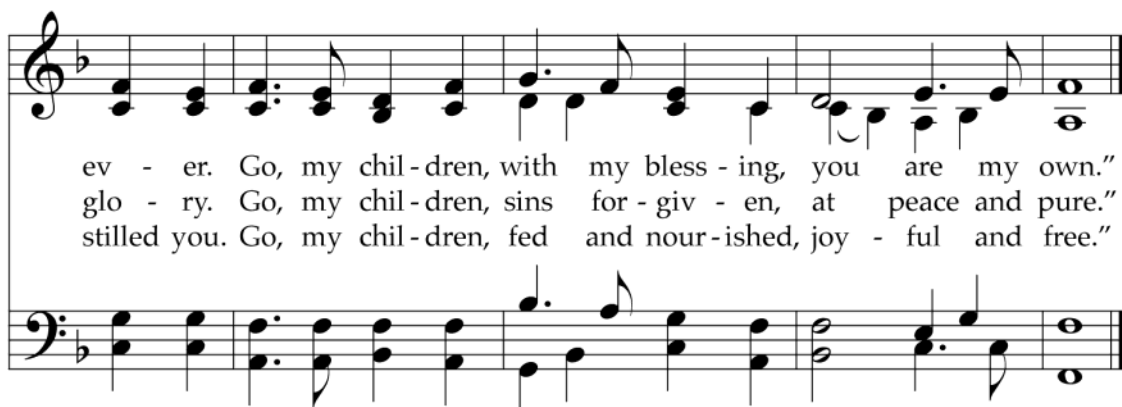
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.