

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.

June 21, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Andrew Moore

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 *I sing a song of the saints of God* GTG #730, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We step out of seasons of celebration and into the rhythm of daily discipleship.

Congregation: We gather to anchor our hearts in the one who calls us forward.

Leader: In a world of competing loyalties and loud distractions, Christ claims our ultimate allegiance.

Congregation: We come to worship the living God, whose love knows no borders.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you are the alpha and the omega, the one to whom our ultimate loyalty belongs. As we enter this season of ordinary time, quiet the frantic anxieties that track our days and pull us away from your grace. Open our ears to the truth of your word and our hearts to the vast expanse of your love. Keep us steady in our baptism, that we might follow you faithfully into the ordinary spaces of our daily lives, witnessing to your justice and practicing your peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we easily lose our way when the world around us grows loud. We are seduced by spectacles of power and comfort, choosing the safety of cultural privilege over the costly demands of your truth. We admit that we have often remained silent in the face of injustice, failing to stand as a shield for our vulnerable neighbors. We have allowed fear to dictate our actions, forgetting that our true security is anchored eternally in your love. Forgive us, O God. Ignite your holy fire within our bones, strip away our competing loyalties, and return us to the substance of our baptism. By your grace, reshape us into a community of radical invitation and Christ-like courage. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *They loved their Lord so dear* GTG #730, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our ultimate security is held by the God who tracks the sparrow's flight and knows us intimately by name.

Congregation: We are renewed, restored, and liberated from fear.

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Let us stand fast in the freedom of the gospel, and walk in newness of 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.

***PASSING OF 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

Descend, O Heavenly Dove

Mark Schweizer

*Lord God, the Holy Ghost, In this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost, Descend in all Thy power;
We meet with one accord In our appointed place,
And wait the promise of our Lord, By all adored,
The Spirit of grace.*

*Descend O heavenly Dove, abide with us always;
And in the fullness of thy Love, come from above,
And cleanse us, we pray.*

*Like mighty rushing wind Upon the waves beneath,
Move with one impulse every mind, One soul, one feeling breathe:
The young, the old inspire With wisdom from above;
O grant us gifts, and tongues of fire, Hearts of desire,
To pray, praise, and love.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 20:1-2, 7-13

OT 722

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 10:24-39

NT 10

SERMON

Unfusing the Cross and the Flag

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.10-12

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me.”

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ... I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved.”

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.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

***HYMN 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR CHURCH LIFE *Presbyterian Polity*

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

Just As A Father

Luigi Cherubini

***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, we dedicate these gifts and our very lives to your service. May they be used to break down walls of division, comfort those who are pushed to the margins, and bear witness to a truth that transcends all human borders. Multiply our offerings and strengthen our resolve to be the hands and feet of your radical grace in our community. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *They lived not only in ages past*

GTG #730, vs. 3

***POSTLUDE**

Praise to God the Father

Franklin Ritter

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

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32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

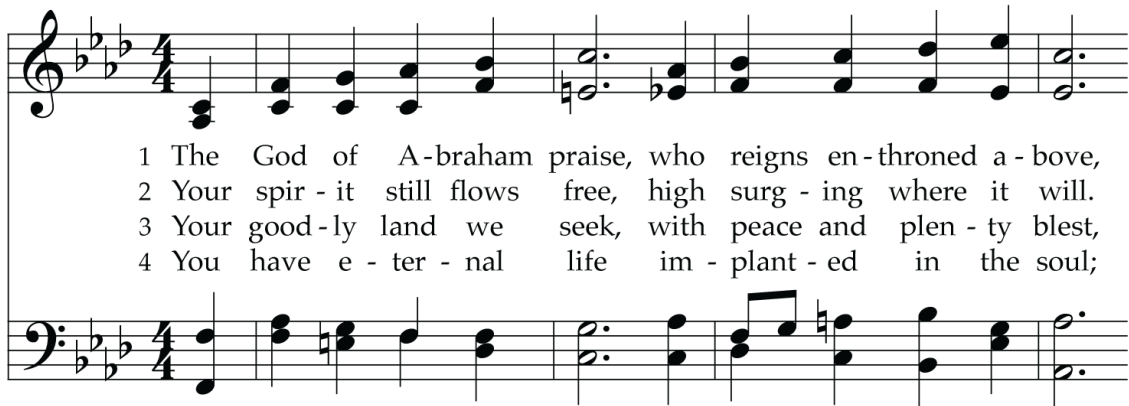
1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

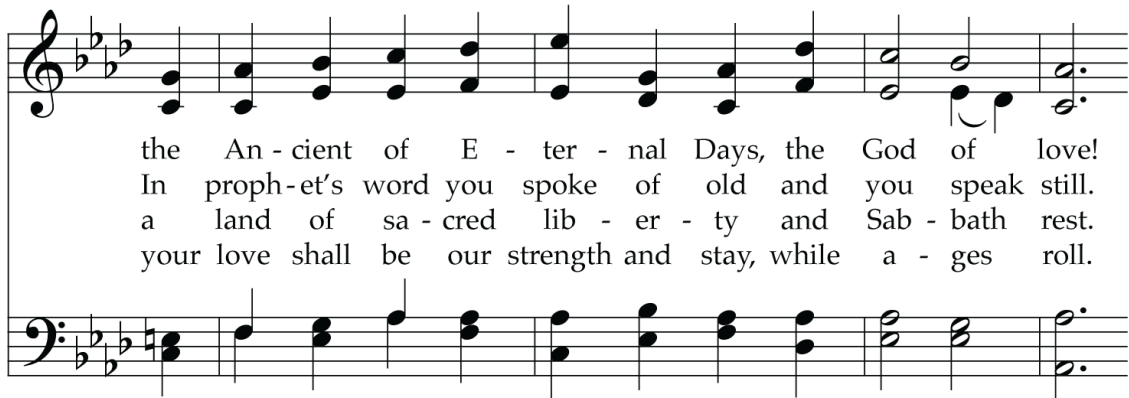
let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

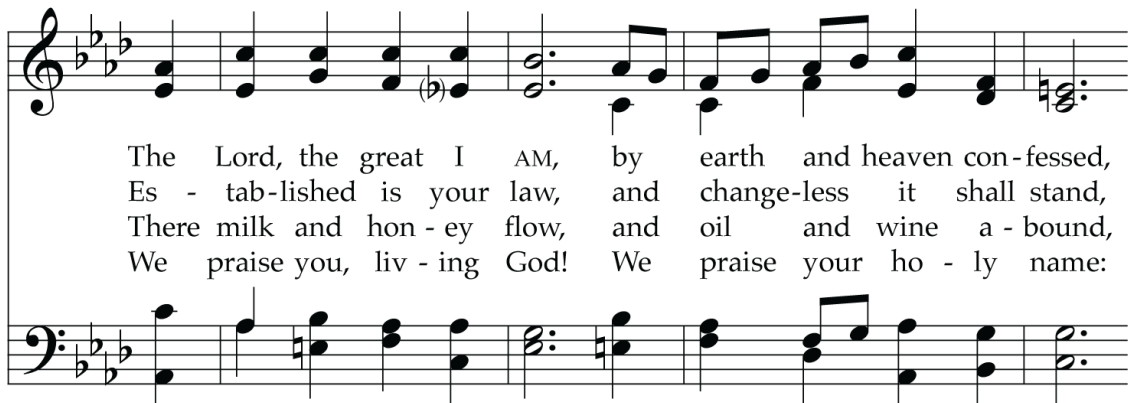
49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Save the date for Vacation Bible School, June 29-July 3 and July 5! Register using the QR code to the right or contact the church office.
- Volunteer for VBS using the QR code with the heart or contact the church office. Roles include snacks, music, costumes, and more!
- We need more nursery volunteers! Speak with Anne Smart if you're interested in serving in this role on Sundays.
- Our Pastor Mari Turner is attending the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) General Assembly in Milwaukee, WI June 22-July 2 as a commissioner for the Presbytery of Northeast Georgia.



Flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated in loving memory of Margaret Foster's parents, Jerome "Jerry" and Ellen Nash Foster, and her grandparents, Miles and Margaret Nash, all members of this church.



Church Staff

Pastor, Rev. Mari Turner (in office every Wednesday)

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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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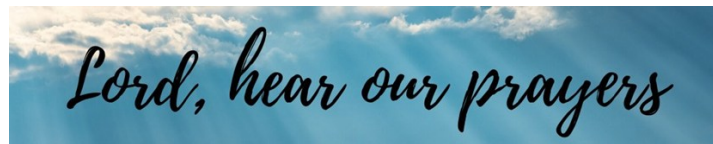
OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS





CONDOLENCES:

Elaine Goggans on the loss of her son, Don Goggans

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:

Ron Bracewell, Joy Bracewell's father, dealing with a cancer diagnosis

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 Foster 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 Foster Ivester, 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

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

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 *When People Are Big and God Is Small* by Edward T. Welch.

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

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study, group will gather on June 24 for a special video series and discussion. We will not meet on July 1, and all are invited to join us the following week as we begin our new book study, *Poverty in the Promised Land* by Walter Bruggemann.

Greeters

June 21: Charles Burrell & Margaret Foster Ivester
June 28: Charles Burrell & Millie Murphy

Bell Ringer
Jakob Freeman

♥ Thank you ♥
VOLUNTEERS!

Nursery Volunteers

June 21: Anne Smart/Nancy Miller
June 28: Laurie Peebles/Joel Burns

Liturgists

June 21: Josefa Tchamna
June 28: Andrew Allen

Offerings in June \$ 10,991

Anticipated June expenses: \$ 20,161

(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: June 21-June 28

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