

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 14, 2026
Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Nimrod

Edward Elgar

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 was glad when they said unto me

Eric Thiman

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, and open your hearts, for the Sovereign One is calling us to listen.

Congregation: We come to this house of grace, ready to hear the Word of the Lord.

Leader: Across generations, our lives are held, sustained, and directed by the Maker.

Congregation: We offer ourselves to this holy hour, ready to be shaped for the building up of God's realm.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and Living God, for two centuries you have held this community of faith, anchoring us in your grace through every season. On this morning of celebration, keep us responsive to your ongoing presence. Renew our minds and stretch us into new movements of justice and hospitality, that our life together may bear faithful witness to the unalterable truth of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Molding God, we confess that we prefer to remain comfortable and settled rather than open to your transforming grace. We like our structures fixed and our ministries insulated from a changing world. We admit that we have allowed our hearts to harden, conforming to old habits and resisting the new life you are bringing forth among us. Forgive us, O Maker. Soften our rigid places and refresh us with your Spirit, that we may courageously live out your truth in a broken world. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *O most merciful*

Charles Wood

Oh most merciful! Oh most bountiful! God the Father Almighty!

By the Redeemer's sweet intercession, hear us, help us when we cry!

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: God does not abandon us when we fail, but rouses our spirits and creates us anew.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and freed for holy use.

Leader: The old ways are passing away, and a new creation is rising up in this place.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! We are unburdened and made ready to begin again.

***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

Built on a Rock

Clyde Tipton

Our first anthem today was arranged for our 175th anniversary by our own Clyde Tipton. It is based on the hymn "Built on a Rock" from our old red hymnal. We did not sing it often, but some of you may remember it. The words are printed here if you would like to follow along. The message of the hymn reminds us that "the Church" is not dependent on bricks, stones, or stained glass windows, but rather that the Church is us—the people—built on a rock.

***Built on a rock the church doth stand.
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land.
Bells still are chiming and calling.
Calling the young and old to rest.
But above all the soul distressed.
Longing for life everlasting.***

***Surely in temples made with hands,
God the most high is not dwelling.
High above earth God's temple stands.
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet One whom heavens cannot contain.
Chose here on earth with us to remain,
Built in our bodies God's temple.***

***Still we our earthly temples rear,
That we may herald God's praises.
They are the homes where God draws near.***

***And all earth's children embraces.
Beautiful things in them are said,
God there with us the cov'nant made,
Making us heirs of the Kingdom.***

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-6

OT 720

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 12:1-2

NT 161

SERMON

The Mark of the Potter's Hand

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Leader: Creator God, you have bound us together across generations, cultures, and time. Two hundred years ago, you began a good work in this place, and today we lift our voices as one body to praise your enduring faithfulness.

Elders: We bear witness to the spiritual oversight and shepherding of this flock. We give thanks for the two hundred years of leadership, wisdom, and prayer that have guided our ministries, governed our life together, and sought to keep us faithful to the Gospel.

Deacons: We bear witness to the ministries of compassion, care, and service. We give thanks for two centuries of tending to the sick, comforting the hurting, feeding the hungry, and showing the love of Christ to our neighbors both inside and outside these walls.

Long-time Members: We bear witness to the roots of this congregation. We remember the seasons of change, the saints who have gone before us, and the steady presence of God that has anchored us through every storm.

Newer Members & Families: We bear witness to the branches of this congregation. We bring the joy of new beginnings, fresh perspectives, and thankful hearts for the warmth of this community where all are invited.

Youth & Children: We bear witness to the future of this congregation. We carry the hope of the days to come, ready to learn, to grow, and to discover how the Spirit is moving in the next century of our life together.

African Diaspora: We bear witness to the global reach of your love. We bring the rhythm of celebration, the richness of our heritage, and the songs of joy that remind us your family extends across every border and ocean.

Returning Members, Friends, and Guests: We bear witness to the wide circle of this community. Whether we have traveled far to return home today, or are stepping through these doors for the very first time, we bring grateful hearts for the hospitality, connection, and grace we share in this place.

All: Together, we are the living stones of this house of faith. We dedicate our past, our present, and our future to the building up of your *kin-dom*. Amen.

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

Walk Humbly With Your God

Robert J. Powell

He has shown you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

***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 not as a tribute to the past, but as raw material for the future you are drawing us toward. Dedicate our resources to meet the immediate cries for justice and grace in our community, extending the hospitality of Christ to all people and building up your realm in this place. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 361** *O Christ the Great Foundation*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION *A Clare Benediction* John Rutter

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune from First Voluntary in D* William Boyce
Cliff Towner, trumpet

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

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35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

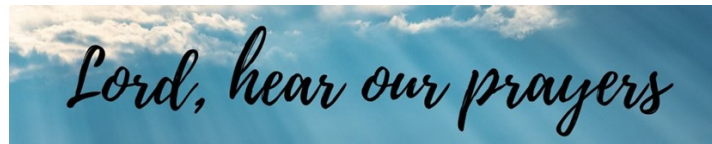
1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).



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:

Rebecca McQuain, Jessica McQuain's grandma, dealing with a cancer diagnosis
Ron Bracewell, Joy Bracewell's father, dealing with a cancer diagnosis
Judy Tufts, Susan McGill's stepmother, tibial head fracture
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
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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 *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)

Sunday: 12:00PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study group will gather on June 17 and 24 for a special two-week 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.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

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

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Treasurer, Joel Burns

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