

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 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Congregation: The eyes of all look to God, who gives us our food in due season.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call in truth.

Congregation: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of boundless compassion, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. In a world that hurries through life and settles for fast food and isolation, you draw us together to recline in your presence and dine at your table. Send your Holy Spirit upon us now as we gather, that our eyes may be opened to see Christ in our midst, and that our hearts may be nourished to share your abundant life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we often live out of fear, self-reliance, and perceived scarcity rather than trusting in your holy abundance. We hurry through our days, guarded in our relationships and slow to reach out to those around us. Forgive us for the ways we turn away from your call to community, for keeping our hearts closed, and for ignoring the brokenness in our world. Pardon our sin, heal our brokenness, and draw us back into faithful walk with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: the Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, God's mercy is poured out and our sins are forgiven!

Leader: Know that in Christ you are pardoned, restored, and made whole.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for this steadfast love and saving grace! 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.***

***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

Ave Maria

Charles F. Gounod

William Humphrey, tenor

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21

OT 581

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:13–21

NT 16

SERMON

Dining with Jesus

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR CHURCH LIFE *Blessing of the Backpacks & Briefcases*

Liturgy of Blessing

Leader: God of Wisdom, you companion us in every place we go: in classrooms, offices, and homes.

Congregation: We offer these bags as symbols of our daily work, study, and service.

Leader: May these backpacks and briefcases carry heavy books and tools with ease, reminding us that we never carry our loads alone.

Congregation: May they carry words of truth, acts of kindness, and hearts ready to learn.

Leader: Bless those who carry these bags: students, teachers, administrators, workers, and volunteers. Grant them curious minds, resilient spirits, and compassionate hearts.

Congregation: Protect them in their goings out and their comings in. May their daily labor reflect your justice and love.

Leader: Gracious God, bless these backpacks, briefcases, and the people who carry them. As they travel into classrooms, workplaces, and communities, fill them with your wisdom, peace, and courage. May all that we learn and do be used to build up your kin-dom and show your love to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.



*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!***

SEALING THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God Therefore we praise you, joining the
song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) B $\flat$ C (D) F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Great is the mystery of faith....

SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
F C F B^b C F C F/A Am



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever....

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 498** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken* Stanley Vann

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

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Greeters

Aug 2: Becky Humphrey & Nancy Miller
 Aug 9: John & Emily Bradley

Communion Servers

Frida Ituka, Becky Humphrey,
 Andrew Allen, Joel Burns

Bell Ringer

Jakob Freeman

Nursery Volunteers

Aug 2: Nancy Miller
 Aug 9: Anne Smart/Gloria Burns

Liturgists

Aug 2: Donna Gautier
 Aug 9: Donna Gautier

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!

Offerings in August \$ 0
 Anticipated August expenses: \$ 19,718
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: Aug 2-9

Today	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	1:00	PFLAG Family Potluck
Monday	7:00	PATH/Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	10:00	Have a 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Sunday School kickoff celebration September 13th at 9:45 AM. Join us to learn more about the classes being offered for all ages.
- We need more nursery volunteers! Speak with Anne Smart if you're interested in serving in this role on Sundays.

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)

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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.



Prayer List

CONDOLENCES

Ellen Thompson for the loss of her nephew, 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