

# First Presbyterian Church



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*Inspired by Scripture, guided by the 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 of 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*

February 1, 2026  
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE                    *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*                    Simeon B. Marsh, arr. 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**

*We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to the Pastor or an Elder.*

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

CHORAL INTROIT

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*

GTG #418, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Congregation: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart.**

Leader: God has told you, O mortal, what is good.

**Congregation: And what does the Lord require of us?**

Leader: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

**Congregation: Let us worship the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of the Beatitudes, you call us to a way of life that the world often calls "foolish." You bless the poor, the mourning, and the meek. In this hour of worship, open our hearts to the "road less travelled." Help us to exchange our commodities for your covenant, that we might find the true life you intend for us. Through Jesus Christ, our Pioneer and Perfecter, Amen.**

\*HYMN 401 *Here in This Place*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we often prefer the well-worn path of the world over the road you have set before us. We try to give you "stuff"—our token rituals and our busy schedules—while withholding our hearts. We hunger for success more than we hunger for righteousness. We seek power instead of peace. Forgive us for forgetting who we are and whose we are. Remind us that your requirements are not a burden, but a gift. Lead us back to the path of justice, kindness, and humility. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE            *Why should we tarry while Jesus is pleading*            GTG #418, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

**Congregation: God chose what is low and despised in the world to reveal grace.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and set free to walk in newness of life.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 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.**

Please greet those near to you with the peace of Christ.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

### ANTHEM

*Walk Humbly With Your God*

Anne Smart  
Robert 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.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT: Micah 6:1–8

OT pg. 866

PSALTER: Psalm 15

OT pg. 495

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12

NT pg. 4

### SERMON

*The Road Less Traveled*

Rev. Mari Turner

\*HYMN 172 *Blest are They*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### MOMENT FOR HISTORY

Donna Gautier

### INVITATION TO OFFERING



*There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. 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

*Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*

David Paxton

\*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 GOD'S WORD

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION

#### 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.**

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) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of the.  
2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the.  
(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm) C F/A Am Bb Gm7 C Dm.  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the.  
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D) Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F.  
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<sup>b</sup> 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) Bb C Dm Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F.  
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

...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 749 *Come! Live in the Light*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *O for the wonderful love he has promised*

GTG #418, vs. 3

POSTLUDE

*Bourrée in F Major*

George Philipp Telemann, arr. Lani Smith

Acknowledgments: All liturgy written by Rev. Marianne B. Turner

*Flowers today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Susan McGill's parents.*



### **CHURCH FAMILY:**

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns  
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns  
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

### **EXTENDED FAMILY:**

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns  
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues  
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, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon  
John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation  
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis  
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, diagnosed with congestive heart failure, at home  
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis  
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns  
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments  
Judy Turner, Brett Turner's aunt, stroke  
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care  
Wayne Woodward, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

### **IN ASSISTED LIVING**

Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549  
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**

Feb 1 : Susan McGill & Bill Werts  
Feb 8 John & Emily Bradley  
Feb 15: Pat & Sherry Henry  
Feb 22: Nancy Miller & Millie Murphy

#### **Liturgists**

Feb 1 & 8: Donna Gautier  
Feb 15 & 22: Jan Hoffman

#### **Nursery Volunteers**

Feb. 1: Gloria Burns/Sherry Henry  
Feb. 8 : Nancy Miller/Joel Burns  
Feb. 15: Anne Smart/Margaret Ivester  
Feb. 22: Laurie Peebles/Susan McGill



## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: February 1-8, 2026

Today	9:45	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Worship (Food Pantry Offering)</b>
	12:00	Youth
Monday	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Have a Mug with Mari</b>
	6:30	Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study
Thursday	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth
	<b>5:00</b>	<b>PW Bible Study</b>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please welcome our two newest members next time you see them, Gini Wilkerson and Brett Turner, who joined the church January 13, 2026! Welcome Gini and Brett!
- Looking Ahead: The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. The Care and Fellowship Committee will host a lunch during the meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this important event in the life of our church.
- Bicentennial Christmas Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.
- Are you interested in reading or sharing a moment in history about someone who was important in the life of this church? See Ruby Werts.

Offerings in January	\$17,438.07
Anticipated January expenses:	\$ 17,114.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	

**Join us for worship in-person or online  
on Facebook Live every week.**



**9:45 AM Sunday School Class** (meets in Betty Newton Campbell parlor), we are studying *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Please contact Joel Burns, joelburns@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 *Being a Presbyterian in the Bible Belt* by Ted V. Foote Jr. & P. Alex Thornburg.

**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**, studying *Uppity Women of the Bible* by Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).

## Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ple to-geth-er,

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

# Blest Are They

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## 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth-er, to walk hum - bly with God.