



A light of Christ actively engaging the world.

*First
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Church*
OF MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA



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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.

October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Reverie

Peter I. Tschaikowsky

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

There is a place of quiet rest

GTG #824, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Holy One of Israel invites us to gather in praise and honesty.

Congregation: **We come to worship the God who creates, delivers, and sustains us.**

Leader: In a world of fleeting promises, God's steadfast love remains our true refuge.

Congregation: **We seek the Living God, whose truth endures and whose mercy never fails.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and Sovereign God, Maker of heaven and earth, you call us out of wilderness and wandering into your covenant of life. Clear our hearts of all competing devotions, quiet our restless anxieties, and draw our minds toward your enduring truth. As we gather in the presence of Christ, kindle within us the desire to seek whatever is good, honorable, and just, that our worship may bring glory to your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that when fear and uncertainty overtake us, we turn away from your presence. We fashion idols of our own making, trusting in wealth, human control, and political certainty rather than in you. We allow anxiety to govern our lives, grasping for power while neglecting the quiet discipline of prayer. In our pride and apathy, we have withheld compassion and failed to seek your justice. Redeem us from our captivity to fear, forgive our sins, and restore us to the wholeness for which you created us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

There is a place of comfort sweet

GTG #824, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear God.

Congregation: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made whole.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

***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

Loving Shepherd

J.S. Bach

Elise Naber-Allen and Laurie Peebles, flute

*Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us,
Keep us in thy tender care.
And in thy mercy stay beside us,
Safely thy lambs now gather,
Bring us in faith together,
And thy pastures now prepare.*

*And when I walk with darkness around me,
Thou art near and I will fear no ill.
So with thy love and kindness surround me,
Goodness and mercy bringing,
From living water springing,
Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 32:1–14

OT 78

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 4:1–9

NT 198

SERMON

Anxiety and Other False Gods

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Barmen Declaration, 8:12-13*

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

***HYMN 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg 35 in hymnal)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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

Aria Da Chiesa

Georg Muffat

*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 and Holy God, we offer these gifts not out of empty obligation or pride, but out of grateful hearts. Dedicate these offerings and our very lives to your service, that through them the hungry may be fed, the broken healed, and your realm advanced in truth and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

There is a place of full release

GTG #824, vs. 3

*POSTLUDE

To a Wild Rose

Edward MacDowell, arr. Anthea Smith

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please share your ancestors' information with us ahead by October 20 for inclusion in the All Saints' Day remembrance. Call or text the church office, send an email, or drop by to let Jessica know where your loved ones are buried so she can add them to the list.
- FPC and Kiwanis Club of Milledgeville have adopted the Little Free Library at The Depot! There is a box for book donations in the church entrance near the bulletins. Donations of children's books are especially encouraged.



Mr. John Sallstrom made a contribution to support Christian Education. These funds are dedicated to the following members:

In memory of:

Wister Richie

Chalres and Elaine King

John and Libby Lounsbury

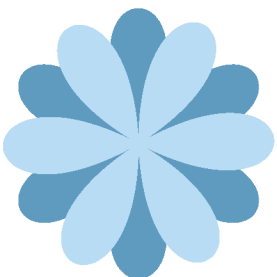
In honor of:

Harry Beck

Bill Werts

Joel and Gloria Burns

Anne Smart



Flowers on the communion table this week are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Ben Gautier on the 110th anniversary of his birth.

Greeters

Oct. 11: Nancy Miller & Millie Murphy

Oct. 18: Susan McGill & Becky Humphrey

Nursery Volunteers

Oct. 11: Gloria Burns/Laurie Peebles

Oct. 18: Charles Burrell/Nancy Miller

Liturgist

Oct. 11: Glory Nwankonta

Oct. 18: Glory Nwankonta



Offerings in October

\$ 5,640

Anticipated October expenses:

\$ 18,242

(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)

This week at our church:

October 11-18

Today

9:45 Sunday School

10:40 Fellowship

11:00 Worship

12:00 Youth group

5:00 Elder Training

5:00 Presbyterian Women

Monday

7:00 PATH/Oconee Recovery Coalition

7:00 Milledgeville Singers Guild

Tuesday

9:30 Food Pantry

11:00 Presbyterian Women

12:00 Kiwanis

6:30 Session Meeting

7:30 NA Meeting

Wednesday

10:00 Mug with Mari

5:00 Worship Committee

6:30 Potluck & Study

Thursday

7:30 NA Meeting

Saturday

7:30 NA Meeting

Sunday

9:45 Sunday School

10:40 Fellowship

11:00 Worship

12:00 Youth group

5:00 Elder Training





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

9:45 AM Engage Sunday School Class (meets in upstairs classroom), studying PC(USA) Engage Discipleship curriculum.

9:45 AM Bible Sunday School Class (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), doing an intensive study of the Book of Jeremiah. Please contact Joel Burns joelburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class (meets in the library) studying *God In Pain* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

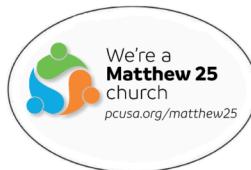
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Class, (meets in the Craft Room upstairs) singing, crafts and stories, & **Youth Sunday School Class** (meets in youth room upstairs) exploring *Faith Questions*.

12:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall), reading *Liberating the Gospels: Reading the Bible with Jewish Eyes* by John Shelby Spong . Potluck at 6:30 and study at 7:00.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



Church Staff

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

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Prayer List



CHURCH FAMILY:

Harry Beck, recovering from surgery
Debbie Lamsma, dealing with Parkinson's
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ongoing health concerns
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns
Ellen Thompson, ongoing medical issues

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Lindsey Jones, friend of Gini Wilkerson, awaiting medical diagnosis
Bob Bray, Ann Hotchkiss' friend with a heart blockage, and his care team at Emory
Don Lucik, Mary Lucik's son, in the hospital
Oscar Jude Hall, Gini Wilkerson's nephew, born prematurely
Ron Bracewell, Joy Bracewell's father, ongoing with health issues
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
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

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.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.