

First Presbyterian Church



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**Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.**

We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship, empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshiping community for LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.

November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Menuet

G.F. Handel, arr. Dom Gregory Murray

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There Is a Redeemer

GTG #443, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

Congregation: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

Congregation: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.

Congregation: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity; for they and their descendants shall be offspring blessed by the Lord. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

Congregation: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, source of our salvation, marvelous and mighty, nation rises against nation, kingdom against kingdom. The peoples of the earth suffer earthquakes, amines, and plagues, and we feel betrayed by those we had trusted. So show yourself to us in these troubled times. Grant us wisdom to speak words of peace and comfort into places of brokenness and hurt. Make us instruments of the new heaven and new earth you have promised, in which we place our trust. Amen.

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences. Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you. In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Jesus, My Redeemer

GTG #443, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God is creating new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered. They shall not even cross God's mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating: newness of life.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. Alleluia!

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 Christ be with you. **Congregation: And also with you.**
Please greet those near to you with the peace of Christ.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Hear the Voice and Prayer

Thomas Tallis

*Hear the voice and prayer of thy servants, that they make before thee this day.
That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, ever toward this place,
of which thou hast said, "My name shall be there."
And when thou hearest, have mercy on them.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible Page #

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

OT P. 696

SERMON

"Money Talks"

NT P. 82

*HYMN 697

Take My Life

Rev. Mari Turner

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q60 & Q86

Leader: What is the good news that delivers us from our sin and misery?

Congregation: God, without any merit of mine, but only of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I never had had, nor committed any sin. This righteousness is only for those who are joined to Christ by faith.

Leader: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, why must we still do good works?

Congregation: Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Holy Spirit after his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for his benefits, and that he may be praised by us.

Leader: What then is our great purpose?

Congregation: That we are made wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him; that with our godly walk of life we may win our neighbors for Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

INVITATION TO OFFERING



Scan. Pay. Go.

I appeal to you, siblings in Christ, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. 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

Largo from Concerto in D Minor Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

*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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are—a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 22

God of the Sparrow

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

When I Stand in Glory

GTG #443, vs. 3

POSTLUDE

Bourree from 'Water Music'

G.F. Handel, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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*At this time all are invited to rise in body or in spirit.



Lord, hear our prayers

CHURCH FAMILY:

Deepest sympathy for the family and friends of our beloved Carolyn Morgan on her passing.

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns

Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns

Sunda Coleman, recovering from surgery after a fall

Louise Sallstrom, recovering from a fall

Ellen Thompson, recovering from a broken hip at home

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues

Wesley Applebury, hospitalized after reconstructive neurosurgery on Sept. 10.

Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, hip replacement, recovering at home

Bob Bishop, Mari Turner's father, recovering from fall

Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns

Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis

Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer

Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melanoma

Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns

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

Paul Orman, Barbara Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns

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

Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns

Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis

Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing 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 Woodard, 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, The Cottages, 1010 Fernwood Dr, Rm 206, Milledgeville, GA 31061

Suzu Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: November 9 – November 16

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth Group (Youth Room)
	1:30	Homeless Awareness Club
Monday	5:00	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
	7:00	Milledgeville Singers Guild
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	11:00	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	7:30	NA Meeting
	6:30	Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study
	2:00	FPC Book Club
Thursday	6:30	PFLAG (Parlor)
	7:30	NA Meeting
	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	12:00	Youth Group (Youth Room)

Join us for a **Stewardship Lunch** on next **Sunday, November 16th**, immediately following worship. This is a chance to gather in fellowship and celebrate the many ways our gifts bless our community.

Offerings in November	\$11,493.00
Anticipated November expenses:	\$17,147.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



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

Sunday: 9:30AM **Sunday School Class** (meets in 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.

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.

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

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.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Take My Life

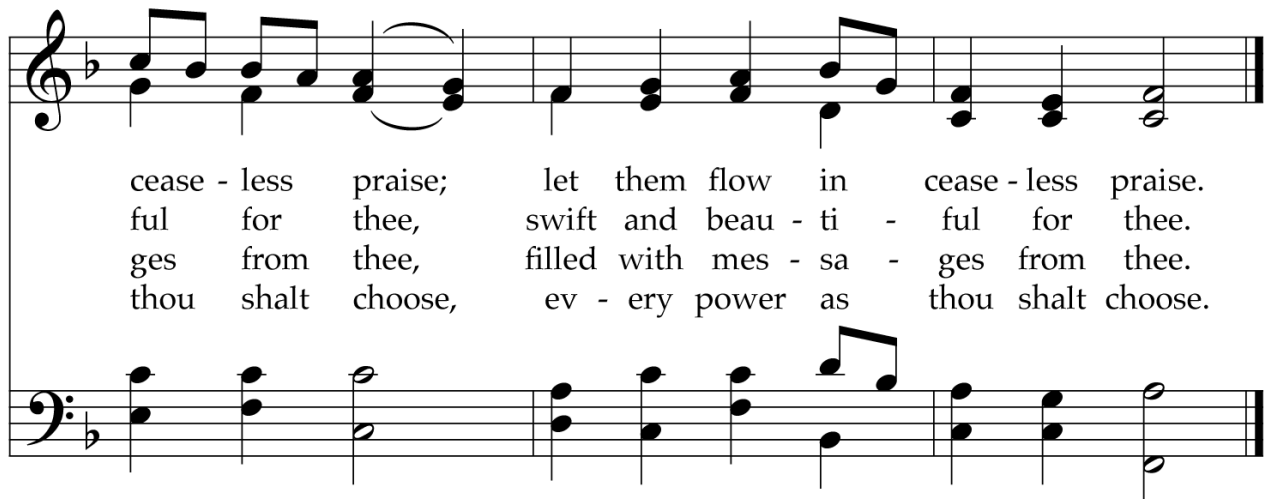
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



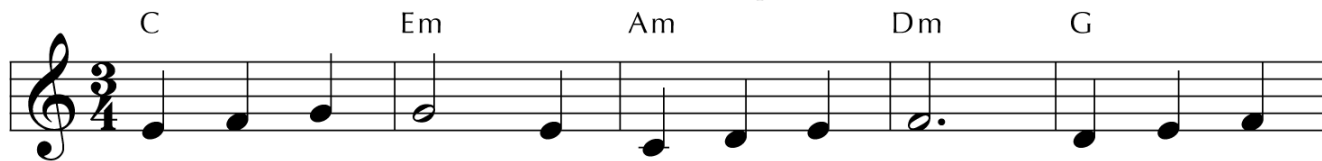
cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

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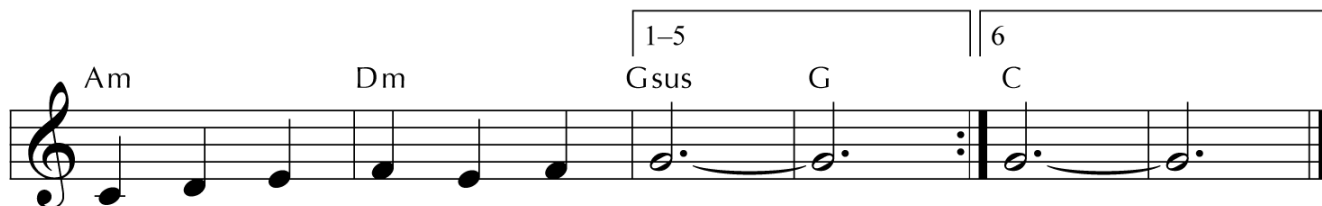
God of the Sparrow



1	God	of	the	spar - row	God	of	the	whale	God	of	the
2	God	of	the	earth - quake	God	of	the	storm	God	of	the
3	God	of	the	rain - bow	God	of	the	cross	God	of	the
4	God	of	the	hun - gry	God	of	the	sick	God	of	the
5	God	of	the	neigh - bor	God	of	the	foe	God	of	the
6	God	of	the	a - ges	God	near	at	hand	God	of	the



swirl - ing	stars	How does the	crea - ture	say	Awe
trum - pet	blast	How does the	crea - ture	cry	Woe
emp - ty	grave	How does the	crea - ture	say	Grace
prod - i - gal		How does the	crea - ture	say	Care
prun - ing	hook	How does the	crea - ture	say	Love
lov - ing	heart	How do your	chil - dren	say	Joy



How does the	crea - ture	say	Praise
How does the	crea - ture	cry	Save
How does the	crea - ture	say	Thanks
How does the	crea - ture	say	Life
How does the	crea - ture	say	Peace
How do your	chil - dren	say	Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.