

# *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.

**August 31, 2025**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

PRELUDE

*Gymnopedie*

Erik Satie, arr. Alan Ridout

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 Liturgist or Minister. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!*

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

CHORAL INTROIT

*Why Forsake the Lord*

GTG #479, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 71)

Leader: We come together, believing that God guides our way.

**Congregation: Through all our labors today and every coming day.**

Leader: May our hearts and minds give you praise, O God.

**Congregation: May our very lives be our praise to you.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gloria Burns

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, our Creator, you neither slumber nor sleep, and you cause all things to work together for good. And so you are continually at work in our world and in the lives of each one of us. May we acknowledge your renewing presence and rejoice that with your grace, our labors can reflect yours. Amen.**

\*HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Our God is a God of love, waiting for us to admit our needs and offering us forgiveness and strength. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sin.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess our tendency to lose courage in our service to you and your gospel and to use any little obstacle as an excuse for inactivity. Forgive us, O God. Inspire us with the lives and ministries of the prophets and the Christ who faced every kind of suffering as they carried out their callings. Strengthen us with your Spirit as you encouraged and strengthened them. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*For the Lamb Will Be Our Shepherd*

GTG #479, vs. 2

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Galatians 5:13)

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ. Christ died for us, rose for us, reigns in power for us, and prays for us.**

Leader: If a person is in Christ, that person is renewed each day.

**People: Everything has become fresh and new.**

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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***

PEACE

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*We welcome Rev. Dr. Emily R. Cheney, H.R.,  
a member of our presbytery, has served churches, supplied pulpits, and taught in  
colleges and universities in Oklahoma, Kansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and  
Georgia, as well as having worked as an inhouse and freelance editor.*

# ANTHEM

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

Don Michael Dicie

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me!  
My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be;  
my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.  
Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest;  
how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest,  
and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.  
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.  
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be;  
and in God's house forevermore, my dwelling place shall be.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear  
with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible Page #

OT P. 180

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 4:1-13

NT P 61

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 10:5-13

NT P 160

SERMON

*"Not By Bread Alone"*

Rev. Dr. Emily R.Cheney

\*HYMN 762 *When the Poor Ones Who Have Nothing Share With Strangers*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by  
which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the  
Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day;  
and that he appeared to Peter, to the twelve and to many faithful  
witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the son of the living God. He is  
the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our  
God. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Pavane*

Maurice Ravel,



Scan. Pay. Go.

*Let us rejoice and give thanks as we present our tithes and offerings.  
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](http://fpcmilledgeville.org).*



arr. Alan Ridout

### \*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

**God, who created us and continues to recreate us and our world, we lift  
up our hearts this day, giving you thanks for all the many gifts we have  
received, especially our families, our friendships, and the fellowship of  
this congregation. We thank you for the many ways you have enriched  
our lives with worship, work, and leisure. We pray that our offerings and  
our acts of service will express our gratitude and our love both here  
in this community and throughout the world. In Christ's name we pray.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *All Who Come May Take This Gift*

GTG #479, vs. 3

POSTLUDE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

George TH. Miles



# Lord, hear our prayers

## **CHURCH FAMILY:**

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns  
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns  
Sunda Coleman, recovering from surgery after a fall  
Frida Ituka, recovering from knee replacement surgery  
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, completed cancer treatments and showing no sign of the disease, attending seminary in Atlanta, **Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030**  
Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, hip replacement, recovering at home  
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  
Peter Hall, Gini Wilkerson's brother, ongoing health concerns  
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  
Paul Schrage, Carrie Cook's father, 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  
Nancy Holbrook, The Dublin Place, 504 Fire Tower Rd, Dublin GA 31021  
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Runette Pounds, The Cottages, 1010 Fernwood Dr, Rm 206, Milledgeville, GA 31061  
Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210



## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 31– September 7

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Milly Sandwich Squad</b>
Monday	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday	6:30	Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study
Thursday	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Homeless Awareness Club</b>

### Nursery Schedule for August:

Sept. 7 Charles Burrell/Nancy Miller

Sept. 14 Gloria Burns/Sherry Henry

*Please contact Anne Smart if you are unavailable on the date you are listed to serve.*

### Liturgist:

Glory Nwankonta

Glory Nwankonta

***Flowers today are provided by Susan McGill to the glory of God in memory of her brother.***



Offerings in August	\$19,428.56
Anticipated August expenses:	\$21,615.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	

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

Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, 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, [www.Zoom.com](http://www.Zoom.com), Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781 Passcode: 085809



**Fellowship Sunday School Class**, studying *Jesus CEO: Using Ancient Wisdom for Visionary Leadership* by Laurie Beth Jones

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

Wednesday: 6:30PM **Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, studying *The Righteous Mind, Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

## 463

## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

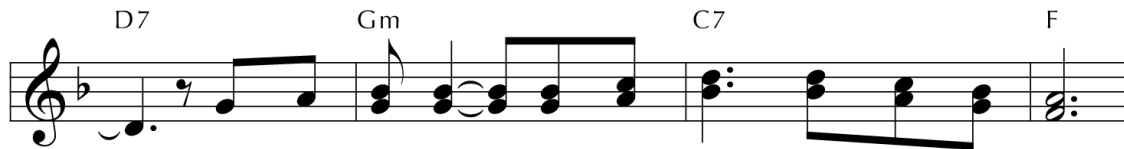
## 762

## When the Poor Ones

*Cuando el pobre*

1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,  
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,  
 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,  
 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,

1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,  
 2 Cuan - do un hom - bre su - fre y lo - gra su con - sue - lo,  
 3 Cuan - do cre - ce la a - le - gría y nos i - nun - da,  
 4 Cuan - do a - bun - da el bien y lle - na los ho - ga - res,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,  
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,  
 when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,  
 when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,

cuan - do un hom - bre pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,  
 cuan - do es - pe - ra y no se can - sa de es - pe - rar,  
 cuan - do di - cen nues - tros la - bios la ver - dad,  
 cuan - do un hom - bre don - de hay gue - rra po - ne paz,



when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,  
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,  
 when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,  
 when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce,  
 cuan - do a - ma - mos, aun - que el o - dio nos ro - dé - e,  
 cuan - do a - ma - mos el sen - tir de los sen - ci - llos,  
 cuan - do "her - ma - no" le lla - ma - mos al ex - tra - ño,

Refrain / Estribillo



then we know that God still goes that road with us,

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



then we know that God still goes that road with us.

Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.

## 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

THANKSGIVING

mur - mur stilled:  
 all is right:  
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 take your part: