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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.

November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day

PRELUDE *O Rest in the Lord from "Elijah"* Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Rawsthorne

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 *I sing a song of the saints of God* GTG #730, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our Sovereign God invites us to gather in the fellowship of all the saints.
Congregation: We come to worship the One who holds both the living and the dead.
Leader: In every generation, God's steadfast love sustains us through laughter and through tears.
Congregation: Blessed be the Living God, our dwelling place from everlasting to everlasting.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and Holy God, you knit your people together into one mystical body in the communion of Christ our Lord. As we remember with gratitude the saints who have run the race before us, open our hearts to the comfort of your Spirit. Strengthen our weary hands and steady our steps, that amidst the joys and tears of this mortal life, we may walk faithfully in the light of your eternal promise, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as faithful children of your realm. We are quick to claim your promises for ourselves while ignoring the grief and hardship of our neighbors. When sorrow visits our lives, we yield to despair rather than trusting your resurrection hope; when comfort surrounds us, we forget the poor in spirit, the meek, and the peacemakers. Cleanse our hearts of pride and cynicism, wipe away our bitterness, and reform us into a people who hunger and thirst for your righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *They loved their Lord so dear* GTG #730, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: See what love the Creator has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, and made new.
Leader: Live as people redeemed by grace, for in life and in death we belong to God.
Congregation: In Christ we are claimed, in grace we are held, and in hope we live!

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

**At this time young children may depart for the nursery.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM *Nunc Dimittis* Richard Greene

In memory of Ben Gautier and Fred Heal

O Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart
in peace according to Thy word;
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation
Which Thou hast prepared
before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten all people
And to be the glory of all people,
The glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:	1 John 3:1–3	NT 240
GOSPEL LESSON:	Matthew 5:1–12	NT 4

SERMON *Joys and Tears*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR REMEMBRANCE

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.

OFFERTORY *Pie Jesu from "Requiem"* Gabriel Fauré; Jennifer Flory, mezzo-soprano

***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

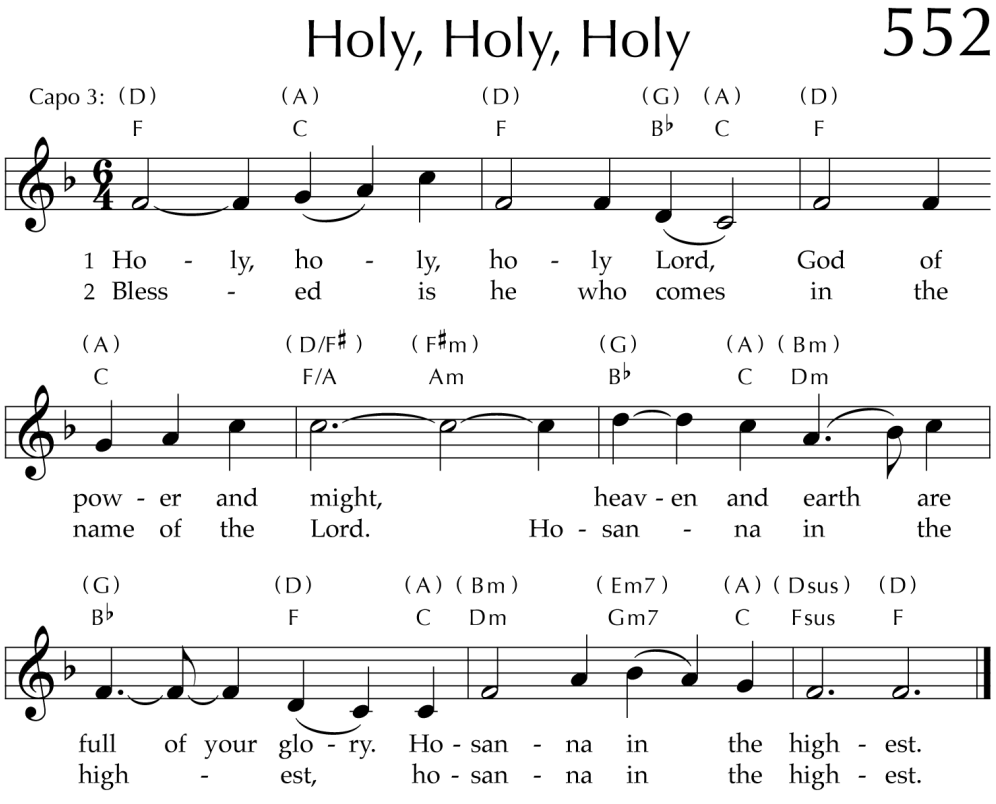
THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!*

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 the universal church and the heavenly choir:

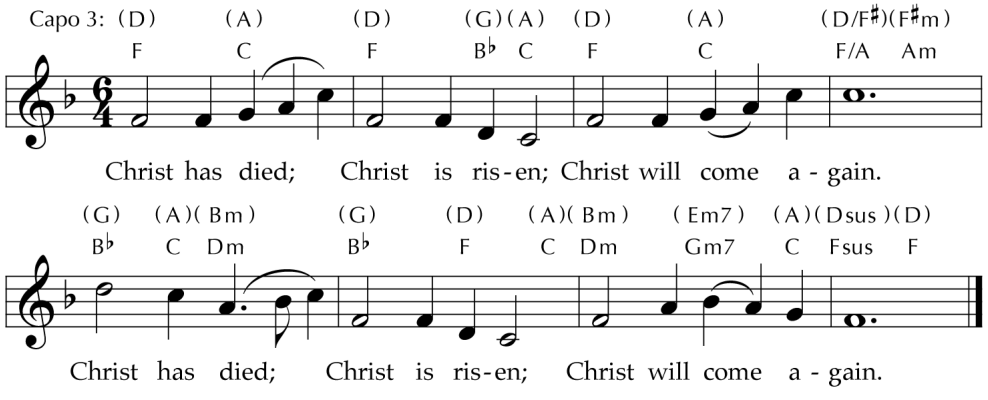


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MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
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Great is the mystery of faith….

SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen



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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 Hymnal pg 35
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 172** *Blest Are They*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *They lived not only in ages past* GTG #730, vs. 3

***POSTLUDE** *All Saints* arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Food pantry donations can be placed in the baskets during the first hymn.
- Join us after service for our All Saints' Day celebrations in the fellowship hall.
- Stewardship Lunch is November 15. There's a covered dish sign-up sheet in fellowship hall for sides and desserts.
- Missions committee meets Nov 3 at 6:00 PM in the parlor.

Greeters
Nov. 1: Becky Humphrey & Susan McGill
Nov. 8: John & Emily Bradley

Nursery Volunteers
Nov. 1: Joel Burns/Laurie Peebles
Nov. 8: Anne Smart/Charles Burrell

Communion
Nov. 1: Joel Burns, Donna Gautier, Charles Burrell, Margaret Ivester

Liturgist
Nov. 1: Cecelia Odihe
Nov. 8: Laurie Peebles



Offerings in October	$ 13,824
Anticipated October expenses:	$ 18,242

(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)

This week at our church:

November 1-8

Today	9:45	Sunday School
	10:40	Fellowship
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	All Saints' Reception + Youth group
Monday	7:00	PATH/Oconee Recovery Coalition
	7:00	Milledgeville Singers Guild
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	6:00	Missions Committee
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	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



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 health concerns
Laura King, recovering from a fall

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, Memory Care 2208, Fellowship Home, 10 Meriwether Place
Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive
Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210



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 joeldburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Classs (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)

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.







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All Saints' Day

FPC Member Decedents:

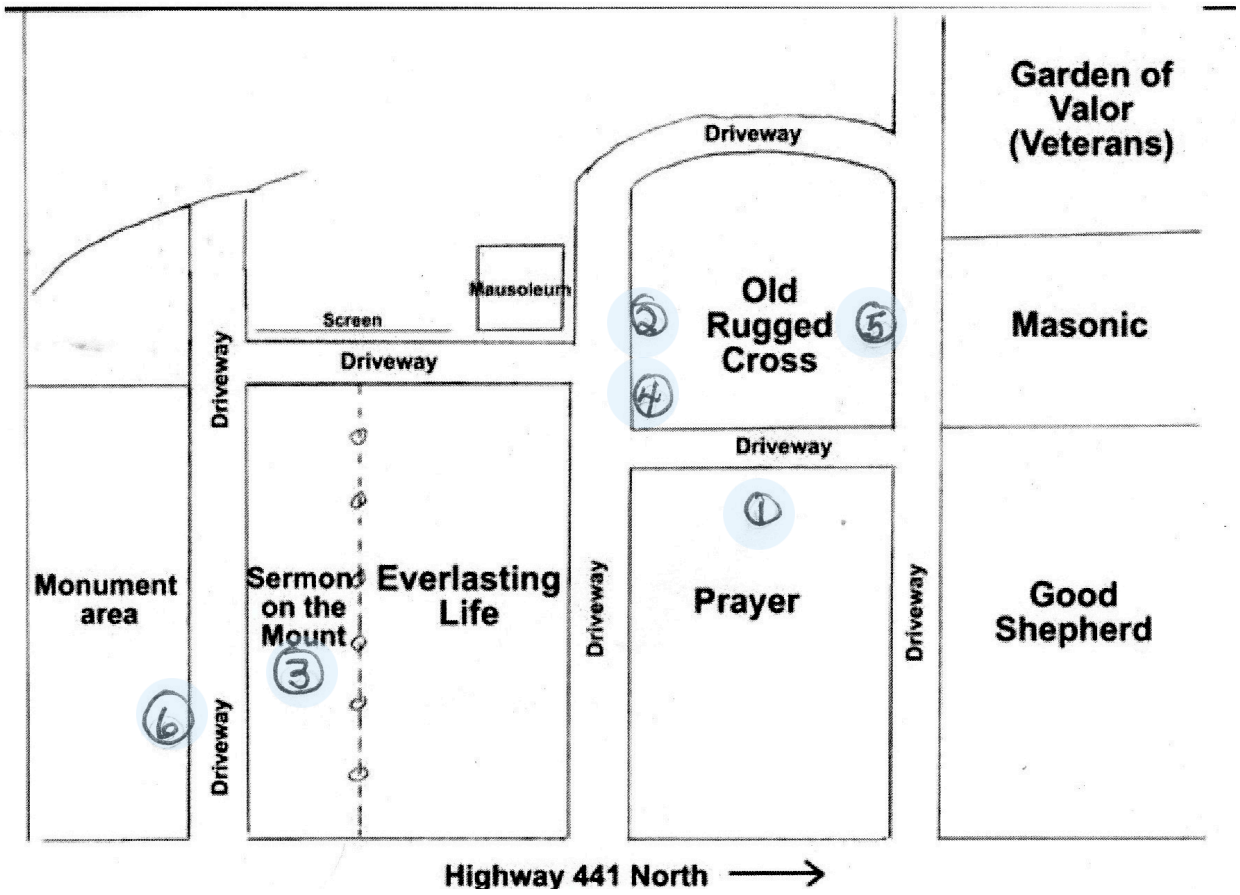
Carolyn Morgan (2025)

Greg Jones, Jack Bivins, Nan Carpenter, Frankie Holder, Hagan Thompson (2026)

FPC Honorees at Baldwin Memorial Gardens:

1 Lonnie Bales
2 Carl Bell
3 Robbie and Vera Hattaway
4 Paul and Elizabeth Mitchell
5 Col. John Pinson Baum Sr. and Martha Bowen Baum
6 Louis and Ella Jasnau

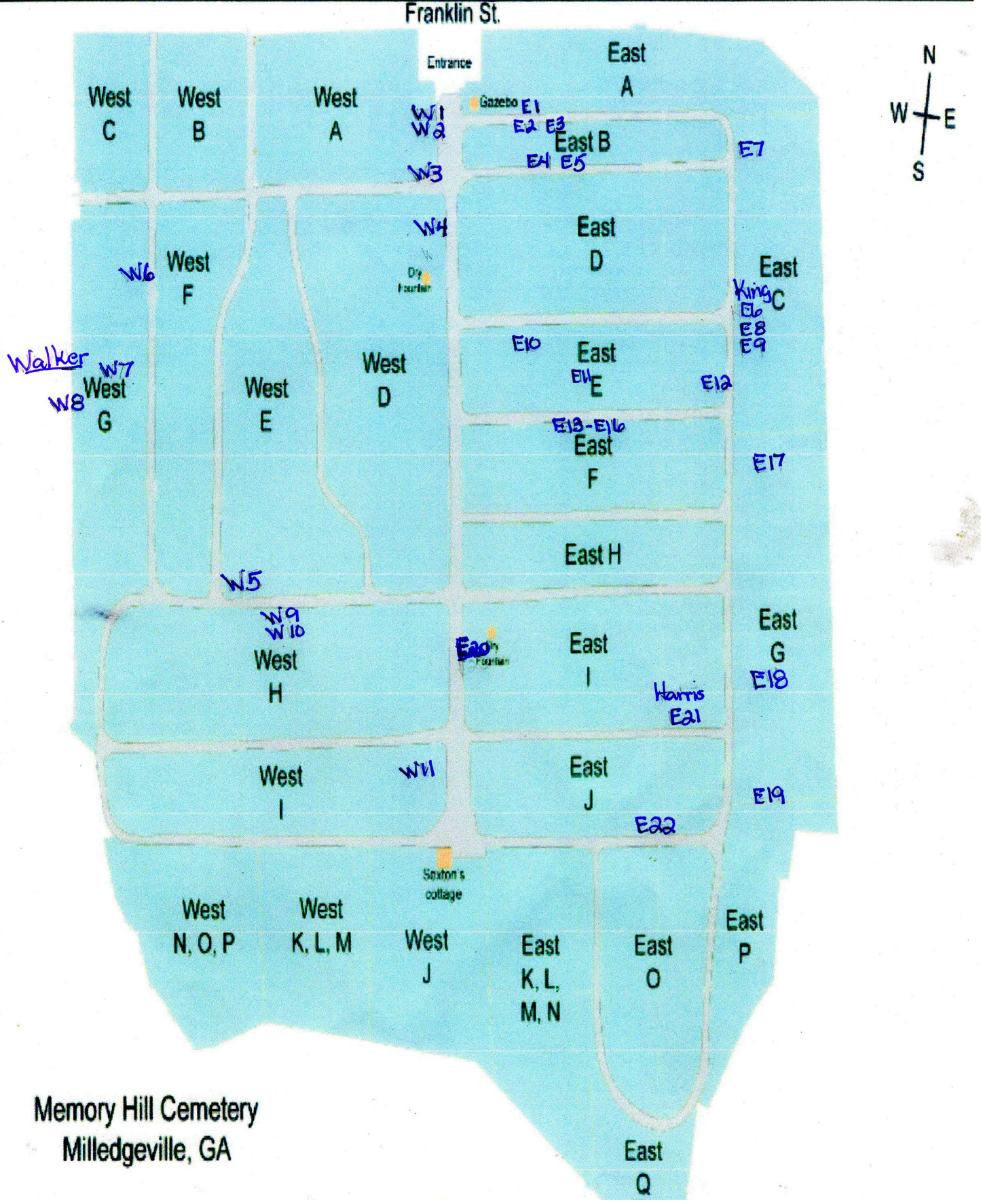
Baldwin Memorial Gardens



FPC Honorees at Memory Hill Cemetery:

W1 Miles and Margaret Nash
W2 Jerome (Jerry) Foster and Ellen Foster
W3 Clyde Keeler
W4 Cooper Family (Joseph Cleveland, Mildred Johnson, and Arnold)
W5 Frank and Elizabeth Minter
W6 Harriet Kidd
W7 Gay Roberson Cowan
W8 Ken and Charlene Carpenter
W9 Gerry Overstreet
W10 E. Holmes Overstreet
W11 Robert W McMillan III
E1 Selma Erwin
E2 George Carpenter Jr
E3 Nan Carpenter
E4 Dr. Roger E. Stembridge
E5 Ben G. Gautier
E6 Marguerite King
E7 Yvonne Giles Armour
E8 John Thomas King III
E9 John Thomas King Jr.
E10 Laurette and Guy Smith
E11 Anne McKinley King and John Wesley King
E12 William Hugh Moss
E13 Dr. George C. Ritchie Sr and Claire Hartwell Ritchie
E14 Claire Marie Ritchie (infant)
E15 Dr. Wister Lawrence Ritchie Jr. and Lilyan Jeralene Keever Ritchie
E16 Dr. Wister Lawrence Ritchie Sr and Elizabeth Case Ritchie
E17 Margaret Josephine Ragsdale
E18 Tom Lucik
E19 Guy Clifton and Frances E Butler
E20 John and Libby Lounsbury
E21 Edwin Andrews
E22 Audie Wilson

MEMORY HILL CEMETERY



Memory Hill Cemetery
Milledgeville, GA

FPC Honorees at other cemeteries:

Scenic Memorial Gardens

Bill and Maggie Nish	L@ corner from 49 entrance
Charlotte and Irwin Gates	R@ 3rd-4th trees from 49 entrance

Salem Baptist Church Cemetery

Martha Tomlin	Center

West View Cemetery — From Montgomery St Entrance...

Lillian Brenner and Hubert Curry	Turn right at crossroad, make first right, on north side under tree at bend in road.
Mary Barbara Tate	Turn right at crossroad, make first right, walk toward 5th tree from entrance.
Ronald Paul Nonnemacher	Turn right at crossroad, make second right, between 2nd and 3rd trees near McIntosh, 3 rows in, grave perpendicular
Charles and Elaine King	Follow main road past crossroad almost to end, southside of Montgomery, about 3rd tree along Richmond St side, about 2 rows in.

GA Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Cliff and Nancy Holbrook	Section B, Site 68
Mary and Lovett Briggs	Section C Site 385
Charlotte and Joe Owens	Section D, Row 11, Site 672
Helen and Chester B. Danuser	Section C, Site 295

Cooperville Baptist Church

George and Inez Carpenter Sr	Graves 175-176--3 rows to L of center statue

Heritage Memorial Park

Dr. Jo Ann Manley	Left at fork, 4th tree on left, grave faces east

Ramah Baptist Church Cemetery (Toomsboro)

Janie and Corlie Ward

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Grace Anne Azahar, Joel Burns, Gloria Burns, Donna Gautier, Becky Humphrey, Margaret Foster, Jane Tipton, Susan McGill and Jessica McQuain

Additional resources here

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!



This text celebrates the radical hospitality that characterizes Christ's welcome, which transcends time and reaches in all directions (Matthew 8:11/Luke 13:29). Saints of old are, like us, people in need of forgiveness, and the response to such pardon is "thanks and praise."

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 2000
MUSIC: Michael Corzine, 2000
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all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

Blest Are They 172



This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

TEXT: David Haas, 1985
MUSIC: David Haas, 1985; arr. David Haas and Michael Joncas, 1985
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BLEST ARE THEY
Irregular