

# *First Presbyterian Church*

Serving Christ in Milledgeville

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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.

**October 6, 2024**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**

PRELUDE

*Spirit of God*

Lani Smith

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 Rev. Susan. 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

*Hosanna, loud hosanna*

(GTG #197, vs. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Congregation: We proclaim your name to the whole human family.**

Leader: We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

**Congregation: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gloria Burns

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God, sometimes we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Sometimes all we can do is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven, and scream out loud, Why? Sometimes we do not want to persist in our integrity; we allow our suffering to lead to despair. Yet wisdom comes from listening to your Word. Enable us to see the life you have given us through the laughter, joy, trial, and tribulation of your son Jesus Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*When we reflect on the goodness and majesty of God, we cannot help but recognize our own mortal frailty and failing. And yet, God cares for us. Emboldened by God's love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God's grace. Let us confess together:*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it. We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace. Remind us of who we are, and whose we are. Remind us of our interdependence with creation, and our dependence on you, our Creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*From Olivet they followed*

(GTG #197, vs. 2)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Hear the good news: the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all children of the one God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with Christ and with each other. 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

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**  
*Through All the World Below*

*Through all the world below,  
God is seen all around;  
Search hills and valleys through,  
There he's found.  
The growing of the corn,  
The lily and the thorn,  
The pleasant and forlorn,  
All declare God is there,  
In the meadows dressed in green,  
There he's seen.*

*See springs of water rise,  
Fountains flow, rivers run;  
The mist below the skies  
Hides the sun;  
Then down the rain doth pour  
The ocean it doth roar,  
And dash against the shore,  
All to praise, in their lays,  
That God that ne'er declines  
His designs.*

*The sun, to my surprise,  
Speaks of God as he flies:  
The comets in their blaze Give him praise;  
The shining of the stars  
The moon as it appears,  
His sacred name declares;  
See them shine, all divine!  
The shades in silence prove  
God's above.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of wisdom, though we are mere mortals, you are mindful of us. You know the voices inside and out that distract us. You know the words we need to hear. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us now to receive your holy, life-giving Word. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

OLD TESTAMENT	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Pew Bible Page #	OT P 453
PSALM	Psalms 26		OT P 502
NEW TESTAMENT	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12		NT P 218
GOSPEL	Mark 10:2-16		NT P 46

SERMON

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

Reverend Susan Balfour

\*HYMN 506

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING (see insert)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



*On World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. Our financial gifts add to our offerings of time, energy, and love as we seek to be people of peace and reconciliation. We have received in abundance from God. From that abundance, let us give, joyfully and generously. 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).*



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OFFERTORY

*Communion in Christ*

Todd Kendall

\*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!***

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

***Holy God, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. Amen.***

**BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN 546

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessings*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Hosanna in the highest!*

(GTG #197, vs. 3)

POSTLUDE

*Christ the Redeemer*

Tom Birchwood

Liturgy written by Rev. Stephanie Sorge, provided by *Presbyterian Outlook*



**Our deepest condolences to Reverend Susan Balfour on the death of her Aunt, Dee Hartmann. Please be in prayer for her family as they grieve this deep loss.**

**CHURCH FAMILY:**

Wesley Applebury, cancer recurrence and treatment, attending seminary in Atlanta, **Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030**

Jack Bivens, ongoing health concerns- at Autumn Lane in Gray, GA

Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns

Ellen Thompson, waiting on double hip replacement

**LIMITED MOBILITY**

Helen Danuser

**EXTENDED FAMILY:**

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

Brad Blackham, friend of Jennifer Flory, open heart surgery/valve replacement and recovery

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

Brittany Caruthers, Sunda Coleman's niece, ongoing health concerns

Blake Connly, Mary Lucik's great grandson, ongoing health concerns

Bella Covone, Susan Balfour's niece, idiopathic hypertension

Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer

Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer

Marshall Hodgman, Donna Gautier's son, recovering from heart surgery at home

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

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

Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns

Ben Morgan, Jennifer Flory's brother, ongoing concerns

Janie Mullis, Bill Werts' son-in-law's mother, ongoing health concerns

Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon

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

Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis

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

Gloria Roberts, Bill Werts' cousin, recovering from a traumatic fall

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

Special friend of Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards son-in-law, ongoing health concerns

Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments

Jeanene Vinson, former secretary at FPC, ongoing health concerns

Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care

Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

**IN ASSISTED LIVING**

George and 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

Jackie Northington, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place, Ste 118


Suzy Smith, Savannah Court 1061 Willow Run Rd., Unit 4, Greensboro GA 30642

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 6-October 13

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship with communion
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
Monday	7:00	MSG
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	11:00	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The Bridge UMC Bible Study
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
	5:00	Presbyterian Women Bible Study

 <b>PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE</b> <small>OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE</small>		To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
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Offerings in September	\$14,423.85
Anticipated September expenses:	\$21,424.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	

	<p><b>Join us for worship in-person, online at Facebook Live or on the radio at 102.3 WKZR radio every week.</b></p> <p>Sunday: 9:30AM <b>Zoom Sunday School Class</b>, we are studying <i>The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann</i>  <a href="http://www.Zoom.com">www.Zoom.com</a>, Meeting ID: 871 5078 2729                  Passcode: 881336</p> <p><b>Fellowship Sunday School Class</b>, studying <i>Final Words From the Cross</i> by Adam Hamilton, meeting in the Parlor Room</p> <p>10:15AM <b>Children's Sunday School Class</b>, singing, crafts and stories, meeting in the Craft Room Upstairs</p> <p>Wednesday: 6:30PM <b>Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study</b>, studying the video series "Living the Questions 2.0", Meeting in the Fellowship Hall</p>
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# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## 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: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

# 552

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 B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> 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.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

According to Christ's commandment: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...

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)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

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. **Amen.**

## 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.



## 630

## Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

## 506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es

LORD'S SUPPER

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.

## 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.