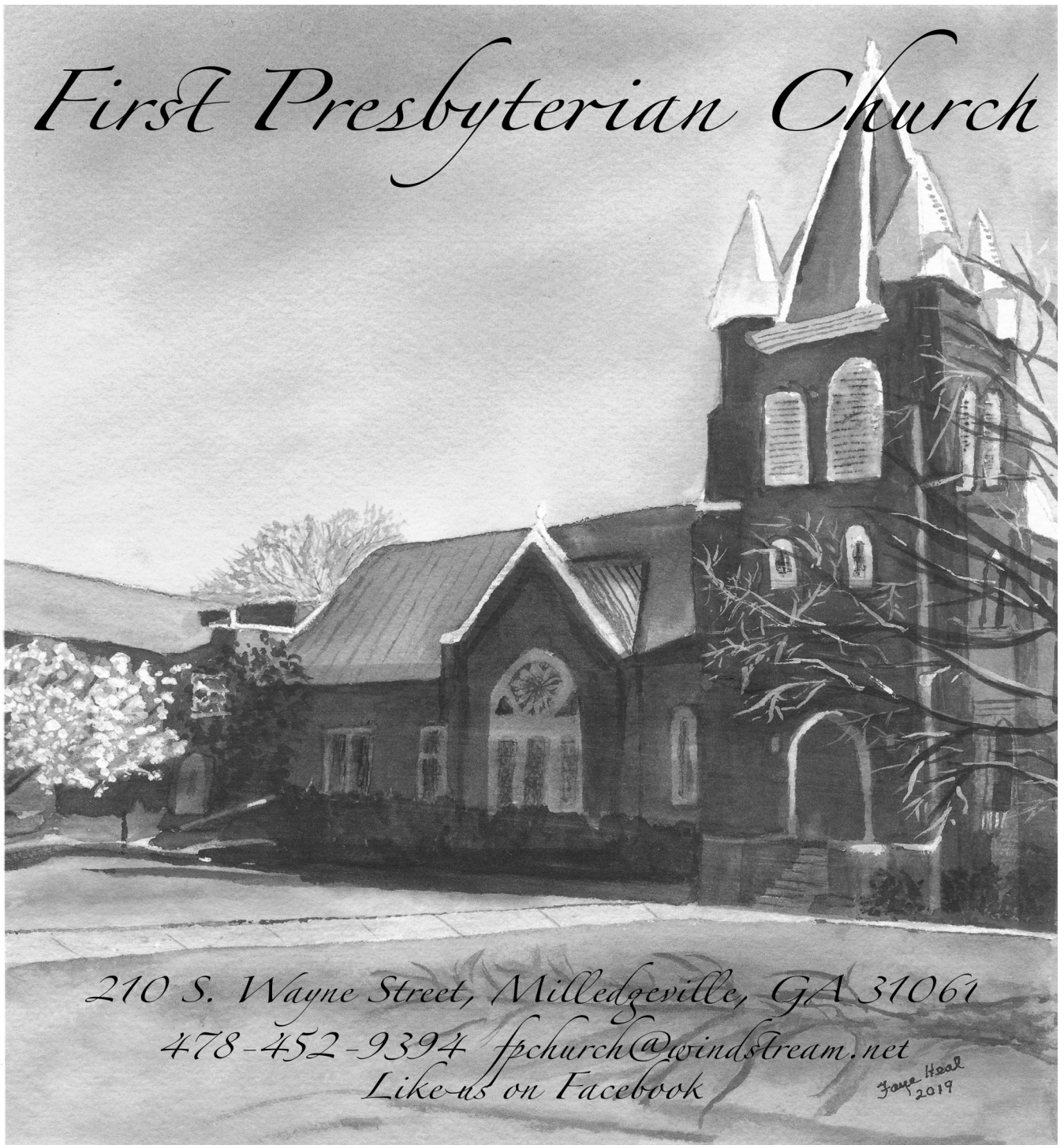


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**Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.**

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.

September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Andante Cantabile

Ludwig van Beethoven

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

Though I may speak

(GTG #693, vs. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

Congregation: With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God's glory!

Leader: The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

Congregation: With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshipping in the sanctuary of creation!

Leader: The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

Congregation: With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.

Let's worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries and squares!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Anne Smart

PRAYER OF THE DAY

It says in the Bible, O God, that you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful! And so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth. Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and as individuals, we use our words to build up and not destroy. Amen.

*HYMN 625

O Lord My God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us trust God's mercy and enter the liberating waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Logos of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHORAL RESPONSE

Though I may give

(GTG #693, vs. 2)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven. **Having been forgiven, we take up Wisdom's way of knowing, embracing it as we journey toward wholeness and peace. 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***

PEACE

***Please stand as you are able.**

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I wil pray the Father
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,
That he may abide with you forever,
Ev'n the spir't of truth.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Speak to us, Spirit of Knowledge, so that we may focus on divine things.
Pour out your Wisdom upon us so we may respond by taking up our cross
and following you. Amen.**

	SCRIPTURE READINGS	Pew Bible Page #
OLD TESTAMENT	Proverbs 1:20-33	OT P 584
PSALM	Psalm 19:1-14	OT P 498
NEW TESTAMENT	James 3:1-12	NT P 230
GOSPEL	Mark 8: 27-38	NT P 68

SERMON

*HYMN 463

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Taking Up Crosses**How Firm a Foundation*

Reverend Lawrence Peebles

Josefa Tchamna Kouna



In Mark, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" This question serves as a call to action for us to express and share the transformative and healing love of God that we experience in our lives through our generous giving of 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.



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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Voluntary

Robert Schumann

***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 witnesses the cries and shouts of creation and receives our tithes and offerings. May our streets be filled with jubilation, our cities be embraced by peace, and our lives be blessed with abundance. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Come, Spirit, come

(GTG #693, vs. 3)

POSTLUDE

Andante

Christoph Willibald von Gluck

Special thanks to Reverend Lawrence Peebles for leading us in worship today.

Liturgy written by Adam Quine, provided by *Presbyterian Outlook*



Lord, hear our prayers

LIMITED MOBILITY

Helen Danuser

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, recovering from surgery in hospital

Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns

Ellen Thompson, waiting on double hip replacement

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

Judy Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's daughter, recovering from car accident

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

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

Bella Covone, Susan Balfour's niece, idiopathic hypertension

Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer surgery

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: September 15- September 22

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
	1:30	Homeless Awareness Club
Monday	7:00	MSG
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry and Samaritan Ministry
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Pot Luck and Bible Study
Thursday	6:00	IOBI
Saturday	10:00	Sweet Meet at Dunkin' Donuts
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship



Offerings in September	\$7,865.00
Anticipated September expenses:	\$21,615.00

(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)



Join us for worship in-person, online at Facebook Live or on the radio at 102.3 WKZR radio every week.

Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we are studying *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann*
www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781
Passcode: 085809

Fellowship Sunday School Class, studying *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton, meeting in the Parlor Room

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 video series "Living the Questions 2.0", meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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O Lord My God

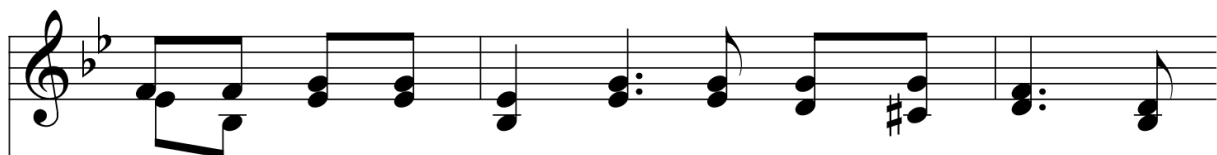
How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the
 loft - y moun-tain gran - deur and hear the brook and
 bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to
 hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My



**Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

Refrain

u - ni - verse dis - played:
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 take a - way my sin: God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
 Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

KOREAN

- 1 주 하나님 지으신 모든세계
 내마음 속에 그리어 볼때
 하늘의 별 울려 퍼지는 뇌성
 주님의 권능 우주에 찾네
- 후렴 주님의 높고 위대하심을
 내영혼이 찬양하네
 주님의 높고 위대하심을
 내영혼이 찬양하네
- 2 숲속이나 험한산 골짜에서
 지저귀는 저 새소리들과
 고요하게 흐르는 시냇물은
 주님의 숨씨 노래하도다 후렴
- 3 주하나님 독생자 아낌없이
 우리를 위해 보내주셨네
 십자가에 피흘려 죽으신 주
 내모든 죄를 대속하셨네 후렴
- 4 내주 예수 세상에 다시 올 때
 저천국으로 날 인도하리
 나 겸손히 엎드려 경배하며
 영원히 주를 찬양하리라 후렴

SPANISH

- 1 Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos,
 el firmamento y las estrellas mil,
 al oír tu voz en los potentes truenos
 y ver brillar al sol en su cenit,
- Estríbillo Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
 Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
- 2 Al recorrer los montes y los valles
 y ver las bellas flores al pasar,
 al escuchar el canto de las aves
 y el murmurar del claro manantial, Estríbillo
- 3 Cuando recuerdo de tu amor divino
 que desde el cielo al Salvador envió,
 al buen Jesús, que por salvarme vino
 y en una cruz por mí sufrió y murió, Estríbillo
- 4 al dulce hogar, al cielo de esplendor;
 te adoraré, cantando la grandeza
 de tu poder y tu infinito amor. Estríbillo

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.

157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
 Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, ¶

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F Bb F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.