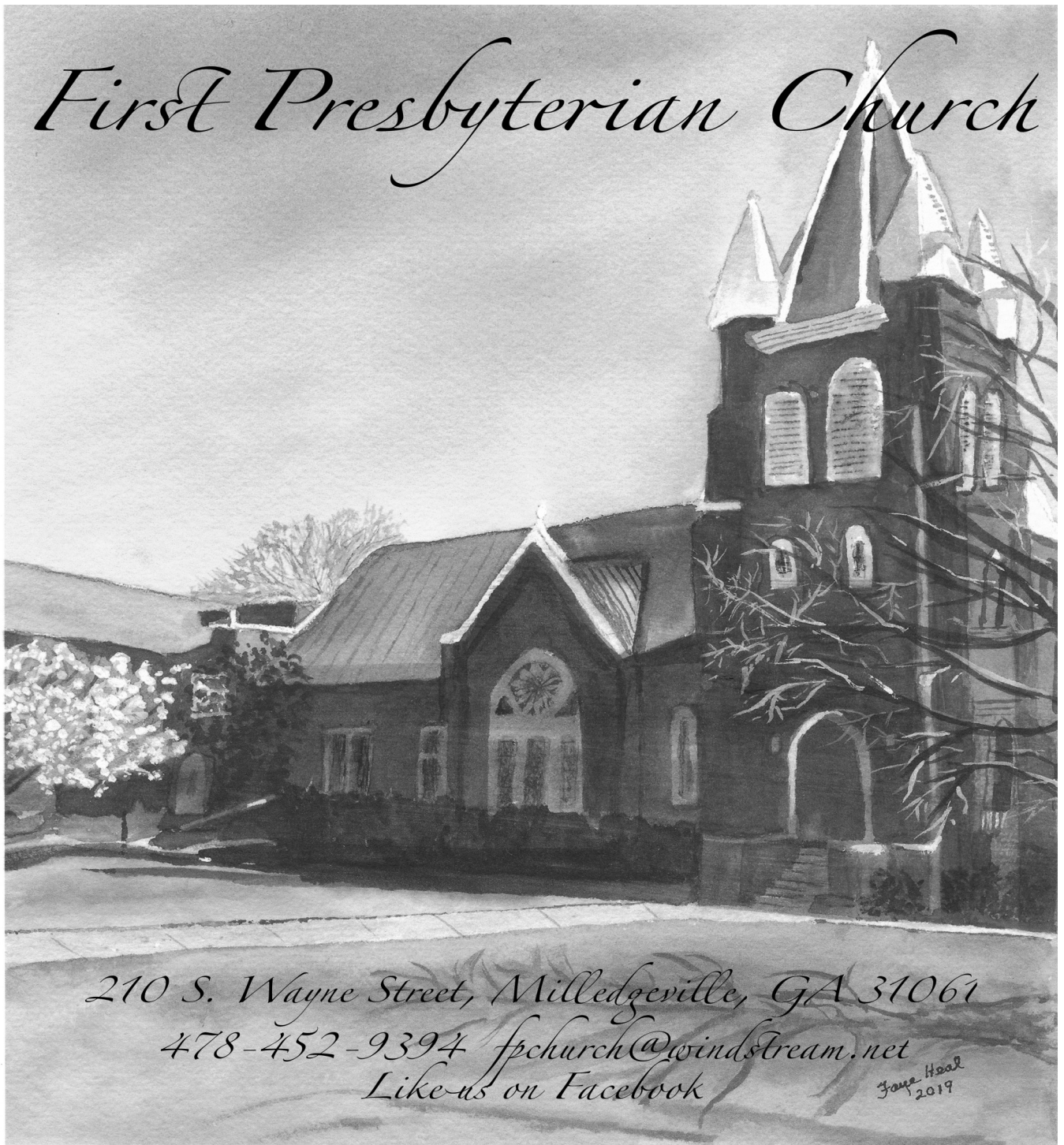


# *First Presbyterian Church*



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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.

October 20, 2024

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

PRELUDE

*The Spacious Firmament in High*

Rosalie Bonighton

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

*God of the sparrow*

(GTG #22, vs. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. Let us follow Christ, not seeking glory, but ways to serve.

**Congregation: Called to worship, we bow humbly before our God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gloria Burns

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*God of the rainbow*

(GTG #22, vs. 3)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.*

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.**

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.*

*The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
—He made them every one:*

*He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us now to listen well. Open our ears to your truth. Humble us in your presence so nothing will stand in the way of what you say to us today. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

		Pew Bible Page #
OLD TESTAMENT	Job 38:1-7 (34-41)	OT P 484
PSALM	Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c	OT P 554
NEW TESTAMENT	Hebrews 5:1-10	NT P 220
GOSPEL	Mark 10:35-45	NT P 47

## SERMON

Reverend Susan Balfour

\*HYMN 299

*You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Book of Common Worship; Philippians 2: 5-11)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING



*Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings 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](http://fpcmilledgeville.org).*



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\*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

**Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us.  
We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this  
world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are  
in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

\*HYMN 539

*We Will Go Out with Joy*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION    Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION        *God of the hungry*

(GTG #22, vs. 4)

POSTLUDE                    *To God We Render Thanks and Praise*

Quentin Thomas

Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott , provided by *Presbyterian Outlook*

The flowers today are in honor of Anberlin (Annie) Elaine Strickland, daughter of Kerry McGill Strickland and Andy Strickland, and granddaughter of Susan McGill. Annie is being dedicated today at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Macon, GA.



# 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, ongoing health concerns- at Autumn Lane in Gray, GA

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

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

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

Bella Covone, Susan Balfour's niece, idiopathic hypertension

Taylor Crogan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis

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

Charles Morgan, Jenifer Flory's father, recovering from surgery

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

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

Ambriea Pearson, granddaughter of Sunda, 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 20- October 27

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Homeless Awareness Club</b>
	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Presbyterian Women Bible Study</b>
Monday	<b>6:30</b>	<b>PFLAG</b>
	7:00	MSG
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The Bridge UMC Women Bible Study
Friday	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Trunk or Treat at Walter B. Williams' Park</b>
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Milly Free Fridge Service Opportunity</b>
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship



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Offerings in October	\$8,639.00
Anticipated October expenses:	\$18,290.00
(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.**

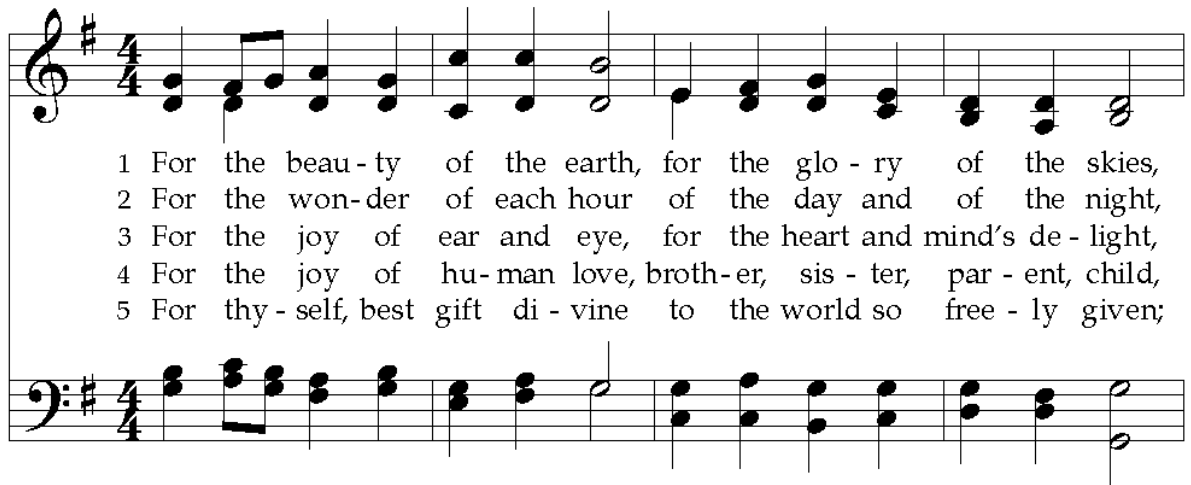
Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we are studying *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann*  
www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781  
Passcode: 085809

**Fellowship Sunday School Class**, studying *Living the Resurrection* by Eugene H. Peterson, meeting in the Parlor Room

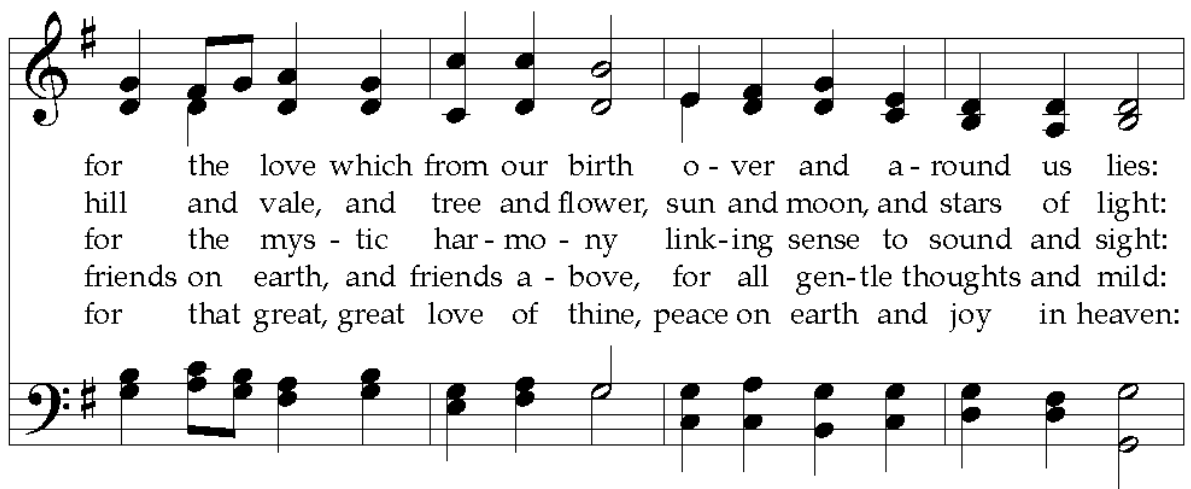
10:15AM **Children's Sunday School Class**, singing, crafts and stories, meeting in the Craft Room Upstairs

Wednesday: 6:30PM **Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, studying the video series "Living the Questions 2.0", meeting in the Fellowship Hall

# For the Beauty of the Earth 14




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

## Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

# 299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,  
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.  
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as described in Revelation 7:9–11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714–1901.



# We Will Go Out with Joy 539



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.