

# *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 27, 2024**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

PRELUDE

*Pavane*

Gabriel Fauré, arr. David Paxton

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

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*

(GTG #418, vs. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Congregation: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**Congregation: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

**Congregation: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge  
Let us worship the living God!**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Anne Smart

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(a prayer by John Calvin)

**My God, my Father and my Savior, you have been pleased to preserve me by your grace through the night and you have brought me to this new day. Grant that I may use it entirely in your service, that I may think, say, and do nothing but to please you and to obey your holy will. May all my actions be to the glory of your name and to the service of others. And just as you cause the sun to shine on the world to give physical light, let your Holy Spirit illumine my mind to guide me in the way of righteousness. In everything I do, let my goal and intention always be to walk reverently and to honor and serve you, relying only on your blessing for my well-being, and undertaking only what is pleasing to you. Amen.**

\*HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHORAL RESPONSE *Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading* (GTG #418, vs. 2)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (a prayer by John Calvin)

*Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds. **Hear and believe this good news! 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

ANTHEM

*Give to the Wind Your Fears*

Robert J. Powell

*Give to the winds your fears,  
Have hope, be not dismayed,  
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,  
God shall lift up your head.*

*Through waves and clouds and storms,  
God gently clears the way;  
Wait his own time, so shall this night  
Soon end in joyous day.*

*Leave to God's sovereign sway  
to choose and to command,  
So shalt you, wondering, own that way,  
How wise, how strong his hand!*

*On God the Lord rely,  
And safe shall you go on;  
On God's work fix your steadfast eye;  
So shall your work be done.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

**Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Pew Bible Page #

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

OT P 488

PSALM

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

OT P 508

NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 7:23-28

NT P 222

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

NT P 47

SERMON

Reverend Susan Balfour

\*HYMN 662

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death? **That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING



*Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place. 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).*



OFFERTORY  
\*DOXOLOGY

*The Abundant Life*

Garrett Parker

***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

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

***O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

\*HYMN 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*O for the wonderful love he has promised*

(GTG #418, vs. 3)

POSTLUDE

*Yes, God is Good*

Richard Pantcheff

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Nancy Miller.

Liturgy written by Matthew A. Rich , provided by *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Protestant churches celebrate the Reformation annually on October 31, the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In honor of the celebration, this week's liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers.



**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

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 27- November 3

Today	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
Monday	7:00	MSG
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	<b>5:30</b>	<b>Family Fun Hike at Lockerly</b>
Wednesday	6:30	Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The Bridge UMC Women Bible Study
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship with Communion
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship



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Offerings in October	\$18,690.65
Anticipated October expenses:	\$18,290.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



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church  
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**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](http://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

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

CELEBRATING TIME

## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
 joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.



# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어  
성령과 피로써 거듭나니  
이세상에서 내 영혼이  
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요  
이것이 나의 찬송일세  
나사는 동안 끊임없이  
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영  
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서  
자비와 사랑 속삭이는  
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼  
주안에 복되고 평안하니  
세상도 없고 나도 없고  
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴