



# AthHalf

## Pre-Race Service

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6:30 - 7:00 AM • FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • 185 E HANCOCK AVE

REFLECTION AND INSPIRATION FOR THE RACE AHEAD

**10.9.16** | INFORMAL • ATHLETIC CASUAL • OPEN TO ALL  
SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, MUSIC, AND A MESSAGE

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First Presbyterian Church of Athens

Seventh Annual AthHalf Pre-Race Service  
October 9, 2016 6:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

**People: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

Leader: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

**People: Gather us in, the young and the old.**

Leader: Gather us in to praise God.

**People: Gather us in to give thanks.**

Leader: Gather us in to worship and wonder.

**People: Gather us in to know of God's love.**

Body Prayer

Reaching up... side... heart... out

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN



1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has spo - ken like the first  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first dew - fall on the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the one light E - den saw



bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, Music: Gaelic Melody

Scripture

Luke 11:5-9; 18:1-8

Homily

Rainy Weather

Carol Strickland

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo-ple pour thy power; crown thine an - cient  
2. God of eve - ning, God of morn - ing, as we run to stake our claim, grant us grace and



chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
strength and cour - age. Help us rise a - bove our pain. Strong de - liv - erer,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
strong de - liv - erer, make us larg - er than our fear, make us larg - er than our fear.

Text: Stanzas 1, Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; stanza 2, Bertis Downs, 2016, Music: John Hughes, 1907

**Prayer** (alludes to Psalms 100, 17, 10; Isaiah 40:29-31, Hebrews 12:1-2)

Leader: Good Lord, whose love endures forever and who is faithful to all generations:  
we know that you have made us, and we are yours.

**People: We worship you with gladness and enter your gates with thanksgiving.**

Leader: We bring with us joys and concerns, laughter and heartache, blessings and burdens.

**People: We call upon you, for you will answer us. Wondrously show your steadfast love.**

Silent prayer

Leader: Hear the desire of the meek and incline your ear to do justice  
for the orphan and the oppressed.

**People: Give power to the faint and strength to the powerless**

Leader: that those who wait upon you will renew their strength, run and not be weary,  
walk and not faint.

**People: Help us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,**

Leader: looking to Jesus as our pacesetter and friend, who taught us to pray together:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**Hymn**

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

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| Soloist: | All: | Soloist: | All: |
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|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Guide my feet  | while I run this race, | guide my feet  | while I run this |
| 2. Hold my hand   | while I run this race, | hold my hand   | while I run this |
| 3. Stand by me    | while I run this race, | stand by me    | while I run this |
| 4. I'm your child | while I run this race, | I'm your child | while I run this |

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| Soloist: | All: |
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| race, | guide | my   | feet  | while | I | run | this |
| race, | hold  | my   | hand  | while | I | run | this |
| race, | stand | by   | me    | while | I | run | this |
| race, | I'm   | your | child | while | I | run | this |

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|-------|-----|---|-------|------|----|-----|------|------|----|-------|
| race, | for | I | don't | want | to | run | this | race | in | vain! |
| race, | for | I | don't | want | to | run | this | race | in | vain! |
| race, | for | I | don't | want | to | run | this | race | in | vain! |
| race, | for | I | don't | want | to | run | this | race | in | vain! |

Text and music: African-American Spiritual

**Body Prayer**

Reaching up... side... heart... out

**Benediction**

## LEADING THE SERVICE

Associate Pastor  
Dr. Carol Strickland

**Liturgists:**  
Erik Ness  
Jordan Osborne

**Pianist:**  
Dr. John Coble

**Soloist:**  
John Tsao

**Ushers:**  
Stacey Bowden  
Dray Criswell

**Greeters:**  
Kathy Bangle  
Kitty Donnan  
Bertis Downs  
Bob Glasscock

**Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.** We hope it is an inspiring start to a wonderful day. If you are looking for a place to belong, please join us again. Our usual Sunday schedule includes 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. There are many opportunities for community, service, and growth at First Presbyterian Church.

**To assist with humanitarian aid in Haiti,** you may give to Bethlehem Ministry (checks marked, "hurricane relief"), P.O.Box 48387, Athens, GA 30604 or [www.BethlehemMinistry.org](http://www.BethlehemMinistry.org). Donations will provide items such as blankets, tarps, cots, food, and dry charcoal for cooking.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### International Craft Fair

November 4, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
November 5, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
November 6, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

First Baptist Church, 2016 Host  
November 20, 2016  
4:30 p.m.

### Annual Benevolence Market

Supporting Local Non-Profit Agencies  
December 4, 2016  
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

### Live Nativity

December 6, 2016  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2016  
4:00 p.m. Family Service  
6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Services

### Christmas Day Service

December 25, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!