



# First Presbyterian Church of Athens

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!

January 29, 2017  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Ordination and Installation Sunday

## GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, **please silence your cell phone**. The nursery is available downstairs during both services. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin or large-print hymnal.

### Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### Prelude

Prelude on SLANE

Craig Phillips

### Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad.

### Song of Gathering

Hymn 470, Stanza 1

**O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.**

### Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-2

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Children, ages 4 through grade 2, are invited to come forward to lead the Call to Worship at the 11:00 a.m. service. Afterwards, they will depart for Children's Church held in the Godly Play Rooms.

### \*Hymn 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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\*\*\*Latecomers may be seated.

The congregation is invited to speak or sing the liturgy in **bold** type.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn Charles Wesley wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. The tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

\*Those who are able may stand.

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Forgive us when we lock ourselves into closets of fear and hide behind closed doors of selfish pride. Forgive us when we failed to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.**

**\*Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response**

CELTIC ALLELUIA



**\*Passing of the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Worshippers may greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

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## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

**Congregational Prayer for Illumination**

TALLIS' CANON

**Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes; eternal power be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

**First Lesson**

Proverbs 1:20-24 The Message

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**11:00 a.m. Anthem**

A Winter Carol

Fred Gramann

The anthem is a setting of a poem by Samuel Longfellow (1819-92). The setting is by Fred Gramann, Music Director for The American Church in Paris, and is based on the hymn tune DANBY, a traditional English melody.

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow  
has left the heavens all coldly clear;  
through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow,  
and all the earth lies dead and drear.  
And yet God's love is not withdrawn;  
his life within the keen air breathes;  
his beauty paints the crimson dawn,  
and clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths.  
And though abroad the sharp winds blow,  
and skies are chill, and frosts are keen,  
home closer draws her circle now,  
and warmer glows her light within.  
O God! who gives the winter's cold,  
as well as summer's joyous rays,  
us warmly in thy love enfold,  
and keep us through life's wintry days. Amen.

**Second Lesson**

Matthew 28:16-20, page 911

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

No Parking

Dr. Bruce Lancaster

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Hymn 429 Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*8:45 a.m. Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

8:45 a.m. Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 16  
... forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ...

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** Andante tranquillo  
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

\*Doxology Hymn 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### 11:00 a.m. Service of Ordination and Installation

There are different gifts,  
**but it is the same spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,  
**but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,  
**but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**to use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,  
**and individually members of Christ.**

### Presentation of the Candidates to be Ordained\* and Installed

Robbie Bryan	*Mary Havick
Jody Corry	Joe Hermanowicz
*Greta Covington	Richard Lane
*Dee Ann Cox	Mary Peace
Susan Ferguson	*Dan Trier

United by the refrain after each stanza, the text of Lord, You Give the Great Commission relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

At 8:45 a.m., the service resumes with Sending in the Name of God on page 4.

All previously ordained ruling and teaching elders in any Presbyterian Church (USA) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to a reception for the new Ruling Elders in Fellowship Hall.

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## Questions for the Ruling Elders

### Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept these individuals as Ruling Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

## Ordination Prayer

### Declaration of Ordination and Installation

## SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

- \***Hymn 339** Be Thou My Vision SLANE
- \***Benediction**
- \***Congregational Response** Hymn 540, Stanza 1  
**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**
- \***Postlude** Fanfare on ABBOT'S LEIGH Charles Callahan

**Nurseries for infants and toddlers**, available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

**To pick up your child from Children's Church** after the 11:00 a.m. service, please go through the Atrium to Fellowship Hall. A Children's Church teacher will meet you there.

**A special word of welcome to our guests:** thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the fellowship pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

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## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

### February 5

Will you join us in this youth-led movement to fight hunger and poverty? Next Sunday we will be standing outside the Sanctuary with empty pots, asking you to help us fill them! 100% of your donation will go directly to the Athens-Area Emergency Food Bank. Last year we raised \$760 for Our Daily Bread.

## FOOD SUNDAY

### February 5

Next Sunday we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Athens-Area Emergency Food Bank. This month they are requesting: **spaghetti sauce, canned salmon/tuna, dried beans (any type)**. Thank you for donating 332 items in January!

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

### February 26, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please help save a life by donating blood. Reserve an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). You may also sign up in the Atrium on Sunday, February 5, 12, or 19, or by contacting the church office at 706-543-4338 or [frontdesk@firstpresathens.org](mailto:frontdesk@firstpresathens.org).

## IHN TRAINING

### February 26, 2:00 p.m.

Interfaith Hospitality Network will be offering orientation and training classes at First Baptist Church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP with Patty Whiten at [pattywhiten@windstream.net](mailto:pattywhiten@windstream.net) or Michelle Clendenen-Shaw at [michelle.shaw@usan.com](mailto:michelle.shaw@usan.com).

## NOTES ON THE SERVICE

### WORSHIP LEADERS

**Liturgists:**

**8:45 a.m.**

Carol Strickland

**11:00 a.m.**

Carol Strickland, Lorenzo Fischetti

**Acolytes:**

**11:00 a.m.** Chiara Bono, Abigale Bishop

**Readers:**

**8:45 a.m.** Scott Collins

**11:00 a.m.** Joe Hermanowicz

### USHERS

**8:45 a.m.** Scott Collins (head),

Bill Woolbright, Mary Ben Woolbright

**11:00 a.m.** Allen Crowell (head),

Phyllis Crowell, Mickey Register,

Mixon Robinson, Rosemary Stancil,

Tom Wilfong

### GREETERS

**8:45 a.m.** Grace Lu, Terry Nestor,

Keith Oelke, Lisa Oelke

**11:00 a.m.** Sydney Jackson, Margaret Johansen,

Dan Nadenicek, Mary Peace

### RECEPTION HOST

Madie Fischetti

### ELDERS AT THE DOOR

**8:45 a.m.** Sally Vandiver

**11:00 a.m.** Joe Attaway, Jason Doornbos,  
Mark Harrison, Harry Shuford

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

For kindness begets kindness evermore.

– Sophocles

### FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of our new Ruling Elders.

### TO AID IN WORSHIP

**If you need to leave the sanctuary** during the service, the Atrium is equipped with video and sound for your worship needs.

**Available in the narthex or from an usher:**

- **Personal hearing receivers** are available and usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Prayer requests** can be submitted by phone to the church office, (706)543-4338, through the Prayer Request link on our church website ([www.firstpresathens.org](http://www.firstpresathens.org)) or on the prayer cards in the pew pads.

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## Annual Congregational Meeting & Dinner

**Tonight, 6:00 p.m. - Please note time change**

Please join us for the annual congregational meeting in Fellowship Hall. The annual report will be presented. We will nominate from the floor and elect members of the 2017 Nominations and Elections Committee. We will also elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Dinner will be provided and everyone is invited to attend.

### New Member Class

If you are interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church and becoming a member, we invite you to attend our New Member class.

**Sunday, February 12, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Informational class led by Dr. Bruce Lancaster, Staff Conference Room, light supper included

**Sunday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.**

New Member Tea, prospective members received by the Session

**Sunday, February 26, 11:00 a.m.**

Worship Service, new members introduced to the congregation

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office at 706-543-4338.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday School Classes are available for all ages and meet 9:45-10:40 a.m. Sunday  
Sunday School Greeters this week: Jeanne Nadenicek**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Children's Ministry Suite • Infants - 5th Grade

**Infants** • Nursery Infant Room

Room Lead: Rita Raines

**Toddlers - Preschoolers** • Nursery Playroom

Nursery Coordinator: Wendi Finch

Our toddler and preschooler curriculum is Group Publishing's Play-n-Worship. It is filled with music, activities, and storyboards that encourage little ones to interact with Bible stories.

Children's Sunday Morning Music: Garland Ryder

Our 4 year-olds through 2nd graders begin most Sunday mornings in the Children's Ministry Suite with fun music and movement before heading into their Sunday School rooms.

**4 Year-Olds - Kindergarten** • Room 127

Teachers: Jennifer Castleman, Karen Cobb,

Mary Smith, Dan Trier

**1st Grade - 2nd Grade** • Room 126

Teachers: Jennifer Abbott, Don DeMaria,

Madie Fischetti, Matt Jones

Our 4 Year-Olds through 2nd Graders will be using Spark Lectionary Curriculum. Every Sunday, our children will explore their Bibles, enjoy fun activities, sing, pray, and grow in faith together.

**3rd Grade - 4th Grade** • Room 125

**5th Grade** • Room 124

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders will be introduced to our new Godly Play curriculum. Godly Play encourages children to explore their faith through story, helps them gain religious language and grows their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

Teachers: Natalie Bishop, Jody Cory, Greta Covington, Susan Ferguson, Denise Laboon

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

**Christian Issues** • Room 310

Study of the book, Forgiveness: Making Peace with the Past, by Douglas Connelly from the LifeGuide Bible Series.

Coordinator: Sandy Boyles

**Connections** • Room 303

Study of the book, Making Sense of the Bible, by Adam Hamilton.

Led by: Margaret Davis, Jay Holloway, Carol Strickland

**Inquirers** • Moses Waddel Room

Thoughtful introspection and lively group discussion covering contemporary issues and daily Christian living.

- January 29 - Dr. Jose Cordero will speak on the public health initiative P2i (Preconception to Infancy).

- February 5 - Paula Frances Price will share about her work as campus minister with Greek InterVarsity

Facilitators: Carl Bergmann, Carla Buss

**New Voices** • Room 302

Study of the book, Searching for Sunday, by Rachel Held Evans.

Led by: Lewis Hudgins, Erik Ness, Christine Register

**W. D. Hooper** • Room 309

Will begin with the Gospel of John with other books of the New Testament to follow.

Led by: Richard Stone

**Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class**

Bride's Room, Tinsley Stern

Saga of Jacob from Genesis.

Teacher: John Kipp

**Women's Bible Class** • Room 301

Will conclude our study of the Gospel of Luke with 1 Thessalonians to follow.

Teacher: Wanda Wilcox

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

**6th - 12th Grade** • The PIT

This year we will connect with God in multiple ways: fellowship, breaking bread together, service projects, small group study of scripture, and Godly Play. Through these different spiritual disciplines, we hope to come to know God and each other on a deeper level.

Led by: Kim Ness and Alyssa Standard

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## Wednesday @First

**Faith and Politics: What's a Christian to Do? Led by Dr. Bruce Lancaster**

February 1 - Christian Citizenship: How do our Christian convictions inform our political convictions?

February 8 - Church and State: Can faith and politics have a constructive conversation?

February 15 - Inciting Civility: How do we deal with hot-button issues?

February 22 - God's Politics: Who speaks for God?



## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 29

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Called Session Meeting, The Parlor
- 12:05 p.m. Reception for new Ruling Elders, Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Group trip to Jubilee Partners, meet in The PIT
- 4:00 p.m. Cherub Choir, Room 203
- 4:00 p.m. St. Andrews Choir, Room 202
- 6:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting & Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Ski Trip Meeting for parents & youth, The PIT

### Monday, January 30

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205

### Tuesday, January 31

- 9:00 a.m. Primetime Presbyterians Trip to Presbyterian Village, Austell
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Room 304

### Wednesday, February 1

- 12:00 p.m. Weekday School Ballet, Atrium
- 12:00 p.m. Weekday School Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 3:30 p.m. Knit for Kids & More, Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga, Room 310
- 4:30 p.m. Shakespeare's Richard II, Room 308
- 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir, Room 203
- 5:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Choir, Room 202
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship & Evangelism Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 6:30 p.m. Faith & Politics: What's a Christian to Do?, Moses Waddel Room

### Thursday, February 2

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study, Staff Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. The Mellows, Heritage Home, 960 Hawthorne Ave.
- 5:30 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

### Saturday, February 4

- 9:00 a.m. Northeast Georgia Presbytery Church Officer Development Event

### Sunday, February 5 - Communion & Food Bank Sunday, Souper Bowl of Caring

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching

## LOOKING AHEAD

**February 5** - Souper Bowl of Caring

**February 10-11** - Session Retreat

**February 12, 19 & 26** - New Member Class, Tea, Reception

**February 17-19** - Youth Ski Trip

**February 19-26** - IHN Host Week

**February 21** - Prayers for Healing

**February 26** - Red Cross Blood Drive

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION**

Bruce Lancaster, Moderator    Jerris Hayes, Clerk of Session  
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

### **CLASS OF 2016**

Diane Adams  
Matt Bishop  
Rod Canfield  
Bertis Downs  
Joe Neighbors  
Terry Nestor  
Leslye Queen  
Chuck Roberts  
Ed Smith  
Sally Vandiver

### **CLASS OF 2017**

Allen Crowell  
Don DeMaria  
Madie Fischetti  
Jerris Hayes  
Joy Holloway  
Diane Hudgins  
Mike Morris  
Jerry Rogers  
Ella Stewart

### **CLASS OF 2018**

Joe Attaway  
David Cole  
Jason Doornbos  
Sue Gray  
Mark Harrison  
Denise Horton  
Christine Register  
Arlene Shirley  
Harry Shuford  
Richard Stone

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## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

Dr. Bruce Lancaster, Interim Senior Pastor  
Dr. Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor  
Dr. John Kipp, Parish Associate  
The Reverend Bob Googe, Parish Associate  
Dr. John Coble, Director of Music and Organist  
Mrs. Kim Ness, Director of Youth Ministries  
Mrs. Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministries  
Mrs. Elaine Johnson, Director of Weekday School  
Mr. Roger Burbage, Church Administrator  
Ms. Melanie Powers, Children and Youth Music Assistant  
Ms. Lucy Bell, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Nan Powell, Communications Specialist  
Mrs. Jennifer Sunderlin, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Laura McHugh, Accountant  
Mrs. Tiffany Greene, Weekday School Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Wendi Finch, Nursery Coordinator  
Mr. Chuck Hunt, Sunday Morning Manager  
Mr. Willie "Buc" Collins, Sexton  
Mrs. Madeline Van Dyck, Parish Nurse

### **STUDENT INTERNS**

Ms. Alyssa Standard, Youth Ministry Intern  
Ms. Geneva Stonecipher, Church Music Intern  
Ms. Angela Suh, Website Intern

### **WADDEL FELLOWS**

Ms. Stacey Bowden, Children's Ministry  
Mrs. Christina Cotsakis Cordon,  
Mission & Outreach  
Ms. Nettie Jester, Youth Ministry  
Ms. Peyton Lipecky, Congregational Care  
Ms. Jordan Osborne, Children's Ministry

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