

# 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!

June 3, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.

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

### Greeting

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

### Prelude

Land of Rest

George Shearing

### Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

### Song of Gathering

Hymn 229, Stanza 1

**From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Time for Children

Natalie Bishop

### Call to Worship

For the forgotten, he is the name-caller;  
For the sinner, he is the grace-giver;  
For the silenced, he is the word-maker.  
**He is Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

For the imprisoned, he is the freedom-giver;  
For the unloved, he is the love-maker;  
For the lonely, he is the companion-maker.  
**He is Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

For the excluded, he is the table-setter;  
For the hungry, he is the bread-breaker;  
For the thirsty, he is the wine-pourer.  
**He is Jesus Christ, our Friend.**

\***Hymn 170**      The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want      CRIMOND

### \*Call to Confession

\* Those who are able may stand.

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends.



Over the summer, the children will be learning about different parts of worship. The children are invited forward where they find the church mouse.

Hymn 170 is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 that comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.

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

## HONDURAS MISSIONARIES

### YOUTH

Jay Bangle  
Celeste Covington  
Maggie DeMaria  
Emily Gaskill  
Knox Huff  
Erin Osborne  
Luke Osborne  
Anna Palmer  
James Williams

### COLLEGE

Christian Cordon  
Christina Cordon  
Jordan Osborne

### ADULTS

Judy Burch  
Stephen Covington  
Don DeMaria  
Julie Hayes  
Denise Horton  
David Huff  
Kim Ness  
Paige Oelke  
Andy Osborne  
Julie Osborne  
Jack Palmer  
Christine Register  
Jim Scanlon  
Carol Strickland

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, it is hard to believe that you want what we have to give, that you take us as we are. We find it difficult to trust you because we live to the beat of a sinful heart. Yet Jesus invites us to follow him and come to you in the turmoil of our chaotic lives. Allow your Spirit to turn us, move us, and bring us to live and breathe by your grace.**

### \*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Congregational Response

Hymn 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

### \*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.**

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you.

## Commissioning of Honduras Missionaries

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 321, Stanza 1

**Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

### First Lesson

Psalms 23, page 491

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

### Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;  
he maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### Second Lesson

Philippians 4:10-14, page 1073

Psalms 23:1 page 491

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

### Sermon

Psalms 23: Your Needs and God's Provision

Dr. Bruce Lancaster

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \*Hymn 275

God of Our Life

SANDON

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

**\*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**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

"...with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name singing:"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical setting of the communion liturgy, arranged by Richard Proulx, is based on the hymn tune LAND OF REST, an American folk melody.

"...Great is the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,  
Christ will come a - gain.

"...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever."

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Please partake as you are served.

The cup in the center of each plate contains gluten-free bread.

Following worship, all are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Atrium.

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## The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

. . . and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . .

## Breaking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

## Communion of the People

## Prayer after Communion

### SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

\***Hymn 210**            Our God, Our Help in Ages Past            ST. ANNE

#### \***Benediction**

\***Congregational Response**            Hymn 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.**

**Postlude**            Improvisation on ST. ANNE            John Coble

**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.

**Nurseries for infants and toddlers**, available from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

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## NOTES ON THE SERVICE

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Liturgist

Carol Strickland

#### Lay Reader

Carol McKay

### USHERS

Rick Simpson (head), Betsy Canfield,  
Rod Canfield, Ed Law, Jo Carol Nessel-Sale,  
Mickey Register

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Bob and Nancy Bostrom

### GREETERS

Greta Covington, Stephen Covington,  
Dan Nadenicek, Ella Stewart

### SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Lourenço

### FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Sarah Elizabeth Poe and John Preston Taliaferro and in memory of Bob Cobb by Leita Cobb.

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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  
Mrs. Lucy Bell Johnson, Administrative Assistant for  
Congregational Care & Membership  
Ms. Nan Powell, Communications Specialist

Mrs. Jennifer Sunderlin, Receptionist/Admin. Assistant  
Mrs. Laura McHugh, Accountant  
Mrs. Tiffany Greene, Weekday School Admin. Assistant  
Ms. Jennifer Abbott, Nursery Volunteer & Staff  
Coordinator  
Mrs. Charlotte Chromiak, Children's Music Assistant  
Mr. Willie "Buc" Collins, Sexton  
Mrs. Madeline Van Dyck, Parish Nurse  
Student Interns:  
Ms. Jordan Osborne, Youth Ministry Intern  
Ms. Yuxin Ni, Church Music Intern

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, June 3 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday**

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Honduras Mission Trip Lunch, Fellowship Hall Break Out Area
- 11:05 a.m. Fellowship, Atrium
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for William Crosby, Reception Following

### **Monday, June 4**

- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Judy Howell, Reception Following

### **Tuesday, June 5**

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Room 304
- 2:00 p.m. Bicentennial 2020 Vault Work, Room 127
- 4:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting, Pastor's Office
- 4:00 p.m. Fellowship & Evangelism Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 6, Home of Ann Dunn, 425 Southview Dr.

### **Wednesday, June 6**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday
- 12:00 p.m. Our Daily Bread, First Baptist Church, 355 Pulaski St.
- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 4:15 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Sunday School Leaders' Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

### **Thursday, June 7**

- 5:00 p.m. Congregational Care Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room

### **Saturday, June 9**

- 5:00 a.m. Depart for Honduras Mission Trip

### **Sunday, June 10**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching

## LOOKING AHEAD

**June 9-16** - Honduras Mission Trip

**June 10** - Books for Keeps Book Drive Drop-off Deadline

**June 18-21** - Weekday School Camp

**June 21-23** - Massanetta Middle School Conference

**June 24-30** - Montreat Worship & Music Conference

**July 22-28** - Montreat Youth Conference

### **Summer Choir**

All interested singers are invited to join us for Summer Choir. We meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Our Chancel Choir is the foundation of this group. Singers may join us for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. Adults, youth, and children are all welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

**June 9-16**

#### Prayer Cards

You are invited to write a note of encouragement or prayer for our 26 missionaries. Cards are available in the Atrium and will be distributed during the trip!

#### Holy Joe Coffee

Our second order of special FPC coffee is here! We sold out of our first order, raising \$360 for the Honduras mission trip! Thank you!

#### Prayer Requests

Our team has been preparing for our trip to Honduras for almost a year! As we pack, travel, and embark on our adventure this coming week, please keep us in your prayers. Specifically please pray for our safe travel, that we stay healthy on the trip, that we grow in our friendship with each other and with the people we meet in Honduras, and in our relationship with God. Gracias!

### BOOKS FOR KEEPS BOOK DRIVE

#### Dropoff Deadline June 10

Help make sure no child in our community goes a summer without great books to read. Please bring your used books to the bins in the Atrium or church office. Books of all kinds will be accepted, then sold by Books for Keeps with proceeds used to buy new children's books. Learn more at [booksforkeeps.org](http://booksforkeeps.org).

### VBS 2018

We had a wonderful time last week at Maker Fun Factory! Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers who helped remind 100 children from our church and surrounding community that they are made by God, built for a purpose, and truly loved for the person they are and will continue to become.

### MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you for making a life-changing difference in the lives of mothers and others who need your help by donating \$737 to the Caring Hands Fund for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help to provide much needed care and services for more than 400 older residents (mostly widows) of Presbyterian Homes who have outlived their financial resources. Thank you for your generosity.

### PENTECOST OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you for your giving \$1,203 to the Pentecost Offering, which helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people and also address the needs of at-risk children. Sixty percent goes to support our denomination's Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program, national youth ministries, and child advocacy. Forty percent stays locally to provide scholarships for the Barrow Elementary After-School program.

**PLEASE SEE [FIRSTPRESATHENS.ORG](http://FIRSTPRESATHENS.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.**

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### Summer Camps & Wonderful Wednesdays

Looking for a fun activity for your preschooler this summer? A few spots are left!

Registration is open for "Wonderful Wednesdays" June 6 - August 1  
and two camp weeks, June 18 - 21 and July 23-26.

Please contact the Weekday School at [wds@firstpresathens.org](mailto:wds@firstpresathens.org).

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### June Sermon Series: Psalm 23

Athanasius, a powerful figure in the early church, wrote: "Most scripture speaks to us, while the psalms speak for us." Nowhere is this more true than in Psalm 23, most everyone's favorite.

How does this psalm of just over 100 words...three thousand years old, drawn from a primitive historic context, set in a rural scene...speak with such power today? The secret is this: times change but our needs do not. More than ever we need God **to provide, to lead, to protect, to sustain**, and every day we need to affirm what David proclaimed, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Our sermon series for June will move through the six verses of Psalm 23, exploring the depth of God's never-changing care for us, leading us to move from a stance of depending on ourselves to depending on God.