



# 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!

August 26, 2018  
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
Twenty-first 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

Adagio and Andante from Concerto I  
George Frideric Handel

### Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

**Moment for Mission** Presbyterian Student Center The Rev. Will Norman

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

### Song of Gathering

Hymn 489, Stanza 1

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there.  
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;  
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

### Call to Worship

Beloved of God, live as children of the light.  
**We clothe ourselves with faith, love, and the hope of salvation.**  
Christ died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep,  
we may live with him.  
**Let us give thanks for Christ's saving work!**

**\*Hymn 150** Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, Lord, when we choose to wear fabrics of fear and hatred, in colors of our prejudices and pride, sewn together with greed and anger. All too often we have selected a selfish fashion for life rather than the servant style to which Jesus calls us. Open our lives to the elegance of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience worn as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Like many other hymns of praise, the text of Hymn 150 was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

### \*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

\*Those who are able may stand.

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

After the Passing of the Peace at the 11:00 a.m. service, children, ages Pre-K - grade 2, are invited to Children's Church held in the Children's Ministry Suite.

**\*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.

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Congregational Prayer for Illumination**

Hymn 454, Stanza 1

**Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you;  
by your teachings true and holy,  
drawn from earth to love you solely.**

**First Lesson**

Colossians 3:12-17, page 1076

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

**11:00 a.m. Anthem** Send Down Thy Peace, O God

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Send down thy truth, O God: too long the shadows frown;  
too long the darkened way we've trod: thy truth, O Lord, send down.  
Send down thy spirit free, till wilderness and town,  
one temple for thy worship be: thy spirit, O send down.  
Send down thy love, thy life, our lesser lives to crown,  
and cleanse them of their hate and strife: thy living love send down.  
Send down thy peace, O Lord: earth's bitter voices drown  
in one deep ocean of accord: thy peace, O God, send down.

**Second Lesson**

Ephesians 6:10-17, page 1069

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

**Sermon**

Fashion Tips from the Bible

Dr. Bruce Lancaster

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*Hymn 473**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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**\*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,**

**(continued next page)**

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of Hymn 473 has shifted to that of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with Christological summation. It is set to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.



**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 8:30 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 to the Children's Ministry Suite located down the stairs in the Atrium, through the glass door to the right.

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## NOTES ON THE SERVICE

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Liturgist

Carol Strickland

#### Lay Readers

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

**11:00 a.m.** Chuck Toney

### USHERS

**8:45 a.m.** Randy Dudley (head),  
Mary Peace, James Seagraves

**11:00 a.m.** Phyllis Crowell (head),  
Allen Crowell, Richard Lane, Jo Carol  
Nesset-Sale, Ella Stewart, Bo Thurston

### GREETERS

**8:45 a.m.** Jim Dove, Carroll Gaillard,  
Faye Marshall, John Simpson

**11:00 a.m.** Melinda Miller, Dan Nadenicek,  
Courtney Pittman, Ally Simmons

### SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Lourenço

### RECEPTION HOSTS

Sydney and Tommy Jackson

### FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Wesley Reed and Michael Warren Reed, given by Patti Reed.

We have a rosebud in honor of the birth of Mac Delano Friesen on June 12, 2018. Mac is the son of Kielly Dunn and Jon Friesen and the grandson of Del and Ann Dunn.

The Narthex flowers are given in honor of Betty Shuford's 90th birthday by her family.

### TO AID IN WORSHIP

**If you need to leave the sanctuary** during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium.

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

- **Personal hearing receivers** 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 to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website ([firstpresathens.org](http://firstpresathens.org)) or on the prayer cards in the fellowship pads.

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## Called Congregational Meeting September 9, 11:55 a.m.

The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 9 at 11:55 a.m. to elect ten Ruling Elders for the class of 2021.

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## New Hospital Visitation Policy

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center has informed us that they will no longer provide our pastors and lay callers a list of FPC members who are in the hospital. Therefore, **if you are in the hospital, please call the church office so we can provide pastoral care.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **IHNA TRAINING**

**Today, 12:30 p.m.**

If you would like to become a volunteer with Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens, please attend a training session. The next training is: **Today, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**, Ashford Methodist Church, 1 N. Main St., Watkinsville.

### **YOUTH KICKOFF POTLUCK**

**Tonight, 6:30 p.m.**

Middle and High School youth and parents: join us for a Potluck Party in Fellowship Hall. Learn about the year, reconnect with friends, and fill out forms! Fun for all. Email Kim Ness with any questions at [kness@firstpresathens.org](mailto:kness@firstpresathens.org).

### **WAYS TO SERVE FORMS**

**New Year, New Forms**

**September 9 Deadline**

Where are you in God's story? The "Ways to Serve" form is an invaluable tool and is revised annually to reflect current ministries. Forms and return baskets are in the Narthex, Atrium and Church Office. Forms are also on our website home page. If you haven't already, **please fill yours out today!** Every member is important.

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### **SOUL SHOP**

**September 16 & 17**

FPC and Milledge Avenue Baptist Church are co-sponsoring Soul Shop, a nationally recognized suicide awareness training movement. This is for the entire community and will address how we think and talk about suicide. There will be two workshops:

**Soul Shop for the Public**

**Sunday, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Soul Shop for Lay & Professional Faith Leaders**

**Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Details and registration are at [firstpresathens.org](http://firstpresathens.org). For questions please contact Madeline Van Dyck, [madelinevandyck@gmail.com](mailto:madelinevandyck@gmail.com).

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

When life is difficult for any number of reasons – grief, transition, illness, financial setback, etc. – our church's Stephen Ministry is there to help. Don't be afraid to reach out. To request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know in a stressful situation, please contact Dawn Frisch (914-255-3447), Larry Gray (706-202-1005), or Carol Strickland (706-543-4338).

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### **Food Sunday**

**September 2**

Sunday, September 2, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank. This month they are requesting: **hot cereal (individual packages), personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.), and household supplies (toilet paper, cleaner, etc.)**. Thank you for donating 305 items in August!

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### **PTP Program with Ron Bogue, Part 3**

**Tuesday, September 11, 10:00 a.m.**

The Prime Time Presbyterians will start this new season by gathering in the Moses Waddel Room to hear Dr. Ron Bogue present Part 3 in his series exploring the history of First Presbyterian Church. Parts 1 and 2 were extremely enlightening.

After the presentation we will walk or drive to South Kitchen + Bar, 247 East Washington St., for lunch. Please email Phyllis Crowell, [crowellpm@aol.com](mailto:crowellpm@aol.com), by Tuesday, September 4, to make a lunch reservation. Everyone is welcome. Let's kick-off this PTP season by reaffirming our friendships and continuing support for church activities.

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### **Brown Bag Bible Study, "Bad Boys and Bad Girls of the Bible"**

**Wednesdays, September 19 - November 14**

**Brown Bag Supper: 6:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited! Bring your supper to the Moses Waddel Room, families are welcome to bring children.

**Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

We will have a Bible Study taught by Dr. Bruce Lancaster beginning at 6:30 p.m. and go for about an hour. Childcare will be provided.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Children's Ministry Suite • Infants - 5th Grade

Director of Children's Ministries: Natalie Bishop

Nursery Volunteer & Staff Coordinator: Jennifer Abbott

**Infants** • Nursery Baby Room

Room Lead: Rita Raines

**Toddlers - Preschoolers** • Nursery Playroom

Room Lead: Mary Smith

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.

**Pre-Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

Our elementary aged children will experience Godly Play during Sunday School. Godly Play helps children to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language, and to grow their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

The children will begin all together each Sunday morning in the Children's Ministry Suite with Holy Moly (short animated Bible Story videos). Immediately following Holy Moly, the children will head to their Godly Play Rooms.

**Pre-Kindergarten - Kindergarten** • Room 126 in Children's Ministry Suite

**1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade** • Children's Ministry Suite

**4th Grade - 5th Grade** • Godly Play Room #1, Tinsley Stern Building (across from library)

Godly Play Guides: Jennifer Abbott, Natalie Bishop, Jody Corry, Greta Covington, Susan Ferguson, Madie Fischetti, Julie Hayes, Denise Horton, Sydney Jackson, Matt Jones, Mary Elizabeth McConnell, Carmen Meadows, Heather Roberts, Dan Trier, Gail Wilfong

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

**Christian Issues** • Room 308

Study of the book, Paul: His Life and Teaching by Jack Kuhatschek.

Coordinator: Sandy Boyles

**Inquirers** • Moses Waddel Room

Thoughtful introspection and lively group discussion covering contemporary issues and daily Christian living, with guest speakers or DVD studies.

- August 26 - UGA graduate student Jason Mizell will speak on Parkview/Bridging Communities
- September 2 - DVD, The Old Testament, by Amy-Jill Levine

Facilitators: Carl Bergmann, Carla Buss

**Living on a Prayer** • Room 303

Devotionals based on scripture, led by different class members. Sandwich project on first Sundays. Coordinator: Karen Burg

**New Voices** • Room 310

Study of the book, The Flute Beneath the Gold by Charles Poole.

Led by: Lewis Hudgins, Christine Register

**W. D. Hooper** • Room 309

Study of Romans 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

Study of the Joseph saga, Genesis 37-50.

Teacher: John Kipp

**Women's Bible Class** • Room 301

Study of Hebrews.

Teacher: Wanda Wilcox

## SUNDAYS in The PIT

Director of Youth Ministries: Kim Ness

The youth are fortunate to have their own special space, lovingly called "The PIT," located on the basement level. The PIT features small group break-out rooms, a kitchen, pool tables, and comfortable couches to just hang out.

**SUNDAY MORNINGS** 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and fun including donuts and devotion. Beginning in September, a different member of the congregation will lead a 3-4 week series on topics ranging from the Old Testament to Disney movies!

**Confirmation Class**, open to 9th graders, also meets during this time. Based on the, "Big God Big Questions" curriculum, this class gives students an opportunity to deepen and confirm their faith in Jesus Christ, learn the basic theology of the Christian faith, and what it means to identify with the PC(USA). Please contact Kim Ness (kness@firstpresathens.org) to sign up.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS

On Sunday evenings, we come together to explore our faith through activities focused on mission, discipleship, and lots of fun!

**Youth Kickoff Potluck, Tonight, 6:30 p.m.**

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner and kickoff meeting. All MS and HS youth **and** their parents are encouraged to attend!

### New Sunday Evening Schedule:

4:30-5:30 Middle School youth group

5:30-6:15 Celebration Singers choir rehearsal

6:30-8:00 High School youth group

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 26

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:05 p.m. Reception for The Rev. Will Norman, Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach Commission Meeting, Moses Wadel Room
- 4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir, Room 203
- 4:30 p.m. St. Andrews Choir, Room 202
- 5:30 p.m. Celebration Singers, Room 202
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Kickoff Potluck, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, August 27

- 2:00 p.m. Soul Shop Planning Meeting, Milledge Ave. Baptist Church, 1690 South Milledge Ave.
- 4:30 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting, Moses Wadel Room
- 5:00 p.m. Lay Callers' Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205

### Tuesday, August 28

- 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, Children's Ministry Suite
- 6:00 p.m. First Friends, Maepole, 1021 N Chase St.

### Wednesday, August 29

- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 4:15 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

### Sunday, September 2 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

**September 6** - Josephine Paine Bible Study Begins

**September 16 & 17** - Soul Shop, Suicide Awareness Training

**September 16, 23, 30** - New Member Class, Tea, and Introduction

**September 18** - Project Safe Work Day

**September 22** - Confirmation Opening Saturday Retreat

**September 23** - Choir Dedication Sunday

**September 28** - Fellowship@First: Picnic with UGA Redcoat Band, 5:00 p.m.

### New Member Class

If you are interested in learning more about Presbyterianism and discipleship at FPC, we invite you to attend our New Member class.

**Sunday, September 16, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

Informational class led by Dr. Bruce Lancaster, Moses Waddel Room  
Child care is available (with reservation)

**Sunday, September 23, 4:00 p.m.**

New Member Tea at the home of Linda & Bill Childers, the Session will receive those wishing to join

**Sunday, September 30, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.**

Worship Service, new members introduced to the congregation

Please contact Lucy Bell in the church office at [lbell@firstpresathens.org](mailto:lbell@firstpresathens.org) by September 12.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION**

Bruce Lancaster, Moderator    Richard Lane, Clerk of Session  
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

### **CLASS OF 2018**

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

### **CLASS OF 2019**

Robbie Bryan  
Greta Terrell Covington  
DeeAnn Cox  
Mary Havick  
Bob Glasscock  
Joe Hermanowicz  
Richard Lane  
Mary Peace  
Lawton Stephens  
Dan Trier

### **CLASS OF 2020**

Jeff Bangle  
Meghan Bawcum  
Bob Burton  
Julie Hayes  
Sydney Jackson  
Avery McLean  
Jeanne Nadenicek  
Carl Nichols  
Tom Reigle  
Judy Scanlon

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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/Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Laura McHugh, Accountant  
Mrs. Tiffany Greene, Weekday School Administrative 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 INTERN**

Ms. Yamini Pulusu, Website Technician

### **WADDEL FELLOWS**

Ms. Kathryn Kent, Youth Ministry  
Ms. Annabel McSpadden, Congregational Care

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.**