



# 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!

October 21, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-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

Allegro from Concerto in G Johann Ernst  
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

### Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

#### Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Lewis Hudgins

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

### Song of Gathering

DIX

**Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!  
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.  
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.**

### Call to Worship

We come for God's creating word, trusting God's promise.

**Let our lives be changed as God welcomes us in!**

Let our worship reveal Christ's peace given to the world!

**Let the Spirit open our lives to the joy of faithful living.**

\*Hymn 457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art TOULON

### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you guide us along the right paths, but we often wander away on our own. Sometimes we hear your call and come back, but too often we test boundaries, demanding to be cut loose and set free. We think we have it all figured out, only to wander aimlessly in the dark. Return us to the path so that each day we may walk with you.**

#### \*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

The original French text of Hymn 457, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

\*Those who are able may stand.

**\*Congregational Response**

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

**\*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.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Receiving the sacrament of baptism is Lawrence Floyd Jones III, son of Kathryn and Lawrence Jones.

**\*Question to the Congregation**

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Tripp by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ? If so, please stand.

**\*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.**

After the Baptism, children, ages Pre-K - grade 2, are invited to Children's Church held in the Children's Ministry Suite.

**Baptism Hymn 492** Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Congregational Prayer for Illumination** Hymn 327, Stanza 1

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
 we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
 a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**First Lesson** Joel 2:28-32, page 833  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** Where True Charity and Love Dwell Kaye Saunders  
Where true charity and love dwell, God is also there.  
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,  
let us all be glad and rejoice now and always.  
And as we love and serve our Lord, the living God,  
so let us with sincerity love each other.

**Second Lesson** 1 John 4:13-21, page 1114  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Living the Dream Dr. Bruce Lancaster

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

\***Hymn 339** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** HYFRYDOL David M. Cherwien

\***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

## SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

\***Hymn 376** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

### \*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 HYFRYDOL John Coble

These stanzas of Hymn 339 are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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

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**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

Kitty Donnan, Jimmy Bishop

#### Acolytes:

Sammy Pope, Declan Wilder

#### Lay Reader

Christine Register

#### Baptism Elder

Larry Jones, grandfather of Tripp Jones

### USHERS

Joe Hermanowicz (head),  
Erica Hermanowicz, Jacki Macker, Chris Pope,  
Katherine Queen, Leslye Queen

### GREETERS

Kathy Bangle, Joe Neighbors, Lois Neighbors

### FELLOWSHIP HOST

Jody and Chris Pope

### SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Lourenço

### FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bob Bostrom's 75th Birthday by Nancy Bostrom.

The Atrium flowers are in honor of the marriage of Nancy Wray Powell and George Andrew Thomas, whose wedding reception was held in the Atrium yesterday.

### 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.



*The Wayne F. Middendorf Memorial Concert Series*  
presents  
The First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir  
performing  
*Requiem*  
by Gabriel Fauré  
with soloists Rachel Eve Holmes, soprano  
John Tsao, baritone  
and orchestra  
**Sunday, November 4, 4:00 p.m.**  
First Presbyterian Church of Athens, 185 E. Hancock Ave.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY REPRINT**

**November 2-3, Sign up today!**

If you have joined FPC since our Pictorial Directory photos were taken in 2017, or missed the photo sessions for some other reason, please sign up to have your picture taken for our directory reprint. Sign up in the Atrium on Sundays, online, or by contacting the church office.

### **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

**October 28, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.**

The observance of All Saints' Day will take place during both services and will include reading the names of those who have died in the last year.

### **TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF**

**October 28**

Children, ages Pre-K - grade 5, are invited to wear "church friendly" costumes to church. Adults, please bring your spare change. The children will trick or treat for UNICEF during Sunday School, in the choir room, and in the Atrium before and after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

### **IHNA HOST WEEK**

**November 11-18, Sign-up today!**

Please sign-up in the Atrium today for our next Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens host week. You may also check the online calendar or email Patty Whiten (pattywhiten@windstream.net) to volunteer.

### **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

**November 4**

During worship we will dedicate our financial commitments for 2019. Thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge as we share our stories of generosity with Athens and the world!

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD BAG**

**SUNDAY, November 11**

This year we will continue our annual tradition of filling grocery bags with Thanksgiving meals for our less fortunate neighbors. Bags will be available Sunday, October 28 and November 4. Please return them filled with a Thanksgiving meal for four on or before November 11.

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### **Fellowship@First: Church Picnic** **Today, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Sandy Creek Park**

Sign-up in the Atrium today! Bring a side dish or dessert to share; fried chicken and drinks will be provided. There is no cost.

The Opening Ceremonies of the Pumpkin Olympics will begin at 4:00 p.m. Young and old are invited to join us for a festive afternoon of pumpkin carving and pumpkin-themed games. Bring your creative ideas and carving equipment. Come prepared to have fun, get messy, and celebrate the beginning of Fall with your FPC church family.

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### **PTPs Celebrate UGA Football**

**Tuesday, October 23, 9:30 a.m.**

This Primetime Presbyterians celebration will begin with a visit to the Butts-Mehr Sports Museum. We will be introduced to the display of UGA athletics memorabilia then explore independently. Our next stop will be a new exhibit, "Fighting Spirit: Wally Butts and UGA Football, 1939-1950" at the Hargrett Rare Book & Manuscript Library. This display showcases photographs, uniforms, and other historical material and explores the fate of the Georgia Bulldogs in the years surrounding WWII.

We will then enjoy lunch at the Olive Garden. Everyone is invited to meet at the Kohl's parking lot to ride the church van or carpool. Please make a reservation by October 21, even if you do not plan to join us for lunch, by contacting Judy Burch, bgrammyb5@aol.com or 912-602-0766.

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

**Wednesdays through 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.**

This week's "bad girl" is Jezebel. You may prepare by reading I Kings 21:1-16. Dr. Carol Strickland will lead this week's Bible Study. Childcare is 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.

- October 21 - **No class because of AthHalf**
- October 28 - 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

College Interns: Nettie Jester & Kathryn Kent

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 - 10:40 a.m.

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and devotion in The PIT. Each month, a different member of the congregation will lead a 3-week series on topics ranging from the Old Testament to Disney movies! OCTOBER: Faith & Politics, Don DeMaria

**No Sunday School this morning due to Ath1/2. Worship and water station service opportunities.**

**Confirmation Class**, open to 9th graders, also meets during Sunday School in the Staff Conference Room. This year, we will be using the new Presbyterian curriculum called, "Big God Big Questions."

TODAY: Session 2: How do we know and trust God?

## SUNDAY EVENINGS

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

## TONIGHT

No youth group tonight – see you at the Church Picnic!

### Sunday Evening Schedule:

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|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 4:30-5:30 | Middle School youth group           |
| 5:30-6:15 | Celebration Singers choir rehearsal |
| 6:30-8:00 | High School youth group & dinner    |

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 21

- 6:30 a.m. AthHalf Pre-Race Service, the Rev. Craig Topple preaching, Fellowship Hall  
**No 8:45 a.m. service**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching  
12:05 p.m. Fellowship, Atrium  
3:00 p.m. Fellowship@First: Church Picnic, Sandy Creek Park, 400 Bob Holman Rd.

### Monday, October 22

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Lay Callers' Meeting, Staff Conference Room  
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205

### Tuesday, October 23

- 9:30 a.m. PTPs Celebrate UGA Football, Meet at Kohl's Parking Lot, 1991 Epps Bridge Pkwy.  
9:30 a.m. Northeast Georgia Stated Presbyter Meeting, Oconee Presbyterian Church  
12:00 p.m. CPR Training, Fellowship Hall  
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, DePalmas Italian Cafe - West Side, 2080 Timothy Rd.  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Group Supervision, Moses Waddel Room, Rooms 308, 309, 310

### Wednesday, October 24

- 11:30 a.m. Bookless Book Group, DePalmas Italian Cafe - West Side, 2080 Timothy Rd.  
12:00 p.m. Weekday School Ballet, Atrium  
12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302  
4:00 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310  
4:30 p.m. Shakespeare's Henry IV, Part 2, Room 308  
6:00 p.m. Brown Bag Supper, Moses Waddel Room  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study, "Bad Boys and Bad Girls of the Bible," Moses Waddel Room  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

### Thursday, October 25

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Teacher Workday - School Closed  
2:00 p.m. The Mellows, Bentley Adult Day Center, 135 Hoyt St.

### Friday, October 26

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Closed for Fall Break  
11:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

### Sunday, October 28

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Carol Strickland preaching

## LOOKING AHEAD

**October 28** - All Saints' Sunday

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

**November 2-3** - Pictorial Directory Reprint Portrait Sessions

**November 4** - Commitment Sunday, Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

Fauré Requiem with Reception

**November 11** - Thanksgiving Food Bag Sunday

Veterans Day Bell Ringing

30 Hour Famine

**November 14** - Last Wed@First for Fall

## **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

### **COLLEGE INTERNS**

Ms. Nettie Jester, Youth Ministry  
Ms. Yamini Pulusu, Website Technician

### **WADDEL FELLOWS**

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

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