



# 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 28, 2018  
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
All Saints' 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**                      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God      Michael Praetorius

### Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

### Song of Gathering

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**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

Death is swallowed up forever – let us wipe away our tears.

**We remember with thanksgiving all those who are dear to us.**

Our ancestors in faith have laid the foundation for this day.

**We remember those who paved the way with their faith.**

Teachers, leaders, grandmothers and grandfathers, parents and friends.

**We remember with gratitude God's gifts of people.**

The gifts of many people make us who we are.

**We remember the people who blessed us with their lives.**

God brings a new heaven and a new earth – let us live with great hope.

**We look to the future in peace, even as we remember the past.**

**\*Hymn 260**                      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God      EIN' FESTE BURG

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, you promise to dwell with us forever. You promise to wipe away every tear from our eyes. Through the prophet Isaiah you invite your people to a feast of rich food and well-aged wines. We are slow to rejoice in your promises. We are inattentive to the communion of saints surrounding us. O God, forgive us and quicken our hearts. Help us to believe your promises and live into them, sustained by all the faithful who live with you in glory.**

### \*Silent Prayer

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. **Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Pardon

\*Those who are able may stand.

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

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

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for Hymn 260, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

### \*Congregational Response

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

After passing 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.

O Christ, the Healer is a prayer that calls for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit. It considers the infirmities of individuals and also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshipping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.

In 1983, the PC(USA) was formed by the reunion of what were the Northern and Southern streams of the Presbyterian denominations in the USA. The Brief Statement of Faith was written to articulate the common identity Presbyterians share. This creed is arranged in a trinitarian framework that is meant to be used in worship.

### \*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 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

Job 42:1-5, page 478

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

### Second Lesson

Mark 10:46-52, page 924

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

### Sermon

But Now I See

Dr. Carol Strickland

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \*Hymn Insert

O Christ, the Healer

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### \*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

### 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

**8:45 a.m. Offertory** For All the Saints Flor Peeters

**11:00 a.m. Offertory** And I saw a new heaven Malcolm Archer  
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying: neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**\*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**

### Prayer of Remembrance

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Mary Alice Hannon January 17, 2018	Mary Gannon Gunn May 14, 2018
Henry Grady Wilson January 31, 2018	Jack Edwin Razor May 20, 2018
David Hibbs Donnan February 3, 2018	Leo Stanley Jensen May 23, 2018
Lucy Talmadge Hardell February 3, 2018	William Victor Crosby May 26, 2018
Royle James Heyl February 15, 2018	Amy Hargrove Nicholson June 2, 2018
Catherine Taylor Jones February 17, 2018	Joyce Domke Johnston June 26, 2018
Carolyn Brandenburg Reynolds March 30, 2018	Charles Dwight Clement June 28, 2018
Robert William Oertel April 21, 2018	Warren Larry Thornton July 2, 2018
Verner Franklin Chaffin April 26, 2018	George Marshall Scott, Sr. July 10, 2018
Amanda Hulseay Thompson April 28, 2018	Allison Bishop Hays July 15, 2018
Judith Elkins Howell May 9, 2018	Mary Louise Cofer Stark July 22, 2018
Stacey Carol Bowden May 13, 2018	Betty Martin Horne July 26, 2018

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## SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

**\*Hymn 526** For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

**\*Benediction**

The anthem is the text of Revelation 21: 1-2, 4 set to music by English organist, conductor, and composer Malcolm Archer. Archer is currently Director of Chapel Music at Westminster College.

We remember and celebrate the saints who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year.

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

**\*Congregational Response**  
**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.**

Hymn 535

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**\*Postlude**

SINE NOMINE

William H. Bates

**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

#### Liturgists

**8:45 a.m.** Annabel McSpadden

**11:00 a.m.** Annabel McSpadden, Sam Seward

#### Acolytes:

**11:00 a.m.** Andrew Miller, Kate Ness

#### Lay Readers

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

**11:00 a.m.** John Walden

### USHERS

**8:45 a.m.** Bobby Heath (head),  
Keith Oelke, Lisa Oelke

**11:00 a.m.** Joe Hermanowicz (head),  
David Beck, Lillian Beck, Erica Hermanowicz,  
Jacki Macker, Terry McRae

### GREETERS

**8:45 a.m.** Carroll Gaillard, Larry Jones

**11:00 a.m.** Marie Ledford, Tim Ledford,  
Joe Neighbors, Lois Neighbors

### FELLOWSHIP HOST

Shirley Chambliss

### SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Lourenço

### FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God.

### 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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## 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 Waddell Room; families are welcome to bring children.

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

Dr. Bruce Lancaster is teaching a Bible Study beginning at 6:30 p.m. and going for about an hour. Childcare is provided. **There will be no class this Wednesday, October 31.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

#### Today

Children, ages Pre-K - grade 5, have been invited to wear "church friendly" costumes to church today. They will trick or treat for UNICEF during Sunday School, in the choir room, and in the Atrium before and after 11:00 a.m. worship.

### 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.

### FOOD SUNDAY, November 4

Next Sunday we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank. This month they are requesting: **fruit juice, fruit juice, fruit juice!** Thank you for donating 486 items in October!

### 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!

### FLOWER COMMITTEE MEET &

#### GREET, November 8, 4:30 p.m.

This will be a time to see longtime friends and greet new ones interested in being part of the Flower Committee. Please join us in the Atrium for this time to socialize and organize.

### 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 today and November 4. Please return them filled with a Thanksgiving meal for four on or before November 11.

### VETERANS DAY BELL RINGING

#### November 11, 11:00 a.m.

We will join with other churches for the Nationwide Bell-Tolling to honor the men and women who died in WWI. Retired Air Force Colonel Randy Dudley, along with other veterans, will ring the bell twenty-one times as we begin worship. The congregation will be seated in the sanctuary, and the choir will process to God of Grace and God of Glory.

### 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.

### WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are there after the divorce papers are served, after the funeral is over and everyone has left, after the pink slip, after the nursing home director says, "Welcome to your new home." Stephen Ministers provide comfort and support for as long as needed. For more info, contact Dawn Frisch (914-255-3447), Larry Gray (706-202-1005), or Carol Strickland (706-543-4338).

*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.

# 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 28 - DVD, The Old Testament, by Amy-Jill Levine
- November 4 - Drs. Bill & Marihope Flatt, 100 Years of College of Family & Consumer Sciences @ UGA

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

**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."

No confirmation class today. Join us for youth Sunday School in The PIT.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS

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

### TONIGHT

Halloween Bowling from 6:00-7:30 p.m.! Dinner not provided.

Half price if you come in costume!

Showtime Bowling, 555 Macon Hwy., \$10.

### 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 & dinner

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 28

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Carol Strickland preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:05 p.m. Fellowship, Atrium
- 2:00 p.m. IHNA Training, Moses Waddel 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
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Halloween Bowling, Showtime Bowling, 555 Macon Hwy.

### Monday, October 29

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

### Tuesday, October 30

- 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

### Wednesday, October 31

- 11:00 a.m. Weekday School Munch & Manna, Bride's Room
- 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

### Thursday, November 1

- 10:00 a.m. Josephine Paine Bible Study, Staff Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Congregational Care Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Friday, November 2

- 2:00 - 8:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory Reprint Portrait Sessions, Moses Waddel Room

### Saturday, November 3

- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Reprint Portrait Sessions, Moses Waddel Room

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

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, The Rev. Margaret Davis preaching

## LOOKING AHEAD

**November 4** - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Fauré Requiem with Reception

**November 11** - Thanksgiving Food Bag Sunday

Veterans Day Bell Ringing

30 Hour Famine

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

**November 18** - Thornwell Offering

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

**November 20** - Project Safe Work Day

**November 22** - Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels Delivery

**November 29** - Live Nativity

## **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**

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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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