

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 Chapel in the Tinsley Stern building.

The text of the anthem is from the *Book of Hours*, Sarum, 1514. It was set to music by contemporary English composer Andrew Carter. Oxford University Press has published more than fifty of Carter's compositions over a twenty-five year period.

Hymn 422, a text on stewardship, was one of about 450 submissions into a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. The words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

CELTIC ALLELUIA



***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

PROSPECT



First Lesson Psalm 24:1-2, page 491

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

11:00 a.m. Anthem *God be in my head*

Andrew Carter

God be in my head and in my understanding,
 God be in mine eyes and in my looking,
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking,
 God be in my heart and in my thinking,
 God be at mine end and at my departing.

Second Lesson Matthew 25:14-30, page 906

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Sermon

Management 101

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 422**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

***11:00 a.m. Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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!"

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

BEACH SPRING

Wilbur Held

*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

8:45 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 Ruling Elder-Elect to be Ordained and Installed

Elizabeth Earl

Questions for Ruling Elder-Elect

Questions for Congregation

Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept this individual as Ruling Elder, 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 her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Ordination Prayer

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

In 1983, the PC(USA) was formed by the re-union of what were the Northern and Southern streams of the Presbyterian denominations in the USA. A 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. This excerpt is from the section on the Holy Spirit.

At the 11:00 a.m. service, worship continues on page 4 with Hymn 415.

Ordination is the church's way of setting apart persons called to particular ministry, in this case, that of Ruling Elder. The ceremony includes prayer and the laying on of hands, an ancient Christian rite rooted in the Bible. Ordination is for life. Installation is for a particular service, here for a three-year term on the Session.

All ordained Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament in any Presbyterian Church (USA) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 415** *Come, Labor On* ORA LABORA

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** AR HYD Y NOS

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, a peace and pure.**

***Postlude** *Improvisation on ORA LABORA* John Coble

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 Church Library across from the Children's Chapel on the second floor of the Tinsley Stern building.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgists

8:45 a.m. Carol Strickland

11:00 a.m. Carol Strickland, Harper Havick

Acolytes

11:00 a.m. Jennings Holloway, Sam Seward

Lay Readers

8:45 a.m. Keith Oelke

11:00 a.m. John Walden

USHERS

8:45 a.m. Jim Dove (head), Carroll Gaillard, Bill Woolbright, Mary Ben Woolbright

11:00 a.m. Richard Lane (head), Sandra Kays, Stan Kays, David Mendenhall, Frank Stancil, Rosemary Stancil, Marcia Talmadge, Fred Wallace

GREETERS

8:45 a.m. Terry Nestor, Keith Oelke, Lisa Oelke, Mary Peace

11:00 a.m. Kathy Bangle, Bob Glasscock, Brenda Glasscock, Carol McKay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Jacki Macker and Cash Morris

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Santos

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Allison Bishop Hays by Bob & Janet Bishop and Will & John Hays.

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium and at 11:00 a.m. is on Facebook.

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) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD SUNDAY

March 3

On Sunday, March 3 we will collect items for the Athens-Area Emergency Food Bank. This month they request **canned salmon, pork & beans, and fruit juices**. Thank you for donating 325 items in February!

VBS 2019: ROAR! Register Now!

Register online for Vacation Bible School, Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31. At ROAR, we will explore God's goodness and learn how a ferocious faith will help power them through this wild life. Please contact Natalie to volunteer, natalie@firstpresathens.org. We need you!

FPC WOMEN'S RETREATS

Details and registration for both retreats are on the church website.

One-Day Retreat in Athens, April 13

At Brita and Bill Barry's beautiful garden. Led by the Rev. Amy Baer. Cost is \$25. Scholarships for child care are available

Weekend at Montreat, August 9-11

Keynote speaker will be Valarie Kaur with special guest artist Amy Grant. Register for the Women's Connection Conference on the Montreat website. FPC has reserved use of the Georgia Lodge at Montreat. Cost for two nights at the Georgia Lodge is \$60.

Ash Wednesday

March 6

Worship, 12:00 & 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Join us for a traditional service including communion and imposition of ashes. The ashes will be prepared by the youth.

Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

\$8/adult, \$5/child (12 and under), \$20 max per family. Please make reservations for dinner on the Fellowship Pad, online, or by contacting the church office **by Monday, March 4 at 12:00 p.m.**

Wednesday Lenten Suppers & Study

Beginning March 13, Fellowship Hall

Supper: 5:45 p.m.

\$8/adult, \$5/child (12 and under), \$20 max per family. Please make reservations for dinner on the Fellowship Pad, online, or by contacting the church office **by Mondays at 12:00 p.m.**

Study: 6:30-7:30 p.m, "What's the Deal with Presbyterians?" led by Dr. Ryan Baer

March 13 - *How did we get here?*

March 20 - *Do Presbyterians really believe in predestination?*

March 27 - *Presbyterians: doing church decently and in order for 500 years.*

April 3 - *Why isn't the Presbyterian pastor's picture on a freeway billboard?*

April 10 - *Do Presbyterians really believe in "total depravity?"*

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, March 24, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 31, 4:00 p.m.

New Member Tea, the Session will receive those wishing to join

Sunday, April 7, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Service, new members introduced to the congregation

Please contact Lucy Bell Johnson in the church office, lbell@firstpresathens.org, by March 20.

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 • Children's Ministry Suite

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Christian Issues • Room 308

Study of the book, *Mark: Follow Me* by James Hoover.

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.

- February 24 - DVD, *The Old Testament*, by Amy-Jill Levine

- March 3 - Ron Bogue will speak on the history of FPC

Facilitators: Carl Bergmann, Carla Buss, Larry Jones

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, *Radical Forgiveness: God's Call to Unconditional Love* by Brian Zahnd.

Led by: Lewis Hudgins, Christine Register

W. D. Hooper • Room 309

Study of 1 Corinthians 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, & Jordan Osborne

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! TODAY: *Asking the Hard Questions* with Chuck Toney.

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: Confirmation Class will not meet today due to Closing Retreat yesterday.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

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

TONIGHT

Middle School and High School will meet together from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a Barberitos fiesta with Dr. Baer.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 24

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 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. Combined Youth Group Dinner with Dr. Baer, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 25

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday School Parent Conferences, Staff Conference Room
- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Fellowship & Evangelism Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Bicentennial 2020 Committee Meeting, Moses Waddel Room
- 5:00 p.m. Lay Callers' Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. New Life, Tuckston UMC, 4175 Lexington Rd.

Tuesday, February 26

- 9:30 a.m. Mardi Gras Mission Gala Meeting, Room 310
- 10:00 a.m. PTP Program with Ron Bogue, Moses Waddel Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Room 304
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training & Supervision, Moses Waddel Room, Rooms 308, 309, 310
- 6:00 p.m. First Friends, George's Low Country Table, 2095 S. Milledge Ave.

Wednesday, February 27

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday School Parent Conferences, Staff Conference Room
- 11:30 a.m. Bookless Book Group, Hilltop Grille, 2310 W. Broad St.
- 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 V*, Room 308
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, February 28

- 2:00 p.m. The Mellows, Highland Hills, 1660 Jennings Mill Rd., Watkinsville
- 10:00 a.m. Josephine Paine Bible Study, Staff Conference Room

Thursday, February 28 - Saturday, March 2

Core Godly Play Training

Friday, March 1

- 9:00 a.m. Mardi Gras Mission Gala Set-Up, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 3 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching

LOOKING AHEAD

March 3 - Mardi Gras Mission Gala

Youth Frozen Chosen Cup

March 6 - Ash Wednesday Dinner & Services

March 7 - Men's Softball begins

March 13 - Lenten Suppers & Study begin

April 13 - FPC Women's One-Day Retreat

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Richard Lane, Clerk of Session
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

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Joe Hermanowicz
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Judy Scanlon

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Jennifer Walden Abbott
Sandy Boyles
Michelle Clendenen-Shaw
Elizabeth Earl
Ed Ferguson
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Grace Lu
Chris Pope
Mixon Robinson
Rosemary Stancil

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Ryan Baer, *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*
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Mrs. Natalie Bishop, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Mrs. Elaine Johnson, *Director of Weekday School*
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Mrs. Nan Thomas, *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. Pavani Gadde, *Website Technician*
Ms. Jordan Osborne, *Youth Ministry*

WADDEL FELLOWS

Ms. Kathryn Kent, *Youth Ministry*
Ms. Annabel McSpadden, *Congregational Care*
Ms. Leighton Parker, *Mission & Outreach*

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