



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!

April 7, 2019
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prelude

Of the Glorious Body Telling

Charles Callahan

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Song of Gathering

Hymn 85, Stanza 1

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, and check in on Facebook.

Call to Worship

We gather to share in the gospel of Christ:
to lean on the story of God's great love.

We gather to answer the call of Christ:

to walk the road that leads to a cross.

We gather to be the body of Christ:

to serve the one who is our Head.

We gather to follow the way of Christ:

to sing praises to our God!

FPC 2nd Graders are our Communion Helpers. Bringing in the bread and cup at the 11:00 a.m. service are Sidney Doornbos and Laney Roberts.

*Hymn 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

As we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem, we find ourselves wanting to turn away: to choose glory over suffering, success over justice, comfort over peace, independence over discipleship. We want to believe that we will be loyal to Christ until the end, but we fear that we will join in the crowd shouting, "Crucify." Forgive us, God of life, for all the ways we fail to answer your call. Bind us in your love, free us by your grace, and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ once more. Amen.

The Nazi appropriation of the tune of Hymn 446 for propaganda purposes has clouded a nobler piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicates that the hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

**Those who are able may stand.*

***Congregational Response**

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

After the Introduction of New Members at the 11:00 a.m. service, children, ages Pre-K - grade 1, are invited to Children's Church with Natalie Bishop held in the Children's Chapel in the Tinsley Stern building.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***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.

Introduction of New Members

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Exodus 16:13-15, page 62

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, page 1047

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Sermon *A Tradition Unlike Any Other* Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 508** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KINGDOM

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

8:45 a.m. Offertory *Improvisation on O God Unseen* John Coble

11:00 a.m. Offertory *O God Unseen* Mark Schweizer
 O God, unseen yet ever near, thy presence may we feel;
 and thus inspired with holy fear, before thine altar kneel.
 Here may the faithful people know the blessings of thy love,
 the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.
 Thus may we all thy word obey, for we, O God, are thine;
 and go rejoicing on our way, renewed with strength divine.

***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**

The author of Hymn 508, an editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, is the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

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:"



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



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



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.

Breaking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Hymn 507

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*Benediction

The musical setting of the communion liturgy was written by American composer Hal Hopson.

8:45 a.m. – Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

11:00 a.m. – Please partake as you are served.

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

The text of Hymn 507 affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it.

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall to welcome our new members.

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***8:45 a.m. Congregational Response** Hymn 540, Stanza 4
**God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

***11:00 a.m. Choral Response** *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*
Théodore Dubois
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

***Postlude** *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* Bach circle

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, Joanne Fischetti

Acolytes

11:00 a.m. Claire Bruner, Celeste Fischetti

Lay Readers

8:45 a.m. Scott Collins

11:00 a.m. Kitty Donnan

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson (head),

Diane Hartzell, Terry Nestor

11:00 a.m. Mike Morris (head),

Allen Crowell, Phyllis Crowell, Ed Ferguson,
Pratt Ferguson, Diane Hudgins, Eve Morris

GREETERS

8:45 a.m. Carl Bergmann,

Michelle Clendenen-Shaw, Mary Peace

11:00 a.m. Kathy Bangle, Svea Bogue,

Jo Carol Nettet-Sale

RECEPTION HOSTS

Fellowship & Evangelism Commission

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Santos

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. F.H. Mendenhall by the Mendenhall family.

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.

Installation Service

The Northeast Georgia Presbytery invites you to the Installation Service of Dr. Ryan J. Baer **today at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“MAKE IT-TAKE IT” FOR PARENTS

Wednesdays in April, 12:05 - 12:45 p.m.

The Weekday School is having an artsy Lenten devotional workshop for parents! The Rev. Margaret Davis will be leading us in the Children’s Ministry Suite. RSVP by Mondays at 12:00 p.m. to wds@firstpresathens.org.

PALM SUNDAY

April 14

Everyone is invited to join the palm procession at 10:40 a.m. in the upper parking lot. The St. Andrew’s and Cherub choirs will be singing during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

IHNA HOST WEEK

April 14-21, Sign up today!

We welcome our guests starting next Sunday! A few spaces are still open. Please sign up on the calendar in the Atrium or contact Susan Boatwright and Frank Sherrill for more information at ihnafirstpresathens@gmail.com.

PRAYER STATIONS

April 15 - 20, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to spend time during Holy Week in the Tinsley Stern Building exploring prayer stations based on our five senses.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Dinner & Service, April 18, 5:45 p.m.

We will have dinner then stay in Fellowship Hall for worship, including a short drama and the Lord’s Supper. There is no charge for dinner but reservations are requested **by Monday, April 15 at 12:00 p.m.** A Nursery will be provided for infants and toddlers.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

April 19, 7:00 p.m.

This year’s community service will be hosted by Covenant Presbyterian, 1065 Gaines School Rd. It will feature prayer, Scripture, and song.

EASTER EGG HUNT & PICNIC

April 20, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at The Hill, 1800 Crescent Lane. Please bring your Easter basket, picnic basket with lunch, and blanket for your family. RSVP online or to the church office.

EASTER

**April 21, Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Brunch 9:30 a.m.**

Please join us for the celebration of the risen Christ. Instead of Sunday School we will all gather as a church family for our annual Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Lenten Suppers & Study Through April 10, 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 with the church office **by Monday at 12:00 p.m.**

Study: 6:30-7:30 p.m., “What’s the Deal with Presbyterians?” led by Dr. Ryan Baer
April 10 - Do Presbyterians really believe in “total depravity”?

The Wayne F. Middendorf Memorial Concert Series

presents

Piedmont College Singers

Dr. C. Wallace Hinson, Conductor

Sunday, April 28, 4:00 p.m.

Receptions with Ryan

Dear friends,

Our Receptions with Ryan are off to a great start! These 90-minute gatherings in homes are a wonderful way for me to get to know you in a more relaxed setting. If you haven’t signed up yet, there are still a few slots available this month and next, and a new date has been added on May 7. You can learn more and register through the church web site or call the church office.

Peace be with you,

Ryan

Sign up today online! Link at firstpresathens.org

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 Coordinator: Rita Raines

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.

- April 7 - our own class member, Margaret Orr, will share her expertise in climate change
- April 14 - representatives from the Northeast GA Homeless Veterans Shelter will speak

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 series on topics ranging from the Old Testament to Disney movies!

TODAY

We continue our 6 week Lenten series led by the Youth Team on Adam Hamilton's book/DVD study, *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*, Chapter 5.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

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

TONIGHT

Youth Presbytery-wide Dinner & Worship at the Presbyterian Student Center from 6:00-8:00, 1250 South Lumpkin Street.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
12:05 p.m. New Member Reception, Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m. PW Birthday Luncheon, Moses Waddel Room
4:00 p.m. Installation Service for Dr. Ryan Baer, FPC Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Combined Youth Group & Dinner, Presbyterian Student Center, 1250 S. Lumpkin St.

Monday, April 8

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205
6:00 p.m. Session Worship Time, Room 310
6:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Tuesday, April 9

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training & Supervision, Moses Waddel Room, Rooms 308, 309, 310

Wednesday, April 10

- 9:30 a.m. Circle 7, Staff Conference Room
11:30 a.m. Bookless Book Group, Heirloom Cafe, 815 N. Chase St.
11:55 a.m. Weekday School Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
12:05 p.m. Weekday School "Make It-Take It" for Parents, Children's Ministry Suite
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
5:00 p.m. St. Andrews Choir, Room 202
5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Lenten Study led by Dr. Ryan Baer, Moses Waddel Room
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, April 11

- 2:00 p.m. The Mellows, Bentley Adult Day Care, 135 Hoyt St.
5:30 p.m. Weekday School, "All God's Creatures," Courtyard

Saturday, April 13

- 10:00 a.m. Women's All-Day Retreat, Garden of Brita & Bill Barry, 100 Post Oak Trail

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday

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

Easter Lily Dedication

If you wish to give a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, please place your order by **Monday, April 15**. Each dedication is \$12. You may place your completed form and check in a Fellowship Pad envelope and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or contact the church at 706-543-4338 or frontdesk@firstpresathens.org with your dedications. Each dedication will be listed in the April 21 worship service bulletin.

In Memory of

In Honor of

Given by

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

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

CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
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