



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 28, 2019
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

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 *This Joyful Eastertide* Alec Wyton

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

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission *Books for Keeps*
8:45 a.m. Katie Sue Martin-Willaims
11:00 a.m. Kate Ness

Song of Gathering Hymn 119, Stanza 1
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

Call to Worship
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Blessed be the resurrecting power of God known in our Savior,
Jesus Christ!
God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.
God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.
In this we rejoice, in times of plenty and times of trial.
Let everything with life and breath praise God!

***Hymn 104** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

**Those who are able may stand.*

In commenting on the late 20th-century text of Hymn 104, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of the empty tomb, Lord of our hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.

***Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

Jacques Berthier

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - lia, al - le - lu - ia.

After passing the Peace at the 11:00 a.m. service, children, ages Pre-K - grade 2, are invited to Children's Church with Natalie Bishop held in the Children's Chapel in the Tinsley Stern building.

***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

The text of our Prayer for Illumination is from a translation of a Latin prayer attributed to Alcuin (c. 735-804). Alcuin was a counselor and cultural adviser to Charlemagne and inspired the Carolingian Renaissance. It is set here to a pentatonic shape note tune from *Southern Harmony* (1835).

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

PROSPECT

E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal hope, lift up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be my support; e - ter - nal wisdom, make me wise.

The soloist for this air from Handel's *Messiah* is Kendall Marie Kookogey.

First Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9, page 1105

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

11:00 a.m. Solo *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G.F. Handel

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

Second Lesson John 20:19-31, page 991

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Sermon

This Changes Everything

The Rev. Margaret Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 122 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 *Improvisation on JUDAS MACCABEUS* John Coble

*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 118 *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

*Benediction

* Congregational Response Hymn 119, Stanza 3

**The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious
from the dead: all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

* Postlude *Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter* James Biery

Please note, the refrain of Hymn 122 will be sung after all stanzas.

The Easter text of Hymn 122, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio Joshua and moved to Judas Maccabeus in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

The Nicene Creed was the first official doctrinal statement of the whole church. It developed from the work of the first two ecumenical councils, Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381, and was accepted as definitive by the Council of Chalcedon in 451 after two centuries of struggle to clarify the relationship of Jesus Christ to God and humanity. It is the only creed accepted and used by all three major branches of Christendom: Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant.

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

Liturgist, Ryan Baer

Acolytes

11:00 a.m. Andrew Miller, Lachlan Morris

Lay Readers

8:45 a.m. Keith Oelke

11:00 a.m. Ron Cox

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson (head),
Diane Hartzell, Terry Nestor

11:00 a.m. Mike Morris (head),
Bob Glasscock, Jacki Macker,
Joe Neighbors, Lois Neighbors,
Christine Register, Mickey Register

GREETERS

8:45 a.m. Michelle Clendenen-Shaw,
Carroll Gaillard, Faye Marshall, Mary Peace

11:00 a.m. Svea Bogue, Brenda Glasscock,
Susan Landrum, Tom Landrum, Carol McKay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Presbyterian Women, Circle 3-4

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rachel Short by Harold Short.

We welcome The Rev. Margaret Davis as our guest preacher today. Margaret and her husband Ben moved to Athens in 2014 from Huntsville, Alabama, where Margaret was the Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church. She completed degrees at Duke University and Columbia Theological Seminary. She has also served at Oconee Presbyterian Church in Watkinsville and is currently Ministry Associate at the Presbyterian Student Center at UGA. Margaret and Ben have one son, Robby.

We have a rosebud in honor of the birth of June Eliza Johnson on April 14, 2019. June is the daughter of Boone and Jenny Johnson and the granddaughter of Elaine and Tim Johnson.

We also have a rosebud in honor of the birth of Catherine Ruth Riner on April 16, 2019. Catherine is the daughter of Mary-Catherine and Michael Riner and the granddaughter of Susan and Randy Riner.

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Santos

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.

Receptions with Ryan

Dear friends,

Our Receptions with Ryan are going well! 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, **more new dates have been added: April 30, May 16, and May 23.** 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONDURAS SUMMER 2020

Informational Meeting, Today, 12:00 p.m.

Plans are underway for an intergenerational mission trip to Honduras the summer of 2020 to help celebrate our bicentennial year. Open to adults and rising 9th-12th graders. Come to Fellowship Hall to learn more; contact Kim Ness, kness@firstpresathens.org, for info.

VBS 2019 ROAR!, May 28-31

Registration Deadline May 3

Register online for Vacation Bible School. 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 Bishop, natalie@firstpresathens.org, to volunteer.

FOOD SUNDAY

May 5

On Sunday, May 5 we will collect items for the Athens-Area Emergency Food Bank. This month they request **canned salmon, ramen noodles, and hamburger helper**. Thank you for donating 400 items in April!

SCOTTISH REFORMATION SUNDAY

May 5, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Our annual celebration of our Scottish heritage at both worship services, along with recognition of local and state dignitaries at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to join the processional and recessional. If you need to borrow a kilt, please call Smith Wilson, 706-338-4646.

PROJECT SAFE WORK DAY

May 7, 10:00 a.m.

Please join our team from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. sorting clothes and other items for sale to benefit victims of domestic violence. To volunteer or for questions contact Kitty Donnan at kittydavedonnan@gmail.com. The Project Safe Thrift Store is located in the Bell's Shopping Center, 955 Hawthorne Ave.

CHURCH FAMILY PHOTO

May 19, 10:30 a.m.

As part of our Bicentennial 2020 celebration, we will gather outside the Sanctuary on the front steps for an all-church photograph! Please be part of this historic photo.

The Wayne F. Middendorf Memorial Concert Series

presents

Piedmont College Singers

Dr. C. Wallace Hinson, Conductor

Today, 4:00 p.m.

Blessing of the 5th Graders

May 12, 9:45 a.m., Children's Ministry Suite

Fifth graders and their parents are invited to meet Mrs. Natalie in the Children's Ministry Suite at 9:45 a.m. to receive a special gift and to spend a few minutes together reflecting on their Children's Ministry experience. Then plan to head downstairs to The PIT to join Mrs. Kim for a tour and short introduction to our Youth Ministry program.

For questions please contact

Natalie Bishop at natalie@firstpresathens.org or Kim Ness at kness@firstpresathens.org

Books for Keeps Book Drive

Today through June 9

2019 marks 10 years that BFK has been giving away books to Athens-area students. This year, 95,000 books will be distributed to 8,000 students at 18 elementary schools in Georgia, surpassing half-a-million books given away!

FPC has become a large supporter of Books for Keeps with our annual book drive. You can help make sure no child in our community goes a summer without great books to read. Please bring your used books to the bins in the Atrium or church office. Books of all kinds will be accepted, then sold by Books for Keeps with proceeds used to buy new children's books.

Learn more at booksforkeeps.org. Thank you!

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 28 - DVD, *The Old Testament*, by Amy-Jill Levine

- May 5 - Annual "What Shall We Have Next?" meeting for 2019-20 ideas

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!

SUNDAY EVENINGS

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

TONIGHT

End of Year High School Party, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meet in The PIT and we will take the church van to Tlaloc! No MS youth group.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, The Rev. Margaret Davis preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:05 p.m. Fellowship, Atrium
- 12:00 p.m. Honduras Summer 2020 Informational Meeting, Fellowship Hall Break Out Area
- 4:00 p.m. Wayne F. Middendorf Memorial Concert Series presents Piedmont College Singers
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group End of Year Party, Meet in The PIT

Monday, April 29

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Lay Callers' Meeting, Room 301
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205

Tuesday, April 30 - Church Office Closed for Staff Planning Day

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Planning Retreat
- 10:00 a.m. PTP Trip to Botanical Garden, 2450 S. Milledge Ave.

Wednesday, May 1

- 11:55 a.m. Weekday School Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 12:00 p.m. Our Daily Bread, First Baptist Church, 355 Pulaski St.
- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 4:00 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310
- 5:15 p.m. Education & Discipleship Commission Meeting, The PIT
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. Josephine Paine Bible Study, Staff Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Care Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. The Mellows, Quiet Oaks Nursing Home, 125 Quiet Oak Dr., Crawford
- 6:30 p.m. IHNA Training, IHNA Day Center, First Baptist Church, 355 Pulaski St.

Sunday, May 5 - Scottish Reformation Sunday, Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

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

LOOKING AHEAD

May 7 - Project Safe Work Day

May 8 & 22 - Bookless Book Group

May 12 - High School Graduate Recognition

Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia

Blessing of the 5th Graders

May 16, May 23 (New Dates!) - Receptions with Ryan

May 26 - Summer Schedule begins: 10:00 a.m. Worship, No Sunday School

May 28-31 - Vacation Bible School

Weekend Retreat at Montreat Women's Connection Conference "The Greatest of These Is Love"

Friday, August 9 - Sunday, August 11

Keynote speaker will be civil rights activist, faith leader, and founder of the Revolutionary Love Project, Valarie Kaur with special guest artist Amy Grant. Register for the Women's Connection Conference on the Montreat website. Conference cost is \$236 until June 28.

FPC has reserved use of the Georgia Lodge at beautiful Montreat. Cost for two nights at the Georgia Lodge is \$60. Meals are extra. Please register on the FPC website by June 28 to stay with FPC friends at the Georgia Lodge.

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 |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Robbie Bryan | Jeff Bangle | Jennifer Walden Abbott |
| Greta Terrell Covington | Meghan Bawcum | Sandy Boyles |
| DeeAnn Cox | Bob Burton | Michelle Clendenen-Shaw |
| Bob Glasscock | Julie Hayes | Elizabeth Earl |
| Mary Havick | Sydney Jackson | Ed Ferguson |
| Joe Hermanowicz | Avery McLean | Rob Haire |
| Richard Lane | Jeanne Nadenicek | Grace Lu |
| Mary Peace | Carl Nichols | Chris Pope |
| Lawton Stephens | Tom Reigle | Mixon Robinson |
| Dan Trier | Judy Scanlon | Rosemary Stancil |

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Kipp, *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*
Mrs. Nan Thomas, *Communications Specialist*
Mrs. Jennifer Sunderlin, *Receptionist/Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Laura McHugh, *Accountant*
Mrs. Tiffany Greene, *Weekday School Administrative Assistant*
Ms. Rita Raines, *Nursery Coordinator*
Mrs. Charlotte Chromiak, *Children's Music Assistant*
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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