



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!

May 5, 2019
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Scottish Reformation 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.

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

Bagpipe Prelude

***Procession** Highland Cathedral Traditional piping tune

***Hymn 420** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

Greeting Psalm 118:24

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

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

Call to Worship

Come to worship the One who heals us:

who opens our eyes to the goodness of God's world.

Come to worship the One who frees us:

who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.

Come to worship the One who calls us:

who offers us life and showers us with grace.

FPC 2nd Graders are our Communion Helpers. Bringing in the bread and cup at the 11:00 a.m. service are Mary Ann Jones and Ellie Pope.

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

11:00 a.m. Introduction of Honored Guests

Prayer for Elected and Appointed Officials

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of surprises, forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger, the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need. Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories that we forget the truth of the Easter story. Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act, quick to speak and slow to listen, quick to fear and slow to care. Break into our lives, and grant us the faith to recognize you.

Hymn 420 was used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 and was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor. It has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

**Those who are able may stand.*

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 1, are invited to Children's Church with Natalie Bishop held in the Children's Chapel in the Tinsley Stern building.

The anthem is the text of the Gloria in excelsis Deo, in English, set to the Scottish tune "Leaving of Lismore" by George Bayley (1927-2016). Bayley was an organist and church musician who specialized in arranging Scottish and Celtic music.

Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*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 396, Stanza 1

**O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!**

First Lesson

Psalm 34:4-10, page 497

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

11:00 a.m. Anthem

To God Be the Glory

Scottish Tune: *Leaving of Lismore*

arranged by George Bayley

To God, be the glory, all glory in the highest
and peace to God's people who dwell here below.
Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our Sovereign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow.
We worship and adore you, we bow before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise.
All glory and honor and glad adoration
to God in the highest hosanna and praise.
Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father,
we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb.
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,
have mercy upon us, the Great I Am.
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One.
All glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit,
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.

Second Lesson

John 21:1-14, page 991

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

Sermon

The Breakfast Meeting

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 172 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
Timothy Cummings

*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

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.

Eternal God, holy and mighty....

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 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Recession *Scotland the Brave* Traditional piping tune

Following 11:00 a.m. worship, all are invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall to welcome our honored guests.

No psalm has inspired more hymn settings than the 23rd, and Watts' development of the house of heaven in Hymn 172 includes an inspired conclusion not found in the psalm itself: "No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home." The tune RESIGNATION is from Southern Harmony – an 1835 collection of folk hymns from the southern Appalachian mountains.

All are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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.

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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.

Scottish Reformation Worship Procession

Mr. Henry Frantz, Jr., Great Highland Bagpipes
Scottish and Tartan Flag Bearers

Mr. Lee Epting, Beadle
Chancel Choir

Dr. Richard Lane, Clerk of Session

Clergy: Dr. Ryan Baer, Dr. Carol Strickland, and Dr. John Kipp
Dr. Stu Ritter, Stated Clerk, Northeast Georgia Presbytery

Elected and Appointed Government Officials

The Honorable Bill Cowsert, State Senator, District 46

The Honorable Frank Ginn, State Senator, District 47

Ms. Toni Meadow, Tax Commissioner

Mr. Ken Mauldin, District Attorney

The Honorable Steve Jones, Judge, United States District Court

The Honorable Ethelyn Simpson, Chief Judge, State Court

The Honorable Eric Norris, Superior Court Judge

The Honorable Lisa Lott, Superior Court Judge

The Honorable Lawton E. Stephens, Superior Court Judge

The Honorable Patricia Barron, Chief Magistrate Court Judge

The Honorable Ryan Hope, Municipal Court Judge

The Honorable Dodd Ferrelle, Mayor of Winterville

Ms. Beverly Logan, Clerk of Superior & State Courts

Commissioner Jerry NeSmith, District 6

Commissioner Andy Herod, District 8

Commissioner Ovita Thornton, District 9

Dr. Demond Means, Superintendent, Clarke County School District

Ms. Linda E. Davis, Board of Education Member, District 3

Mr. Jared Ruiz Bybee, Board of Education Member, District 4

Dr. Kara Dyckman, Board of Education Member, District 5

Dr. John Knox, Board of Education Member, District 8

An Invitation for Fellowship

If after Kirk ye bide a wee,
there's some wad like to speak with ye.

If after Kirk ye rise and flee,
we'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.

The one that's in the seat with ye
is stranger here than ye, maybe.

All here ha'e got their fears and cares.

An ye your soul unto our pryers.

Be ye our angel unawares.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist

Carol Strickland, Lachlan Morris

Acolytes

11:00 a.m. Jimmy Bishop, Teninait Ness

Lay Readers

8:45 a.m. Bill Woolbright

11:00 a.m. Margaret Johansen

USHERS

8:45 a.m. Mac Corry (head),
Don Lowe, Jo Anne Lowe

11:00 a.m. Allen Crowell (head),
Judy Burch, David Cole, Phyllis Crowell,
Jerris Hayes, Jacki Macker

GREETERS

8:45 a.m. Carla Buss, Diane Hartzell,
Terry Nestor

11:00 a.m. Sydney Jackson, Melinda Miller,
Carey Walden, John Walden

RECEPTION HOST

Lee Epting

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Virginia & Rudy White by Larry & Louise White and Bob & Laura White.

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: 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

Summer Schedule

May 19 will be our last Sunday with two services. Over the Memorial Day weekend,

May 26, we will go to our summer schedule of one service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School will not meet over the summer.

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.

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

- May 12 - DVD, *The Old Testament, by Amy-Jill Levine or The Other Side of History*

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 Middle School Party, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Meet at RUSH at 6:00 p.m. and pick up at Krispy Kreme at 7:30 p.m. No HS youth group.

THIS WEEK

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

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:05 p.m. Fellowship@First: Scottish Reformation Reception, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. St. Andrews Choir, Room 202
- 4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir, Room 203
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group End of Year Party, Rush, 10 Huntington Road

Monday, May 6

- 10:00 a.m. Circle 2, Home of Betty Shuford, 1355 Timothy Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205

Tuesday, May 7

- 10:00 a.m. Project Safe Work Day, Bell's Shopping Center, 955 Hawthorne Ave.
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Room 304
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 6, Home of Ann Dunn, 425 Southview Dr.

Wednesday, May 8

- 9:30 a.m. Circle 7, Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Bookless Book Group, Peking, 2725 Atlanta Hwy.
- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 4:00 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group Study Break, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, 196 Alps Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. VBS Meeting, Children's Ministry Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, May 9

- 10:30 a.m. Weekday School Pre-K Graduation, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. The Mellows, Talmadge Terrace, 801 Riverhill Dr.
- 5:30 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Friday, May 10

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Last Day of School

Sunday, May 12

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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 22 - Bookless Book Group

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

May 28-31 - Vacation Bible School

Sundays, June 2-23 - History of the Church by Ron Bogue

June 5 - Weekday School Wonderful Wednesdays begin

June 9 - Pentecost - Wear Red!

- Pentecost Offering
- Books for Keeps Book Drive dropoff deadline

June 9-15 - Youth Mission Trip to Heifer Ranch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

May 12

Make a life-changing difference in the lives of mothers and others who need your help. On Mother's Day we will join more than 200 Presbyterian churches in Georgia in support of the Caring Hands Fund for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help to provide much needed care and services for more than 400 older residents (mostly widows) of Presbyterian Homes who have outlived their financial resources. Thank you for your generosity.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

May 12, 11:00 a.m.

On May 12, we will celebrate our high school graduates at 11:00 a.m. worship with a blessing and laying on of hands of our high school seniors followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

We would like to honor our college graduates in the June/July issue of our *Columns* newsletter. To recognize someone, please send their name, school, degree, future plans, and a picture to Nan Thomas, nan@firstpresathens.org, by June 3.

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.

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 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!

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.