



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!

June 1, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Seventh 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.

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

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

Prelude

Trumpet Tune in C

David Lasky

Words of Welcome

Moment for Mission

Pentecost Offering

Paul Lee

Song of Gathering

LLANFAIR

**O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.**

Call to Worship

We are all children of God.

No one is excluded.

We are all children of God,

And therefore Abraham's children.

We are all children of God.

Let us love one another as siblings in Christ.

*Hymn insert

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**God of new life, we live as though you are still in the grave.
We do not rejoice in the good news of liberation for all people
without exception. We continue to sin against you and our
neighbors by our actions and our failure to act. Shake us out
of our complacency, cleanse our hearts of selfishness, and
make us joyful participants in the work of bringing about
your reign in the world today.**

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

**Those who are able please stand.*

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram (firstpresathensga).

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly was written by a United Church of Canada minister while she walked on the beach after learning about shape note hymnody at a conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The text was created specifically for this tune.

At “The Peace,” worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

All children are invited to remain in worship on Sunday mornings with family during the summer months.

Lay Reader:
Jean Martin-Williams

Song of Zechariah is a 20th-century British paraphrase that broadens the implications of the words of John the Baptist’s father, to affirm that God’s work is ongoing. The tune is named for the composer’s older sister and first piano teacher.

Scholars debate whether this powerfully poetic text is an early Christian hymn which Paul is quoting or his own composition. It is one of the best-known and most influential passages in the Pauline corpus.



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*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.

Commissioning of Participants to Montreat Youth Conference

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 Luke 1:68-79, page 934

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

Second Lesson Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29, page 1062

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Sermon

One in Christ

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 602

Song of Zechariah

MERLE’S TUNE

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

*Doxology

Hymn 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; (cont.)

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

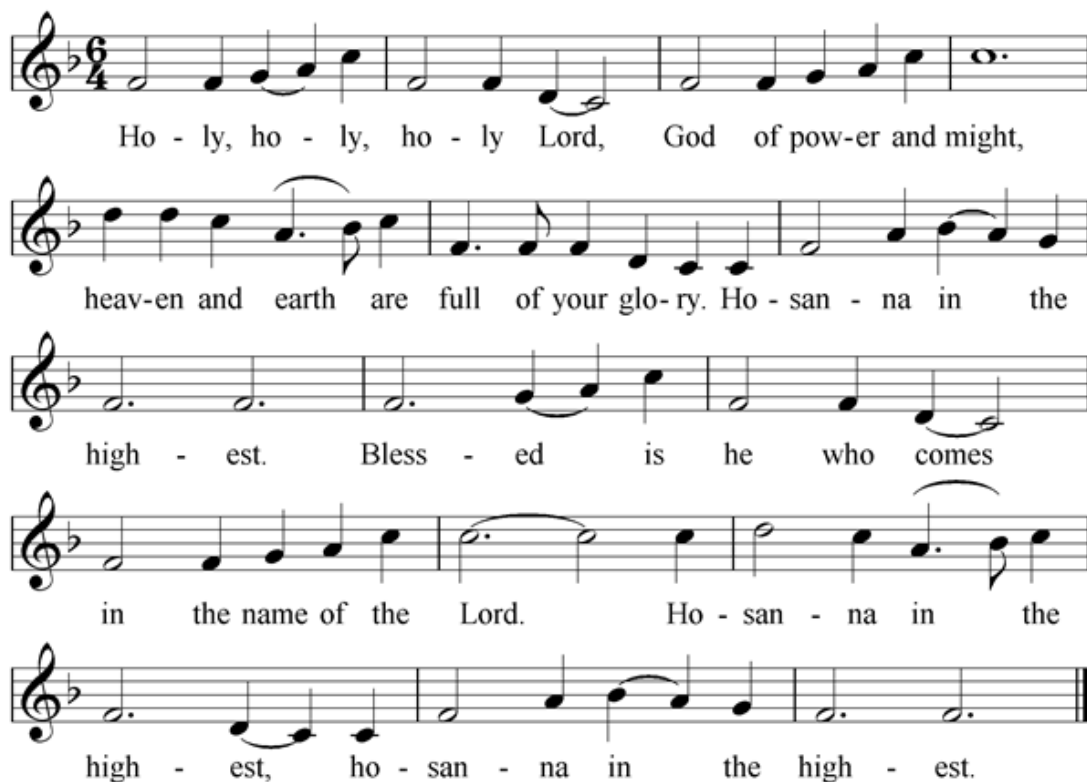
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

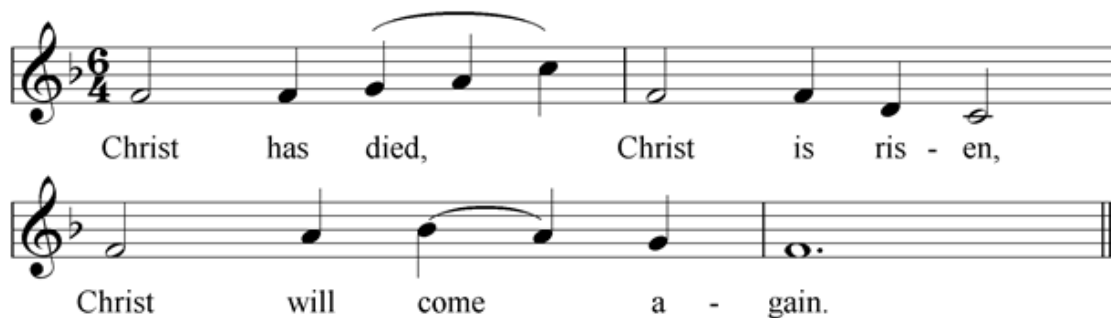
The musical setting of the communion liturgy is based on the American folk hymn LAND OF REST, arranged by American composer Richard Proulx.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain.

The Great Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.

In Christ There Is No East or West is enhanced in inclusiveness when paired with this African-American spiritual tune. This 1940 pairing was the first use of African-American music in a mainline North American hymnal.

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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 440	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	MCKEE
*Charge and Benediction		
*Congregational Response	AR HYD Y NOS	
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.		
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.		
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;		
here my tender comfort stilled you.		
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.		
Postlude	<i>Fanfare on “McKee”</i>	Charles Callahan

Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., are located next to the Children’s Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

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.

Pentecost Offering, June 8

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. By donating to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

This year, your Mission and Outreach Commission has selected the Clarke County Mentor Program (CCMP) to receive a portion of the Pentecost offering (40%). Their mission is “to recruit, train, and support community volunteers to mentor Clarke County School District children in order to help them reach their full potential.” Starting with a group of only 30 people in 1991, today CCMP serves hundreds of children in Athens-Clarke County with mentors from our local community and the University of Georgia. The remaining 60% is used to support children at risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Please mail your check to the church office, or go to our website firstpresathens.org/giving, then select “Pentecost Offer” under “Select a Fund.” Thank you for your generosity!

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*

Mrs. Martha Clay, *Guest Organist*

Lay Reader

Jean Martin-Williams

USHERS

John Simpson (head), Larry Baer, Mary Peace

GREETER

Svea Bogue

JUNE FLOWER TEAM

Tootsie Adams, Susan Banister, Page Pate

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennifer Poole, who faithfully shared her time and talent as a member of the flower ministry and whose unique creations enhanced the beauty of the church sanctuary. Given by the Flower Committee.

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Justin Winstanley

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium, on Facebook, and YouTube.

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 1 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Depart for Montreat Youth Conference (return June 7)
- 6:00 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Monday, June 2

- 11:00 a.m. Everybody Hurts: Aging Team Planning Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Tuesday, June 3

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 6, Home of Anne Dunn

Wednesday, June 4

- 8:00 a.m. WDS Wonderful Wednesday, WDS
- 11:30 a.m. Our Daily Bread Lunch, First Baptist Church
- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Cooking Classes, Fellowship Hall Breakout Area

Thursday, June 5

- 9:30 a.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Cooking Classes, Fellowship Hall Breakout Area

Sunday, June 8 - Day of Pentecost

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Mission & Outreach Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 11:30 a.m. Generosity Team Meeting, Moses Waddel Room
- 6:00 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

“Everybody Hurts (Sometimes)”

For three Sundays in June, the Congregational Care Commission will be offering a 3-week series called “Everybody Hurts (Sometimes)”. This series is back-by-popular-demand and will focus on three unique areas of human experience that are painful and challenging – we will hear personal stories, professional perspectives, and offer resources for continued healing.

The topics this year are: Suicide Prevention (June 15), Caregiving (June 22), and Aging (June 29). We will meet in the Moses Waddel Room from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each of those weeks, and light breakfast items will be available. Please reach out to Whitney (whitney@firstpresathens.org) with any questions -- we hope you will plan to join us for these important conversations.

Come to the Well: Exploring God’s Love Through Stories of Water

Save the date for our intergenerational VBS! All ages are welcome – there will be activities for kids, youth, and adults! Dates are July 13-16, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner is provided. The cost is \$25 per person to help provide materials and resources for our mission projects throughout the week. Payment can be made via our website (firstpresathens.org/giving, please select “VBS Fund” under “select a fund”) or mailed to the church office. You are invited to come to the well – all are welcome!

Please register at tinyurl.com/2025cometothewell. Questions? Contact Hannah Knight, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at hannah@firstpresathens.org.

We need volunteers! If you can help us with art, recreation, worship, dinner, check-in/out, leading our littlest ones, or other tasks as needed, we’d be so grateful! Please visit tinyurl.com/FPCVBS25 to sign up.

Summer Fellowship Outings

Summer is here! We hope you’ll plan to join us for some (or all!) of these fun fellowship outings. Each of these is open to anyone who would like to attend – all ages and stages of our church family! Please RSVP to Whitney (whitney@firstpresathens.org) so we can keep a headcount and feel free to reach out with questions.

Tuesday, June 3 at 8:00 a.m. Morning Walk at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia
Meet outside the Visitors Center. Please contact Shannon Ferguson if you plan to join (shannonferguson828@gmail.com).

Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m. Downtown Dinner, Ted’s Most Best (254 W. Washington St.)
Bring the whole family and head downtown for food, drink, and fun!

Saturday June 21 at 9:00 a.m. Kayaking on the Broad River
\$35 per person. Please e-mail Whitney to sign up *by June 16*.

Saturday, June 28 at 8:30 a.m. Biking on the Greenway
Bikers (all ages and abilities welcome!) can meet at the Sandy Creek Nature Center parking lot (205 Old Commerce Road). Bring your own bike, helmet, and water bottle.
Please contact Karen Phillips if you plan to join at shutterstitch@gmail.com.

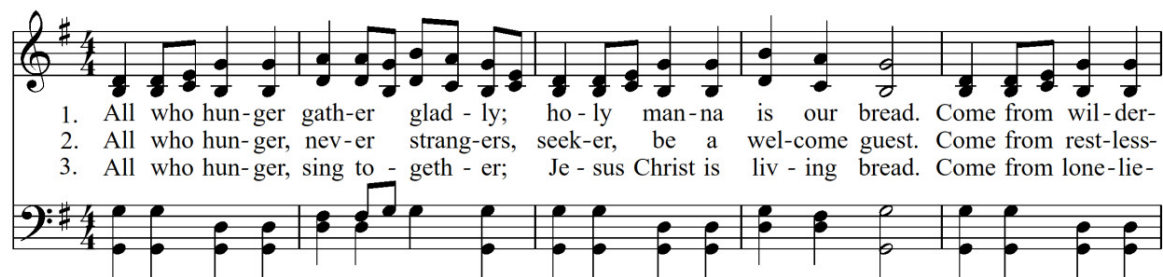
Saturday, July 19 at 6:05 p.m. Gwinnett Stripers v. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp (Triple-A baseball), Coolray Field (Lawrenceville, GA)
\$15 per person. Please e-mail Whitney *by July 1* to claim your spot!

Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m. Downtown Dinner, Creature Comforts Brewing Company (271 W. Hancock Ave)
Food truck, beverages (including n/a), and fun for everyone!

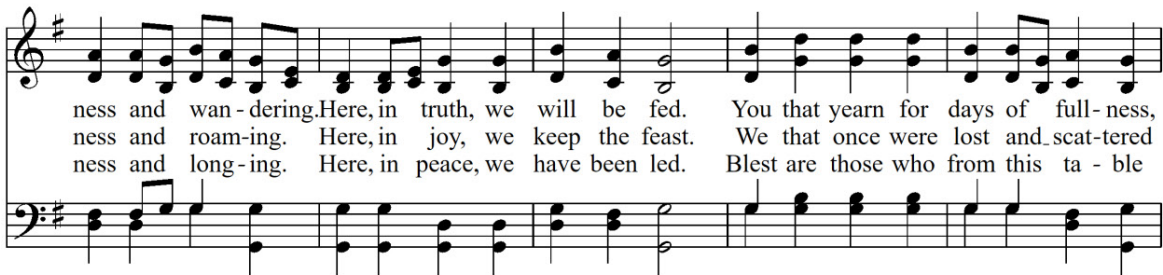
Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. Trivia at Mellow Mushroom (320 E. Clayton St)
Bring your knowledge and competitive spirit for team trivia!

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

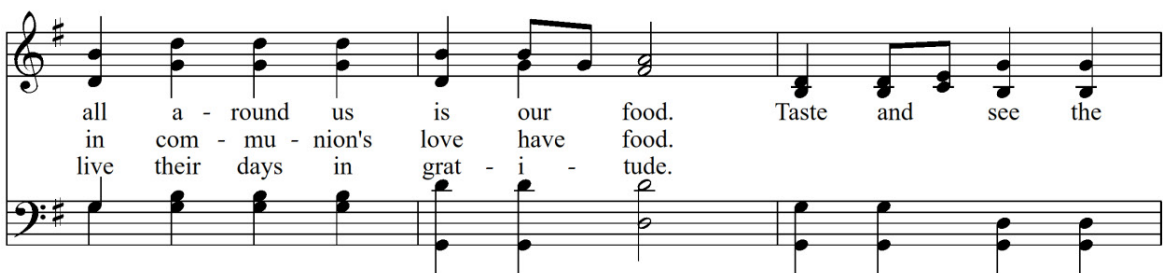
HOLY MANNA



1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread. Come from wil-der-
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth- er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread. Come from lone-lie-



ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of full-ness,
 ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scat-tered
 ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this ta-ble



all a-round us is our food. Taste and see the
 in com-mu-nion's love have food.
 live their days in grat-i-tude.



grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990

MUSIC: William Moore's *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

Song of Zechariah

Benedictus

MERLE'S TUNE 7.6.7.6 D

Michael A. Perry, 1973

Hal H. Hopson, 1983

1. Blest be the God of Is - rael, Who comes to set us free;
 2. God from the house of Da - vid A child of grace has given;
 3. On those who sit in dark - ness The sun be - gins to rise,

Who vis - its and re - deems us, Who grants us lib - er - ty.
 A Sav - ior comes a - mong us To raise us up to heaven.
 The dawn - ing of for - give - ness Up - on the sin - ner's eyes.

The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, Of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore Him goes the her - ald, Fore - run - ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil - grims A - long the paths of peace.

God shall ful - fill that prom - ise And bring the peo - ple peace.
 The proph - et of sal - va - tion, The har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior With songs that nev - er cease!

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE CM

African-American spiritual
Jubilee Songs, 1884

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

C G C F B $\flat$ F C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu - nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

Am C Am C G7 C G7 C F C Am C G7. C

But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 His ser - vice is the gold-en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man-kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God Are sure - ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a four-part setting of the spiritual 'In Christ There Is No East or West'. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a treble and bass staff for each of the four parts. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a part of the setting. The first line of lyrics is followed by a musical phrase, then the second line, and so on. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the bass staff.

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