



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 7, 2026
10:00 a.m.

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

Agnus Dei

Craig Phillips

Words of Welcome

Song of Gathering

HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Call to Worship

Come and meet the living God -

for God has promised to meet us here.

Come and enter the mystery

and get a glimpse of the life-changing glory.

Come and know the fullness of God's truth

and to be fully known.

***Hymn 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We come to you, O God, relying on your grace, trusting your enduring love, for we want to be where you are. But we also confess that we have made mistakes, we have abandoned your way, we have relied on ourselves and our ingenuity and our perseverance rather than on your promise. We have been stubborn and hard-hearted, refusing to turn your word into our action. We lament the consequences we must bear from previous generations' choices, yet think nothing of what we leave for the future to manage. In the midst of the mess we have made, you see us, even when we create complicated new ways to hide. So we pray you would forgive us, and renew our relationship with you that in turn our relationships with one another might also be renewed. Forgive us, and hold us close in your faithfulness. Forgive us, and stay with us. We ask in your most holy name.

**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).

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, a well-known 18th century Welsh hymn, was paired with this popular tune in the early 20th century. The text is a hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scriptures.

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:
Joan Pinson

The author of *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*, editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was a prominent American hymn scholar in the early 20th century. The language in this hymn echoes early hymns of the church and expresses deep faith.

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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*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

David Ogden



*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

**Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

First Lesson Psalm 99, page 540

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

Second Lesson Exodus 33:1-23; 34:1-9, page 78

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Sermon

Disputing with God: Repairing the Breach

The Rev. Margaret Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

*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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Roland E. Martin

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.
Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! **(cont.)**

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

***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

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...

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.

The offertory anthem is a familiar hymn paired with an accompaniment based on Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G* for solo cello, in an arrangement by contemporary American composer Roland E. Martin.

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

The author of *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* indicated that the hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21, with allusions to several other passages. It is paired with a tune by Franz Joesph Haydn, which may be based on a Croatian folk song.

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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 446** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN
***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 *Praeludium in G* Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

FPC History Book Club
Led by Ron Bogue, Richard Lane, and Smith Wilson
June 7, 14, 21 from 11:15-12:15

Friends of all ages and stages are invited to join us for our special summer Sunday School class focusing on the history of our First Presbyterian Church of Athens congregation and building. We will meet for 3 consecutive weeks in June, following the 10:00 service. Details for each week can be found below:

June 7 – Gather in Moses Waddel Room – Light refreshments will be served as presenters share about the church’s original 1828 building and other UGA campus spaces utilized by the first FPC members. Later in the hour, we will venture around our current building to discuss renovations and additions that make up our current space.

June 14 – Gather in the Sanctuary for a special session that will focus on this sacred space and its rich history.

June 21 – For our third and final session, we’ll be back in Moses Waddel Room to answer any burning questions and to draw some connections between the saints of our congregation and those we remember as we prepare to commemorate USA’s 250th year. Bring your queries and wonderings from your own reading of the FPC History Book!

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Magaret Davis, *Parish Associate*
The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader

Joan Pinson

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon, John Simpson, Larry Baer

JUNE FLOWER TEAM

Tootsie Adams, Susan Banister,
Lucy Bell Johnson, Page Pate

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God. We have a rosebud in honor of the birth of Ruth Glenn Underwood on May 8, 2026. Parents are Caroline and Evan Underwood. Grandparents are Denise and Jimbo LaBoon.

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.

Summer Choir

If you've ever wondered what it's like to sing in the choir, but have never done so, this may be a chance to give choir a "test drive." If you would like to sing but can't make the commitment to Wednesday night rehearsals during the regular season, this is the time to join the choir. Beginning Sunday, **May 24 through August 16**, we will meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Singers may join for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. There is no obligation, but we do hope some will decide they enjoy singing in the choir enough to continue in the fall. Although this choir is made up mostly of adults, youth and children are also welcome. For more information, contact John Coble at jcoble@firstpresathens.org.

Come to the Party: God's Love For Us is a Reason to Celebrate!

Save the date for our intergenerational VBS! All ages are welcome - there will be activities for kids, youth, and adults! Dates are **July 12-15, 5:00-7:30 p.m.** Dinner is provided. The cost is \$30 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 join the party - all are welcome!

Please register at tinyurl.com/vbsparty2026. Questions? Contact Hannah Knight, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at hannah@firstpresathens.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 7 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, The Rev. Margaret Davis preaching
- 11:15 a.m. FPC History Book Club Sunday School, Moses Waddel Room
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Depart for Montreat Youth Conference (*return June 13*)

Monday, June 8

- 8:00 a.m. WDS Camp, WDS
- 6:00 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Tuesday, June 9

- 8:00 a.m. WDS Camp, WDS
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Wednesday, June 10

- 8:00 a.m. WDS Camp, WDS

Thursday, June 11

- 8:00 a.m. WDS Camp, WDS
- 5:30 p.m. Administration Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Sunday, June 14

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching
- 11:15 a.m. FPC History Book Club Sunday School, Sanctuary

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.

Sunday, June 14 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bluegrass Jam at Authentic Brewing (108 Park Ave.)

Come enjoy some bluegrass music (and bring your instruments to join in!) with local folk musicians.

Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. Watch a World Cup Match - Scotland vs. Brazil at Paloma Park (235 W. Washington St)

Pick a team and get ready to cheer them on through the World Cup!

Saturday, June 27 at 9:00 a.m. Kayaking on the Broad River

\$35 per person. Please e-mail Whitney to sign up *by June 22*.

Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. Bingo and Ice Cream at FPC

Come cool off in the Fellowship Hall with some ice cream and friendly competition for fun prizes!

Saturday, July 25 at 6:05 p.m. Gwinnett Stripers v. Iowa Cubs (Triple-A baseball), Coolray Field (Lawrenceville, GA)

\$15 per person. Please e-mail Whitney *by July 20* to claim your spot!

Wednesday, July 29 at 5:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Creature Comforts Brewing Company (271 W. Hancock Ave)

Peruse local vendors at the Athens Farmers' Market and enjoy a beverage and a bite with friends!

Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. Downtown Dinner, Ted's Most Best (254 W. Washington St.)

Bring the whole family and head downtown for food, drink, and fun!

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struction, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

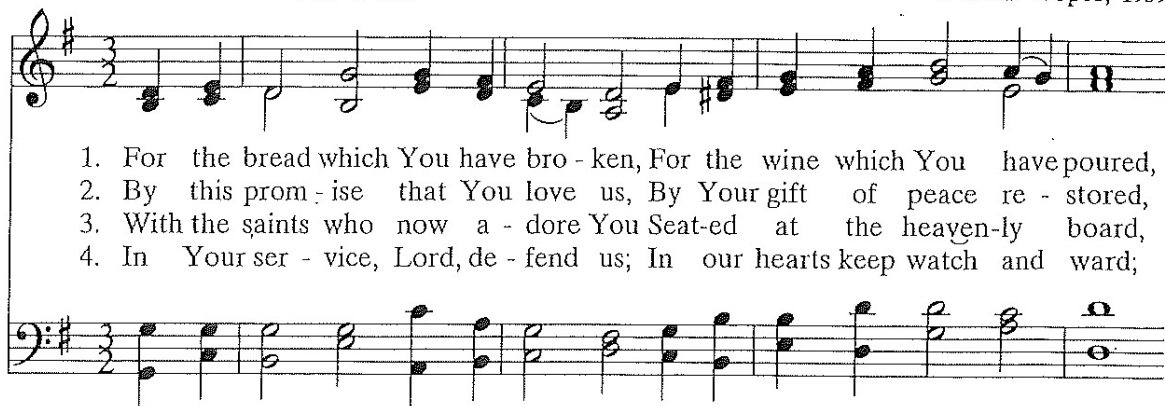
Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

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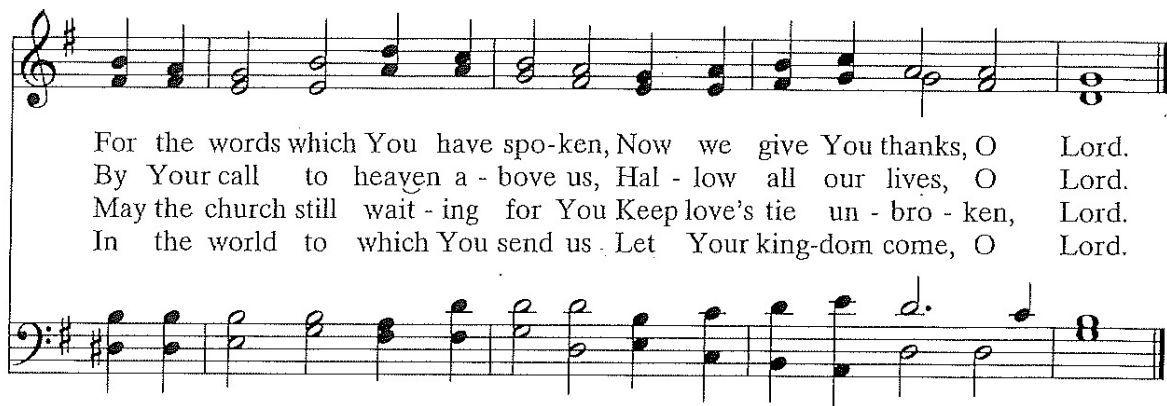
KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

V. Earle Copes, 1959



1. For the bread which You have bro - ken, For the wine which You have poured,
2. By this prom - ise that You love us, By Your gift of peace re - stored,
3. With the saints who now a - dore You Seat - ed at the heav - en - ly board,
4. In Your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;



For the words which You have spo - ken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.
By Your call to heav - en a - bove us, Hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
May the church still wait - ing for You Keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
In the world to which You send us Let Your king - dom come, O Lord.

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AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

John Newton, 1779; alt.

Descant

3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and

fire ap - pear For a glo - ry

of our God; God, whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a

cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near.

bro - ken, Formed thee for a blest a - bode.
daugh - ters And all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near.

Thus de - riv - ing light by night and

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, What can shake thy
 Who can faint while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner Light by night and

shade by day, Safe they feed on

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst to as - suage? Grace, which like the Lord the
 shade by day, Safe they feed up - on the

man - na Which God gives them when they pray.

round - ed, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na Which God gives them when they pray.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Senior Pastor Pat Waldrip, Clerk of Session
Whitney Booth Lockard, Associate Pastor

CLASS OF 2027

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Tom Lane
Joan Pinson
Paige Simmons

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