

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 16, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Trinity 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.*

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.

Prelude

NICEA

Piet Post

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

A Time for Children

Song of Gathering

Hymn 483, Stanza 1

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!



Over the summer, the children will be learning about different parts of worship. The children are invited forward where they find the church mouse.

Call to Worship

Because from the beginning God has been faithful,
we aim to serve God with lives of faithfulness.
Because in the Trinity God patterned community,
we bring our lives together in this church.
Because God's prophets stood up for justice,
we join our voices to witness for peace.
Because God has showered us with love,
we gather to worship God.

Much of the imagery of Hymn 138 comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

*Hymn 138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICEA

* *Those who are able may stand.*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

We know that you are a God of abundance, and yet often we have been a people of scarcity. You have showered us with reasons for praise, but we have not always shared your gifts with the world. You have granted us opportunities for love, and we have responded with cold indifference. You have given us chances to be transformed, and we have fallen into old, selfish habits. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Empower us to know the depth of your grace. Move us to respond with lives of faithfulness, until our every movement is an act of praise, our every word a song of thanksgiving, and our every breath a prayer: alleluia.

***Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

Hymn 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***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.

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

Children's Church will not meet over the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 321, Stanza 1

**Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

First Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20, page 911

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

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Riches I need not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Second Lesson

Psalm 139:1-18, page 566

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

Sermon

I Am Still With You

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 434 *Today, We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

*Affirmation of Faith Excerpts from *The Confession of 1967*

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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 *NICEA* Calvin Hampton

*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 429 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Benediction

*Congregational Response SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in C* Bach circle

Hymn 434 places stewardship in the context of faithful witness. It was written by H. Kenn Carmichael, a retired Presbyterian minister, to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

In approving the Confession of 1967, the United Presbyterian Church in the USA adopted its first new confession of faith in three centuries. It is built around a single passage of Scripture: "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself . . ." (2 Cor. 5:19, NRSV) and addresses the church's role in the modern world.

United by the refrain after each stanza, Hymn 429 relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

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 9:00 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.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader

Paul Lee

USHERS

John Simpson (head),
Carl Bergmann, Jim Dove, Randy Dudley,
Diane Hartzell, Joe Neighbors

FELLOWSHIP HOST

Madeline Van Dyck

GREETERS

Susan Landrum, Tom Landrum, Faye Marshall

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Santos

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Michael Peace, by Mary Peace.

Ten Commandments Sermon Series

According to a 2007 study, more Americans can name the seven ingredients in a Big Mac and the eight members of the family on TV's "The Brady Bunch" than can name the Ten Commandments. On June 23, we're kicking off a summer sermon series entitled "Words to Live By: The Ten Commandments." Each week, we'll be examining one of the commandments and thinking critically about how it applies to our lives today.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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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*
Mr. Paulo Santos, *Communications Specialist*
Mrs. Jennifer Sunderlin, *Receptionist/Admin. Assistant*
Mrs. Laura McHugh, *Accountant*
Mrs. Tiffany Greene, *Weekday School Admin. Assistant*
Ms. Rita Raines, *Nursery Coordinator*
Mrs. Charlotte Chromiak, *Children's Music Assistant*
Mrs. Madeline Van Dyck, *Parish Nurse*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:05 a.m. Fellowship, Atrium
- 11:30 a.m. History of the Church by Ron Bogue, Part 3, Moses Waddel Room

Tuesday, June 18

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room

Wednesday, June 19

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday
- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 4:00 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310

Thursday, June 20

- 9:00 a.m. Program Staff Meeting, Pastor's Conference Room

Sunday, June 23

- 10:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching

LOOKING AHEAD

June 23 - History of the Church by Ron Bogue, Part 4

June 23-29 - Montreat Worship & Music Conference

June 26 - Bookless Book Group

July 7 - Food Sunday

July 8-11 - Weekday School Camp

July 10 & 24 - Bookless Book Group

July 21-27 - Montreat Youth Conference

July 28 - Senior Adult Sunday

Summer Schedule

Sunday School and Children's Church will not meet over the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship. Watch for the church mouse in your bulletin each Sunday with "A Time for Children."



Summer Office Hours

The church office will close at 2:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons through July 26. Our office hours are: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday. If you need assistance after hours, please call the church office to reach the pastor on call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH WITH RON BOGUE

Sundays, June 16 and 23, Part 3 Today!

Everyone is invited to the Moses Waddel Room after worship at 11:30 a.m. Sundays through June 23 for Ron Bogue's popular series on the history of FPC.

BOOK DRIVE UPDATE

Three car loads of books were donated in support of BFK's mission to help children in our community keep reading all summer long. Thanks so much!

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you for generously giving \$1,644 to the Caring Hands Fund for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. You have made a difference in the lives of older residents who have outlived their financial resources.

PENTECOST OFFERING UPDATE

Your gifts of \$724 will help the church develop and support its youth and also address the needs of at-risk children. Sixty percent will go to support our denomination's Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program, national youth ministries, and child advocacy. Forty percent will stay locally to provide scholarships for the Barrow Elementary After-School program. Thank you!

SUMMER CHOIR

All interested singers are invited to join us in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Our Chancel Choir will be the foundation of this group. Singers may join us for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. Adults, youth, and children are all welcome.

Seeking New Stephen Ministers

Are you a compassionate person willing to walk alongside others going through difficult times? Consider joining our next class of Stephen Ministers. Applications are in the Atrium, church office, and on the FPC website. The next class will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning August 20. Apply by July 15.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Isaac Toney to Preach

We will welcome Isaac Toney back as our guest preacher on Sunday, June 30. Isaac is currently seeking his first call after graduating from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta with a Master of Divinity. Prior to this, he graduated in May 2016 from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where he studied history and religion with a focus in Christian ethics. Isaac grew up and was confirmed in our church and is the son of Chuck and Laura Toney.

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.