

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 23, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Craig Phillips

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

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!**

Call to Worship

How mighty is the God we worship,
that even the demons know Christ's name and the depth of his healing power.

How holy is the God we worship,
that we would compare God's grace to water, God's love to flowing streams.

How loving is the God we worship,
that we find ourselves united in Christ: one faith, one Lord, one baptism.

Let us worship God.

A Time for Children

*Hymn 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

* Those who are able may stand.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you, O God. When we are parched and weak, fill us with the waters of your grace. When we are starving and stumbling, feed us with the bread of life. You call us to be your servants, but we have wandered away from your call. Forgive us, God of life, and fill us with your love.

***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.

**MONTREAT
WORSHIP
& MUSIC
PARTICIPANTS**

YOUTH

Chiara Bono
Logan Bono
Emily Gaskill
Declan Wilder
James Williams

ADULTS

Ryan Baer
Charlotte Chromiak
John Coble
Jill Crim
Matt Crim
John Kipp
Sara Kipp

CHAPERONES

Kendall Kookogey
Katie Williams

Commissioning of Montreat Worship & Music Participants

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 22:34-40, page 902

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

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of truth.

Second Lesson

Exodus 20:1-3, page 65

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

Sermon

Words to Live By: The Ten Commandments

First Word: God

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 391**

Take My Life

HENDON

***Affirmation of Faith**

Excerpts from *The Study Catechism of the PC(USA)*

What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments give a summary of God’s law for our lives. They teach us how to live rightly with God and one another.

Why should you obey this law?

Not to win God’s love, for God already loves me. Not to earn my salvation, for Christ has earned it for me. Not to avoid being punished, for then I would obey out of fear. With gladness in my heart I should obey God’s law out of gratitude, for God has blessed me by it and given it for my well-being.

What is the first commandment?

You shall have no other gods before me.

What do you learn from this commandment?

No loyalty comes before my loyalty to God. I should worship and serve only God, expect all good from God alone, and love, fear and honor God with all my heart.

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 *Andante tranquillo* Felix Mendelssohn

***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 282** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** SINE NOMINE

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace.
Go seek God’s presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*
Johann Sebastian Bach

A catechism is a set of questions and answers regarding essential matters of Christian life and faith; the origin of the word “catechism” is from the Greek for “oral teaching.” Although not formally included in *The Book of Confessions*, *The Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA)* was approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998).

Hymn 282 is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

Following worship, all are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Atrium.

Texts and music for hymns and sung responses reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-714861

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. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Liturgist

Tom Landrum

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon, III (head), Reid Bangle,
Bo Thurston, Jeffery Trapnell, Wallace Trapnell

FELLOWSHIP HOST

Paul Lee, Mary Peace

GREETERS

Svea Bogue, Diane Hartzell,
Terry Nestor, Mary Peace

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Santos

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of John & Carey Walden’s 52nd wedding anniversary, by Jennifer Abbott.

Words to Live By: The Ten Commandments

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. Today, 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 SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Richard Lane, Clerk of Session
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

CLASS OF 2019

Robbie Bryan
Greta Terrell Covington
DeeAnn Cox
Bob Glasscock
Mary Havick
Joe Hermanowicz
Richard Lane
Mary Peace
Lawton Stephens
Dan Trier

CLASS OF 2020

Jeff Bangle
Meghan Bawcum
Bob Burton
Julie Hayes
Sydney Jackson
Avery McLean
Jeanne Nadenicek
Carl Nichols
Tom Reigle
Judy Scanlon

CLASS OF 2021

Jennifer Walden Abbott
Sandy Boyles
Michelle Clendenen-Shaw
Elizabeth Earl
Ed Ferguson
Rob Haire
Grace Lu
Chris Pope
Mixon Robinson
Rosemary Stancil

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 23

- 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 4, Moses Waddel Room

Sunday, June 23 - Saturday, June 29 - Montreat Worship & Music Conference

Tuesday, June 25

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room

Wednesday, June 26

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday
11:30 a.m. Bookless Book Group, Homemade, 1072 Baxter St.
12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
4:00 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310

Sunday, June 30

- 10:00 a.m. Service, Mr. Isaac Toney preaching

LOOKING AHEAD

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

August 7 - Last Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday

August 9-11 - Montreat Women's Conference

August 11 - Back-to-School Blessing

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

Sunday, June 23, Part 4 Today!

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

UNTOLD STORIES

For over three years, the Bicentennial 2020 Committee has been collecting information about FPC's history to better understand our founding and how we came to be the largest church in our presbytery. We are grateful to everyone who has taken the time to bring the past alive by sharing memories of their time as members. If you have not shared your story, it's not too late. Please contact Judy Scanlon at judy.s.scanlon@gmail.com or Diane Adams at DianeAdams.Athens@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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 \$894 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.

“Go Forth Sharing the Love of Christ”

Our Stephen Ministry program helps us fulfill our mission. Stop by the Atrium table or contact a Stephen Leader (Carol Strickland and Dawn Frisch) if you are interested in receiving training to become a Stephen Minister. The next class will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning August 20. Apply by July 15.

Isaac Toney to Preach

We will welcome Isaac Toney back as our guest preacher next 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.

Senior Adult Sunday: Honor Your Father and Mother July 28

Please plan to be part of our annual celebration of our senior members on July 28. Our theme for this year's event will be tied to Dr. Baer's summer sermon series on The Ten Commandments.

The seniors of First Presbyterian Church bring so many gifts to our congregation. Their impact on our church is beyond measure. The 10:00 a.m. service will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall, and we invite everyone to attend and celebrate! Please contact the church office if you would like to participate as a host or help provide refreshments. We hope to see you there!