



# 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!*

November 1, 2020  
10:00 a.m. Livestream  
All Saints' Sunday  
Communion Sunday

## GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

### Greeting

Psalm 118:24

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

### Prelude

*In Memory – H.H.L.*

Dan Locklair

### Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

### Song of Gathering

OLD HUNDRETH

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.**

### Call to Worship

We give thanks for all the saints,  
**who from their labors rest.**  
We gather to worship God,  
**who loves beyond life or death.**  
With the cloud of witnesses,  
**by the grace of Christ,**  
in the presence of the Spirit,  
**let us worship God.**

### Hymn 281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**As we remember the saints of our faith, and all your children in the church triumphant, look kindly on our memories. If we were unkind or unjust, forgive us. If we missed opportunities for compassion, convict us. If we turned our back on a neighbor, heal us. If we failed to recognize your image in the faces of people long gone, enlighten us to your presence and wash us in your mercy.**

### 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.**

### A special word of

**welcome:** thank you for being with us online for worship this morning. We are delighted and hope that you will join us again next Sunday.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as the 18th-century hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, which did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

## 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.**

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson** Luke 4:24-26

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

**Second Lesson** 1 Kings 17:1-16

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

**Sermon** *Enough* Dr. Ryan Baer

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

### Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Faithful Departed

William "Bill" Frederick Prokasy  
*November 4, 2019*

Joyce McLean Coble  
*April 4, 2020*

Sylvia Brown Jensen  
*December 3, 2019*

Kathleen Henson Wilfong  
*May 12, 2020*

John Lewis Kipp  
*December 17, 2019*

Florence "Jill" Hayden Clement  
*May 25, 2020*

Ruby Thomas Hodgson  
*January 12, 2020*

Cardee Friedrichsen Kilpatrick  
*May 30, 2020*

Martha Belle Isle Shenesey  
*January 14, 2020*

Ruth Margaret Ike  
*June 24, 2020*

Virginia "Jinx" Roseman Baldwin  
*February 7, 2020*

Mildred "Millie" Bedgood Warren  
*August 7, 2020*

Julia Edwards Sanks  
*February 11, 2020*

Edwina Tidwell Ferguson  
*August 13, 2020*

Paul W. Izant  
*February 18, 2020*

Rosevelyn Collins Garrison  
*August 28, 2020*

Katherine Baskin Avery  
*February 27, 2020*

Virginia Ruth Lancaster Shields  
*September 22, 2020*

Frances Holliman Griffin  
*March 24, 2020*

Angel Caffey  
*September 30, 2020*

### Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
 the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
 God the Father Almighty;  
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; (cont.)**

These stanzas of *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

Next to the Nicene Creed, The Apostles' Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. Although not written by apostles, it reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. Arising from an early baptismal creed, it underwent development, attaining its present form in the eighth century.

**the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

*And I saw a new heaven*

Malcolm Archer

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

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The offertory is the text Revelation 21: 1-2, 4, set to music by contemporary English composer Malcolm Archer.

### **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...**

“...and so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name singing:”

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.

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

“...Great is the mystery of faith:”

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

“...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.”



**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, p. 16

. . . and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . .

**Breaking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

**Hymn 526**

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

**Charge and Benediction**

**Congregational Response**

RANDOLF

**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Postlude**

SINE NOMINE

William H. Bates

The broad and sweeping tune for which *For All the Saints* is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

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## NOTES ON THE SERVICE

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*

Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

John Tsao, *Soloist*

### SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Rebecca Carlton

### AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIANS

Bryan Owens, Jack Palmer

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

We have a rosebud in honor of the birth of Raphael William Wallace on October 24, 2020. His parents are Nicolas Pompl and Denise Wallace. Great-grandparents are Fred and Linda Wallace.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Prayer requests** can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, or by the Prayer Request link on our church website ([firstpresathens.org](http://firstpresathens.org)).

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## Election Day Prayer Service Tuesday, November 3, 12:00 p.m.

Join us on Facebook or YouTube for a prayer service at 12:00 noon on Election Day as we pray for God's peace, healing, and justice.

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## Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship November 22, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

All are invited to join our Athens friends and neighbors via Zoom (*ID: 943 5058 3240, Passcode: Unity*) for this worship experience for all faith groups (Christians, Jews, Muslims, et al.). The sponsor, Interfaith Clergy Partnership of Greater Athens, includes representatives of more than 50 congregations in the Athens area. In a time when there is so much division, let's unite in thanksgiving.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIMITED IN-PERSON WORSHIP TO BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we will have our first limited in-person worship service. If you would like to join us, please click on the Eventbrite link on the website tomorrow, November 2 at 9:00 a.m. Alternatively, you can contact the church office at (706) 543-4338 and we will add you to the list.

Please make sure to read the additional instructions that are posted on the website. If you are over 65 or have underlying health conditions, we encourage you to stay home and join us via Facebook or YouTube

### “SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS”

**Sundays at 11:30 a.m.**

Join Dr. Ryan Baer for “Sunday Conversations” as we reflect on the morning worship service and take a deeper dive into the Bible texts read and proclaimed from the pulpit.

**Zoom ID: 706-543-4338 (PW: 185185)**

*Led by Dr. Ryan Baer (ryan@firstpresathens.org)*

### PRAYER EXERCISES

**Wednesdays at noon**

Join Carol Strickland on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom for “Prayer Exercises.” In these weekly sessions we’ll be introduced to a variety of ways to pray. The sessions last 20-30 minutes.

**Zoom ID: 706-543-4338 (PW: 185185)**

*Led by Dr. Carol Strickland (cstrickland@firstpresathens.org)*

### ACCA FOOD PICKUP & DELIVERY NEW DELIVERY DAY

Would you like to help deliver food for those who are homebound? Athens Community Council on Aging is requesting help from First Presbyterian on **Thursdays** at 1:00 p.m. You will load multiple bags of groceries into your vehicle at the Cotton Press at 149 Oneta St. and unload them at the Columbia Brookside office. The route takes no more than 1 hour. There is very little contact, and masks are worn for each pickup and delivery. A large SUV or truck is helpful. If you are interested, contact Sally Vandiver at [sally.vandiver@gmail.com](mailto:sally.vandiver@gmail.com) and she will put you on the schedule.

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## Devotionals for Advent and Christmas



Our emailed Lenten devotionals written by members of the congregation were so meaningful that we are again inviting writers from our church for the upcoming Advent/Christmas devotionals. The theme will be favorite seasonal hymns and carols. Dr. John Coble will provide the musical links. Jennifer Poole will be the editor.

If you are interested in writing a devotional, please contact Jennifer Poole at [j SNP5462@gmail.com](mailto:j SNP5462@gmail.com).

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## Holiday Meals on Wheels Delivery

In these strange times many things have changed, but one thing is the same--Seniors need meals and especially during holidays need to know someone cares about them. Will you be that someone? For many years First Presbyterian members and friends have delivered meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. It makes such a difference to our neighbors--and to those who deliver! It is a great intergenerational activity. Bring your children or grandchildren. The only requirement is that **all wear masks**.

Like many other things, this year will be a bit different. The protocols have changed to keep the volunteers and recipients safe. Please help if you can. To sign up contact Kitty Donnan at [kittydavedonnan@gmail.com](mailto:kittydavedonnan@gmail.com) or call the church office 706-543-4338.

If you would like to make a donation (FPC pays for the meals, with the cost generally around \$1,000), please send a check to the office with “Meals on Wheels Holiday Donation” noted on the bottom, or go to [firstpresathens.org/home/giving/](http://firstpresathens.org/home/giving/) (please select “Meals on Wheels” under “Select a Fund”).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

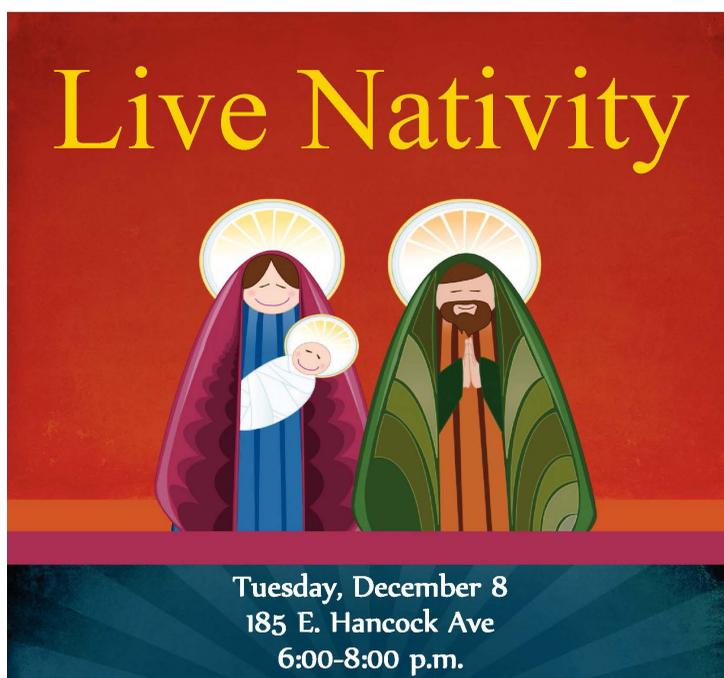
### Thanksgiving Food Bag Sunday is November 15

Can you provide a bag of food that can be used by an Athens family of four to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner? Given the economic impact resulting from COVID-19, this year's collection will be even more important than ever. Please put the food you purchase in paper bags (no plastic, please) and drop them off at the church during normal business hours by 2 p.m. **Friday, November 13**. Alternatively, you can send a check for \$40 to the church or donate at [firstpresathens.org/home/giving/](http://firstpresathens.org/home/giving/) (please select General Fund and add "Thanksgiving bags" in the memo box).

If you would like to volunteer to help move the bags to the sanctuary, assemble bags, and move them from the sanctuary to the Emergency food bank, please click on the signup genius link that will be posted on our website soon.

#### 2020 Shopping List

- Canned Ham
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned fruit
- Peas
- Stuffing/Dressing Mix
- Cornbread mix
- Gravy/cans or jars
- Cookies
- Fresh sweet potatoes
- Brown and serve rolls
- French fried onions (that go on top of bean casserole)
- Chicken broth
- White or brown sugar (small bag)



FP Weekday School is busy preparing for our 9th Annual Live Nativity from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 8!** This year it will be a **drive by** on the front church steps to promote social distancing at this time. Come enjoy the babe, the camel, donkey, other animals, and of course Mary and Joseph, wisemen and shepherds. Teachers will be distance delivering to cars home kits for our ornaments normally made in the classrooms, and Christmas music will be enjoyed by all. So prepare to roll your windows down, and drive through while worshipping Christ, our new born king. Anyone interested in participating as a character (no lines) or in set up or cleanup, please contact Elaine Johnson at (706) 206-8180. As always, much help is needed!

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, November 1 - All Saints' Sunday, Communion Sunday,

#### End of Daylight Saving Time

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (*please check [firstpresathens.org](http://firstpresathens.org) for more information*)
- 9:00 a.m. Godly Play on YouTube (*please e-mail Natalie Bishop at [natalie@firstpresathens.org](mailto:natalie@firstpresathens.org) for link*)
- 10:00 a.m. Service Livestream on Facebook and YouTube, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:30 a.m. "Sunday Conversations" with Dr. Ryan Baer (*Zoom ID: 706-543-4338, PW:185185*)
- 4:00 p.m. Called Session Meeting with New Members via Zoom (*Zoom ID: 706-543-4338*)

### Tuesday, November 3

- 12:00 p.m. Election Day Prayer Service on Facebook and YouTube
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

### Wednesday, November 4

- 12:00 p.m. "Prayer Exercises" led by Dr. Carol Strickland (*Zoom ID: 706-543-4338, PW:185185*)
- 4:30 p.m. Shakespeare: Love's Labor's Lost via Zoom (*e-mail Ron Bogue at [rbogue@uga.edu](mailto:rbogue@uga.edu) to join class*)

### Thursday, November 5

- 1:00 p.m. Athens Community Council on Aging Food Pickup & Delivery

### Sunday, November 8 - Limited in-person worship begins

*(please check [firstpresathens.org](http://firstpresathens.org) for more information)*

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (*please check [firstpresathens.org](http://firstpresathens.org) for more information*)
- 9:00 a.m. Godly Play on YouTube (*please e-mail Natalie Bishop at [natalie@firstpresathens.org](mailto:natalie@firstpresathens.org) for link*)
- 10:00 a.m. Service Livestream on Facebook and YouTube, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching  
Introduction of New Members
- 11:30 a.m. "Sunday Conversations" with Dr. Ryan Baer (*Zoom ID: 706-543-4338, PW:185185*)

## LOOKING AHEAD

**November 12** - Stated Session Meeting via Zoom

**November 13** - Thanksgiving Food Bags drop-off deadline (Church office by 2:00 p.m.)

**November 22** - Commitment Sunday, Thornwell Offering, Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

**November 29** - Children's Ministry Advent Goodie Bag and Youth Advent Box Pick Up (3-6 p.m.)

**November 30** - Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall reopens

**December 2** - A Very Merry Children's Ministry Zoom (7:00 p.m.)

**December 8** - Live Nativity



## FPC Athens: Fall 2020

September 13 – November 22

### One with God;

### One with each other

*... that they may all be one. - John 17:21*

**Fall@First 2020**

*For more information about FPC Fall Programs, please go to [firstpresathens.org](http://firstpresathens.org) and look for the Fall@First brochure in the home page.*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator    Kitty Donnan, Clerk of Session  
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

### CLASS OF 2020

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Avery McLean  
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# 281 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 - struc - tion, 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.

## 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Dutch melody

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.  
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

## For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

William Walsham How, 1864

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 \*3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 \*\*4. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through

Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

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

*Harmony, stanza 3*

3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug - gle,

they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are

Thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*D.C. for stanza 4*

*\*(May be sung before stanza 3)*

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
 And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

*\*\* (May be sung before stanza 4)*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
 And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!