



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 6, 2021
10:00 a.m. Service
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. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin or large-print hymnal.

Greeting Psalm 118:24
This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude *Prayer of St. Gregory* Alan Hovhaness

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

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 fulness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Call to Worship

Listen. Do you hear it?
The love of Christ is poured out for us.
Listen. Do you hear it?
The cloud of the faithful is singing God's praise.
Listen. Do you hear it?
The Spirit of God is calling us to worship.

***Hymn 482** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

You have called us blessed, O God, and washed us in the waters of grace. You have called us a family, O God, and united us by the presence of your Spirit. Forgive us, O Holy One, when we try to forget that we belong to you: when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence, the myth of supremacy, or the fear of what might happen if we placed our trust in something beyond ourselves. Forgive us, O Holy One, and by your forgiveness, free us from all that keeps us bound.

**Those who are able may stand.*

A special word of welcome: thank you for being with us for worship this morning. We are delighted and hope that you will join us again next Sunday.

Trumpeter Dr. Michael Brown is a native Georgian and holds degrees from UGA. He is currently trumpet teacher at the University of West Florida.

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, a 17th century German hymn, employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalm 150 and 103. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

***Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

Jacques Berthier

Glo-ry - to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***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 Numbers 21:4-9

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

Second Lesson Acts 3:1-10

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

Sermon

Faith Healing

Dr. Carol Strickland

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn**

O Christ, the Healer

O WALY WALY

***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;
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

Bread of the World

Richard Shephard

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed,
and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

***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.**

O Christ, the Healer, a prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit, considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshipping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.

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.

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***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.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 16
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 507** *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Hymn 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

Postlude *Rondeau* Jean Joseph Mouret

I Come with Joy affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we."

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A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please sign the guestbook in the narthex so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for children 3 years old and younger, available from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 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. Our fully vaccinated nursery staff is excited to welcome our youngest members.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Margaret Davis, *Parish Associate*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*
Dr. Michael Brown, *Trumpet*
Allen Crowell, *Lay Reader*

USHERS

John Simpson, Jimbo LaBoon III

GREETER

Carol McKay

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIANS

Bryan Owens, Jack Palmer

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGERS

Rebecca Carlton, Stephen Kreyenbuhl

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Mary Calloway Banister and Jack Banks Sewell.

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SABBATICAL

Dr. Carol Strickland will be on sabbatical June 7 to September 7. Please pray that this will be a fruitful time of rest and renewal, as indicated by the biblical concept of Sabbath. She will be based at her Virginia mountain house, painting, reading, landscaping, and enjoying visits with family and friends. Her responsibilities here will be filled by other staff members and elders in her absence.

A BICENTENNIAL HISTORY • 1820-2020 IS NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like to order a book, each copy is \$55 (price includes sales tax). You may pay online at our website or by check. Please call the church office to schedule a time to pick up your copy.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Family Promise families will return to FPC for two consecutive weeks starting on **June 13**. The families have been at the Milledge Avenue Baptist Church static site since December but will move into the “Pit” area of First Pres June 13-27. There are multiple preventive safety measures in place that include volunteers being stationed and sleeping in a separate area of the church, and using a separate entrance. If you are interested in volunteering, please click on the SignUpGenius link on our website or contact Susan Boatwright (boatwrightsusan@gmail.com) or Jean Bock (jboc@bellsouth.net).

Community Conversations on Matthew 25

Sundays beginning today, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (ID: 706-543-4338)

In January 2021, First Presbyterian Church joined the Matthew 25 initiative, a denomination-wide effort focused on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty. This summer, we invite the congregation to learn more about Matthew 25 through weekly reading and reflection. On Sunday nights, starting today, June 6, we'll host a community conversation using the study materials in the Summer@First program guide mailed earlier this spring (and available for download on our Web site). The Summer Study will be the foundation for more opportunities to learn and grow together beginning in the fall when we are back together again in person.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 6 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (*please check firstpresathens.org for more information*)
- 9:00 a.m. Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class, Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery reopens for infants to age 3
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Carol Strickland preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Porch Fellowship, Atrium Front Porch
- 12:00 p.m. Welcome to Youth Group Pizza Pool Party, Rising 6th-7th graders, Kim's house
- 7:00 p.m. Community Conversations on Matthew 25 via Zoom (*Zoom ID: 706-543-4338*)

Tuesday, June 8

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Moses Waddel Room
- 11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga via Zoom (*Zoom ID: 558-324-3907, PW: 3636*)
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Parlor

Wednesday, June 9

- 4:30 p.m. Shakespeare Group: “Two Noble Kinsmen” via Zoom (*e-mail Ron Bogue at rbogue@uga.edu to join class*)

Sunday, June 13 - Family Promise Host Week Begins

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (*please check firstpresathens.org for more information*)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 7:00 p.m. Community Conversations on Matthew 25 via Zoom (*Zoom ID: 706-543-4338*)

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Joachim Neander, 1680

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

Descant

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo-ple a - gain; Glad-ly for aye we a - dore Him.
 tem-ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been Grant-ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 peo-ple a - gain; Glad-ly for aye we a - dore Him.

Hymn

O Christ, the Healer

O WALY WALY

1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for
 2 From ev - ry ail - ment flesh en-dures our bod-ies clam - or to be
 3 How strong, O Lord, are our de-sires, how weak our knowl - edge of our-
 4 In con-flicts that de-stroy our health we rec-og - nize the world's dis-
 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com-mu - ni - ty may

friends. How can we fail to be re -
 freed; yet in our hearts we would con -
 selves! Re - lease in us those heal - ing
 ease; our com - mon life de - clares our
 find the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing

stored, when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
 truths un - con-scious pride re - sists or shelves.
 ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1967, alt.
 Music: English folk melody

I Come with Joy

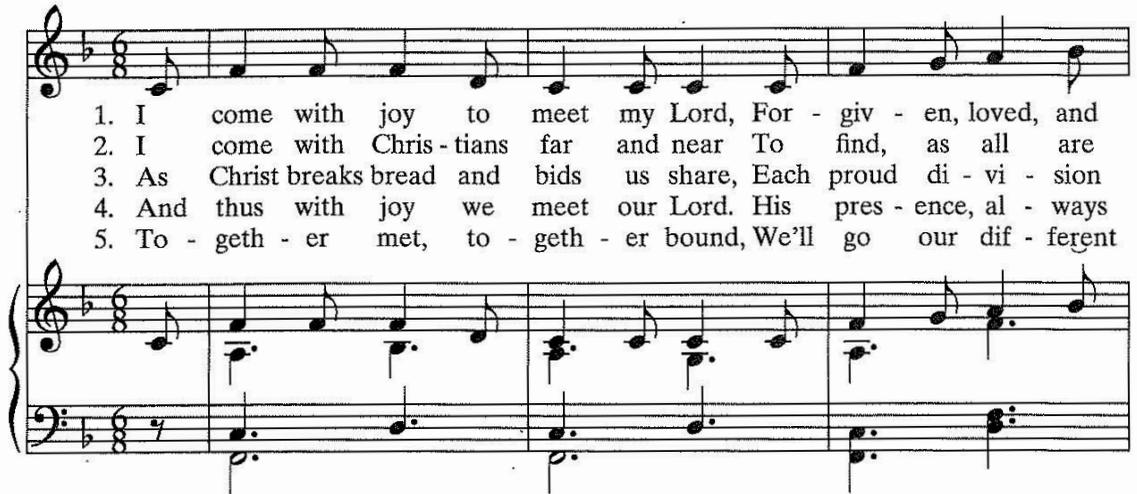
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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

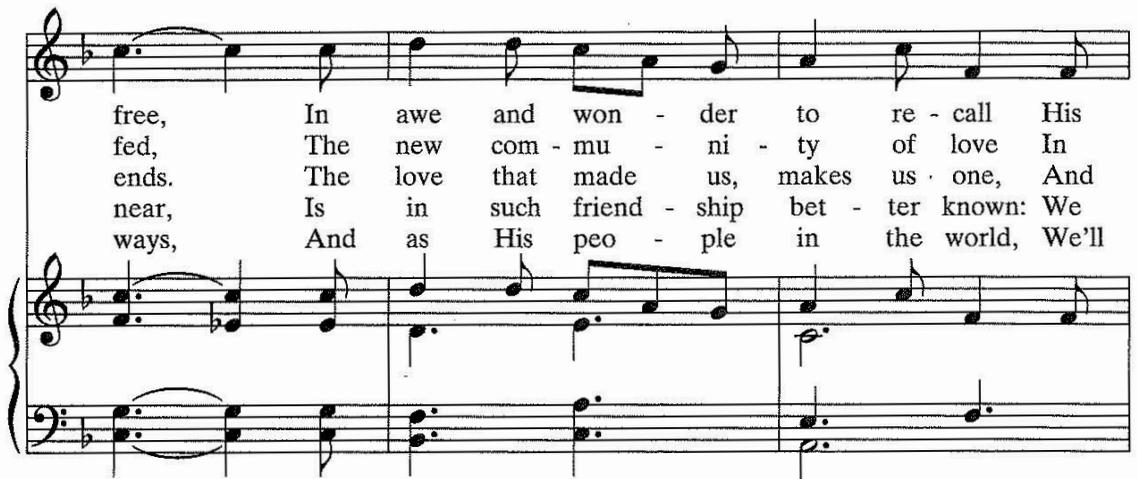
American folk melody

Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

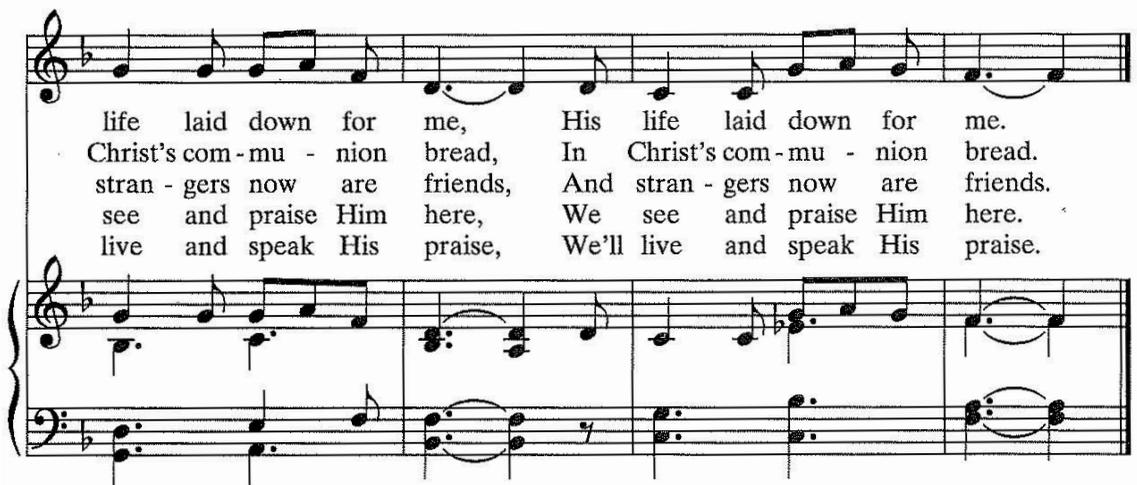
Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977



1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent



free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll



life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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