



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!

January 30, 2022
Youth Sunday

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Greeting

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

Prelude

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

Michael Burkhardt

Words of Welcome

Minute for Mission

Red Cross Blood Drive

Song of Gathering

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

O splendor of God's glory bright,
From light eternal bringing light;
Thou light of life, light's living spring,
True day, all days illumining.

Call to Worship

God, let it be known that all are invited to the well,
We are welcome as we are,
Help us work together as one heart and mind,
We are one under You,
Please open our ears as we prepare for today,
Let your words run through us.

*Hymn 356

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of living waters, we confess that we often turn from you to wander in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst grows daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered, we again turn away, unable to believe truly that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in your living water. Help us be faithful servants. Fill us with your living water.

fully known. deeply loved.

Welcome to Youth Sunday! Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram. We are so glad you are here!

In observance of the Athens-Clarke County indoor mask ordinance, please wear a mask. If you need a mask, please consult an usher.

Katherine Queen

Clarke Central High School, 10th

Carolina Turner

Clarke Central High School, 11th

David Magrino

Oconee County High School, 11th

Jackson Parker

North Oconee High School, 9th

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Lorenzo Fischetti

Clarke Central High School, 9th

Ben Ness

Clarke Central High School, 10th

*Text: Michael Morgan, 2010**Music: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835***Cate DeMaria, narrator**

Clarke Central High School, 9th

Isabelle Seward, Jesus

Oconee County High School, 10th

Abigale Bishop, Samaritan woman

Clarke Central High School, 10th

Annie Blanks

Athens Academy, 12th

Julian Attaway

Athens Academy, 12th

Ellen Corry

Athens Academy, 12th

***Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon**Congregational Response**

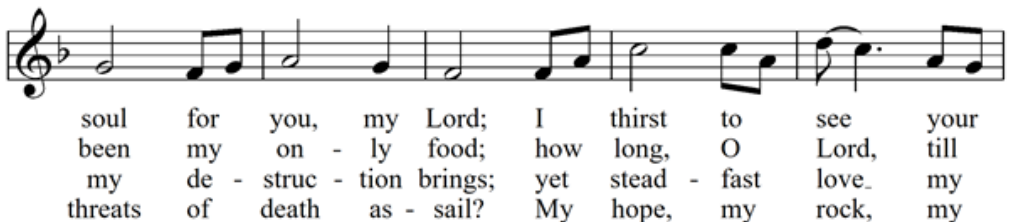
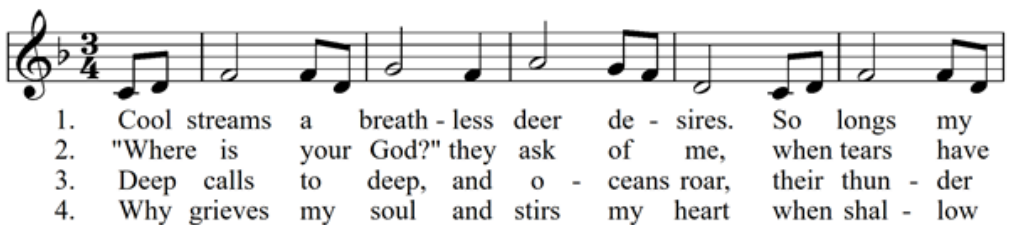
Jacques Bertheir

***Passing of 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 Reading** Psalm 42:1-3This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.****Psalm***Psalm 42*

PROSPECT

**Second Reading** John 4:5-42**Reflections** *Fully known. Deeply loved.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn Insert

Fill My Cup, Lord

FILL MY CUP

*Affirmation of Faith

from a *Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People and Lords 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

Prospect

Emma Lou Diemer

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Hymn 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

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

Improvisation on Austrian Hymn

John Coble

Cullen Bruner

Clarke Central High School, 12th

In June 1983, PCUSA was formed between the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (called the northern church) and the Presbyterian Church in the United States (the southern church). This family reunion was the culmination of a fourteen-year process to reunite two long-standing American Presbyterian denominations separated since the Civil War. The "Plan for Reunion" called for the preparation of a brief statement of the Reformed faith for possible inclusion in The Book of Confessions. It is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of public worship. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

Lane Holloway

Clarke Central High School, 9th

Thadd Pruitt

Clarke Central High School, 10th

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USHERS

Grier Martin-Williams, *head usher*
Athens Academy, 10th

Troy Aldrich

Malcolm Bridge Middle School, 8th

Claire Bruner

Clarke Middle School, 8th

Ben Carey

Malcolm Bridge Middle School, 8th

Emma Clarke

Clarke Central High School, 9th

Kate Ness

Clarke Middle School, 8th

Sloane Turner

Athens Academy, 8th

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 51st wedding anniversary of Ron and Svea Bogue.

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium.

Available from an usher:

- Personal hearing receivers
- Large-print hymnals, Bibles, bulletins
- Sermons from the previous six weeks

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

Today's worship service is led by our high school youth with 8th grade confirmands also serving as ushers. We have a wonderful, active youth ministry at FPC. Our Middle School youth group meets at 5pm on Sunday nights, with high school at 6. We invite you to join us, pray for us and celebrate the joy these young people bring to our church family. Learn more about our youth ministry by visiting www.fpcathenspit.com.

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 look forward to seeing you again!

Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite, accessible down the stairs in the Atrium through the glass door. Our fully vaccinated nursery staff is excited to welcome our youngest members.

Children, ages 4 years old – 5th Grade, are invited to Children's Church downstairs in the Children's Ministry Suite during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. To pick up your child after the service, please go to the church courtyard entrance of the Children's Ministry Suite.

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.

Thank you for wearing your First Presbyterian Church nametag. It helps us build community. We want to know one another by name. If you don't have one, please email (frontdesk@firstpresathens.org) or call the church office at (706) 543-4338.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting: Today

The session calls the congregation to meet following today's worship service in the Fellowship Hall for the annual congregational meeting. The congregation will receive the 2021 annual report, review the pastors' terms of call, and hear briefly about plans for mission and ministry in 2022. All members, guests, and friends of First Presbyterian Church are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, February 13, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall and help save a life! Reserve an appointment at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code AFPC), or contact the church office.

If you cannot give blood but would like to help check-in donors, please contact Joe Neighbors to volunteer (jbnearb@bellsouth.net).

The 1820 Legacy Society

Isn't it encouraging to see so many fine young people leading us in worship this morning? Help ensure that this church will be around for generations to come by including the church in your estate plans. Put the church in your will or trust or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or retirement account. These and other ideas can be found on our website in the section about The 1820 Legacy Society. Let us know if you would like to speak to a committee member about how to proceed.

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Zoom ID: 558-324-3907 (PW: 6136)

Join Mel Berzack for a Yoga practice via Zoom on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. You will need a practical chair (preferably no arm rests or side restrictions) and (if you have one) a mat for a small amount of standing poses. The practice will be around 1 hour.

Stephen Ministry

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal life. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support. If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. Talk with a Stephen Leaders for more information:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45-10:40 a.m.

Del Dunn Christian Issues • Room 308

An in-depth study and discussion of scripture – with a chapter-by-chapter reading and discussion of Acts of the Apostles. *Zoom and in-person.*

Coordinator: Susan Landrum

Zoom ID: 875 216 0708, PW: 634175

Inquirers • Moses Waddel Room

Thoughtful introspection and lively group discussion covering contemporary issues and daily Christian living, with guest speakers or DVD studies.

Facilitators: Carl Bergmann, Carla Buss, Larry Jones

Parents in the PIT • The Pit

This new class is an invitation for parents of children and youth to come down to the PIT for a time of fellowship and support. Coordinator: Kim Ness

New Voices • Room 310

Discussion guided by Women In the Bible, *Zoom and in-person.* Led by: Lewis Hudgins

Zoom ID: 870 1906 3194, PW: 305215

Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class

Bride's Room, Tinsley Stern

Open and honest discussion in a nonjudgmental atmosphere about various aspects of Christianity.

Zoom and in person Contacts: Ian Hardin, Jim Scanlon

Zoom ID: 883 5159 0923

Women's Bible Class • Room 301

Reading and discussion of the Gospel of Mark.

Zoom and in person. Contact: Wanda Wilcox

Zoom ID: 813 2290 3374, PW: 459718

W. D. Hooper • Room 309

The "oldest" Sunday School class focuses on a Bible Study format. Led by: Jerris Hayes, Richard Lane

This class will resume on a date to be announced.

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Godly Play, 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Godly Play is an innovative way of teaching and learning that helps children "discover" who God is rather than being "told" who God is. The structure and routine of Godly Play offers children a safe space to explore, connect, wonder, and worship God.

Children's Church, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

During Children's Church, we continue to worship together and experience the many ways we worship God in the sanctuary - by listening to God's Word, singing to God, praying to God, and giving to God.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. 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! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

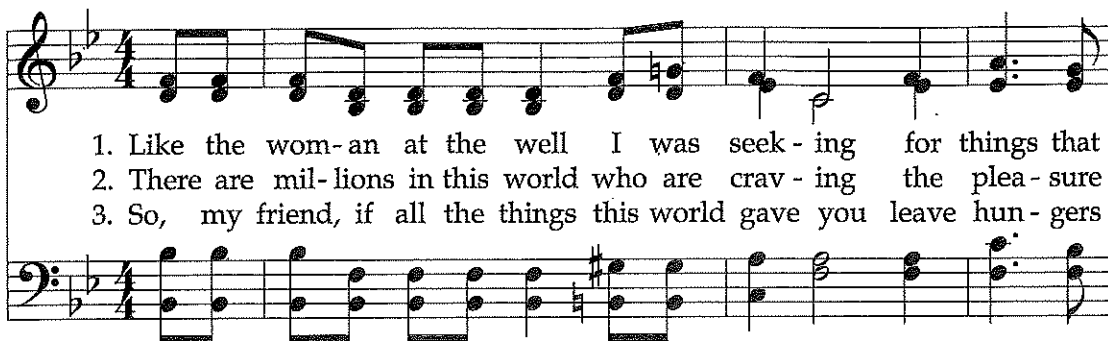
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, 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.

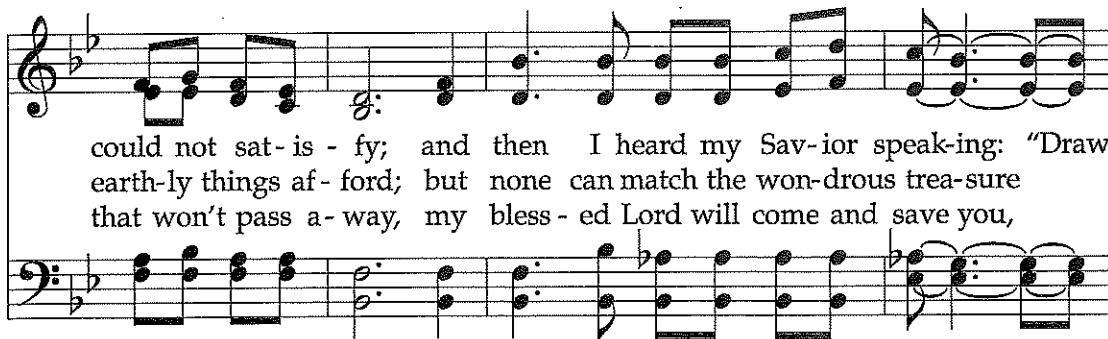
Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

Fill My Cup, Lord

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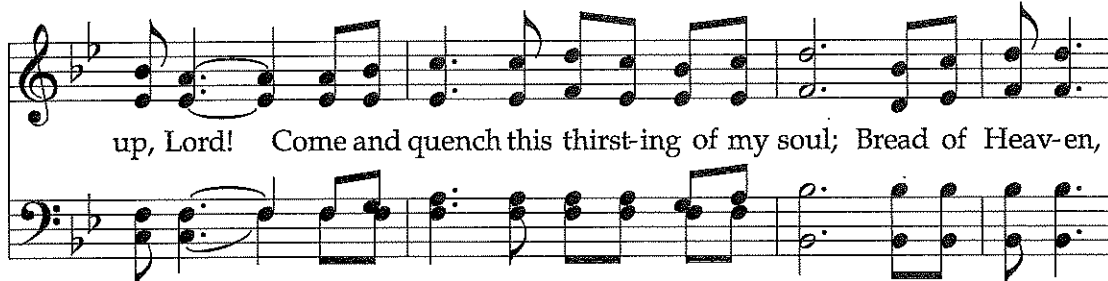
1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek-ing for things that
 2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav-ing the plea-sure
 3. So, my friend, if all the things this world gave you leave hun-gers



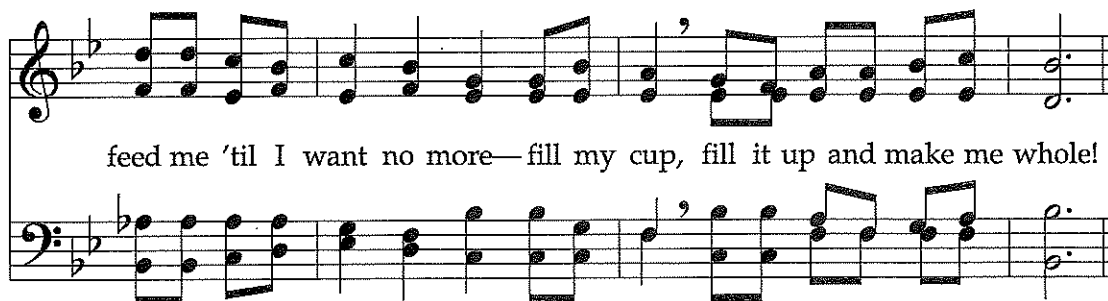
could not sat-is-fy; and then I heard my Sav-ior speak-ing: "Draw
 earth-ly things af-ford; but none can match the won-drous trea-sure
 that won't pass a-way, my bless-ed Lord will come and save you,



from my well that nev-er shall run dry."
 that I find in Je-sus Christ my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it
 if you kneel to him and hum-bly pray:



up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of Heav-en,



feed me 'til I want no more—fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

John Newton, 1779; alt.

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