



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!

July 24, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Seventh 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.

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

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

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Timothy Albrecht

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Song of Gathering

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**Let every voice on earth resound,
and joyful hearts hold God adored;
in gladness may God's courts abound
with songs of praise unto the Lord.**

Call to Worship

Let us hear what the Lord our God speaks:

**God speaks peace to God's people, to the faithful, to those
who turn to God in their hearts.**

Seeking peace, in word, in song, and in prayer, let us worship God.

*Hymn 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, We humbly confess that we have fallen short of
who you call us to be. We seek peace and comfort in our lives,
ignoring the needs of those around us. We live our lives in
ways that bring chaos and calamity to our neighbors. Cleanse
us from sin and show us your steadfast love, so that in turning
to you, we may seek unity and peace for all of creation.**

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Please sign and pass the
Fellowship Pad, making
note of new and old friends,
check in on Facebook, and
follow us on Instagram
(firstpresathensga).*

Since Beethoven's Ninth Symphony used Schiller's secular text *Ode to Joy*, the author of the text *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* wrote his sacred text with the admonition that it must be sung to Beethoven's music. The result is one of the most popular of American hymns.

At “The Peace,” worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

All Who Love and Serve Your City enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, and the final line cites the name given to Israel’s future holy city.

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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*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.

Commissioning of Week of Wonder Volunteers

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 34:9-14, page 497

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

Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20, page 1069

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

Sermon

Overflow

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 413

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

*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.**

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

Improvisation on Charlestown

John Coble

*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 555** *Now Thank We All Our God*
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** LAND OF REST
Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Paul Manz

Although *Now Thank We All Our God* is often used on festive occasions, the first two stanzas were written as a family table blessing during the Thirty Years' War. The text and tune have been paired since the mid-17th century.

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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 children 4 years old and younger, available from 9:00 a.m. 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*
The Rev. Ron Gilreath, *Liturgist*

Lay Reader

Ella Stewart

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon III (head), Jim Dove,
John Simpson

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Paulo Santos

FLOWERS

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

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Rebecca Carlton

TO AID IN WORSHIP

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

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

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.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

The Nominations and Elections Committee is in the process of developing a slate of names to recommend to the congregation for the formation of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. If there are persons whom you believe are well suited to serve in this way, please submit their names to any member of the Nominations and Elections Committee or to the church office (frontdesk@firstpresathens.org) at your earliest convenience. The members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are Beverly Phares (chair), Keith Oelke (vice-chair), Kathy Bangle, Angela Hunt, and Richard Lane. By virtue of his office as pastor, Dr. Baer serves the committee ex-officio and without vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MATTHEW 25 BOOK STUDY

In between your light summer reading, the Matthew 25 Commission invites you to dig a little deeper into what it means to be a Matthew 25 church with our next book study

JULY: *Nickel and Dimed*, by Barbara Ehrenreich; Discussion and lunch on July 31 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please RSVP on FPC website or go to bit.ly/3zzXUzj. For more information, contact Kim Ness (kness@firstpresathens.org).

SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS:

FAITH AND FILM

Join Kent Burel today in the Moses Waddel Room after the morning worship service for the last installment of Sunday Conversations: Faith and Film:
- July 24: The Way

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR AUDIOVISUAL TEAM

We are recruiting members who would like to help our audiovisual team on Sunday mornings or with special services. If you are interested to learn how to run our livestream and/or soundboard, please contact Paulo Santos at paulo@firstpresathens.org or call the church office at 706-543-4338

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Summer should be a carefree, relaxing time. But sometimes personal problems can get in the way of that. If you know someone who is struggling to enjoy the summer, First Presbyterian Stephen Ministers can help! Contact one of our Stephen Leaders for more information:

Ron Gilreath: rjgilreath@att.net, 770-335-9976
Lisa Oelke: lisakoelke@gmail.com, 706-540-4251

Sunday Conversations: Suicide Prevention

Sunday, August 7, 11:15 a.m.

Did you know that suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States? Join us on August 7 at 11:15 a.m. in Moses Waddel Room for a conversation about suicide prevention, led by Drew Marshall.

Good Shepherd Summer Club Mini Mission Project Update

THANK YOU, First Pres Family for your continued support of our Children's Ministry Good Shepherd Summer Club. We are excited to announce that thanks to you and your generous donations, we have completed our Big Kid Backpack mini mission project! We raised \$800 to go towards the purchasing of 20 durable bookbags for our High School students who live in the Bethel neighborhood. Thank you again church family!

The start of school may be right around the corner, but the summer is not over yet. We have one more mini mission project. **Next up is our Coloring Book Collection!** Lay Park is hosting a Back to School event for our Bethel Buddies and they have asked if we could help provide coloring books that will be included in a Back to School surprise for the neighborhood children. Please pick up a coloring book or two (for both girls and boys) and drop them off in our Good Shepherd Summer donation box next to the church receptionist's front desk or in the atrium. Our Coloring Book Collection will run through **Sunday, July 31**. Thank you again for your support of our First Pres Children as they continue to share God's love around the neighborhood this summer.

- Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministry

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 24

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Chancel Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Week of Wonder Godly Play, Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Conversations: Faith and Film - *The Way*, Moses Waddel Room

Monday, July 25

- 8:00 a.m. Week of Wonder, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 26

- 7:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread Breakfast, First Baptist Church
- 8:00 a.m. Week of Wonder, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Brides Room

Wednesday, July 27

- 8:00 a.m. Week of Wonder, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 28

- 8:00 a.m. Week of Wonder, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 31 - Back to School Blessing

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Chancel Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Matthew 25 Summer Book Study: *Nickel and Dimed*, by Barbara Ehrenreich, Moses Waddel Room

LOOKING AHEAD

August 7 - Sunday Conversations: Suicide Prevention

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Kitty Donnan, Clerk of Session

CLASS OF 2022

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Mrs. Madeline Van Dyck, *Parish Nurse*

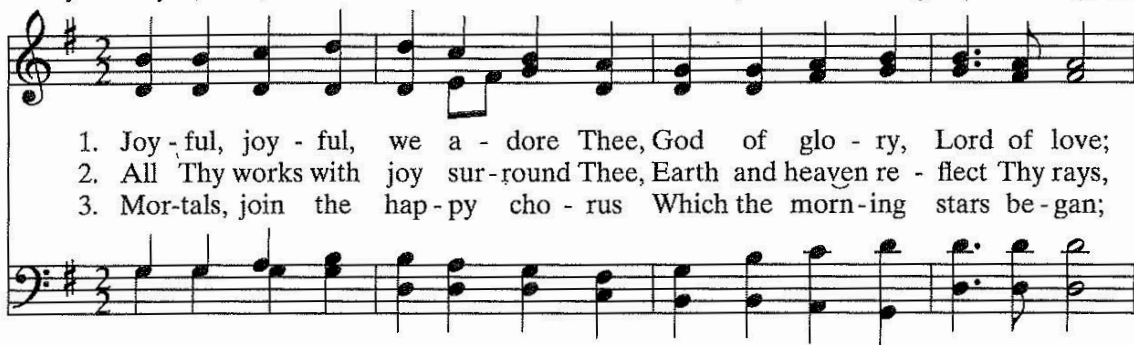
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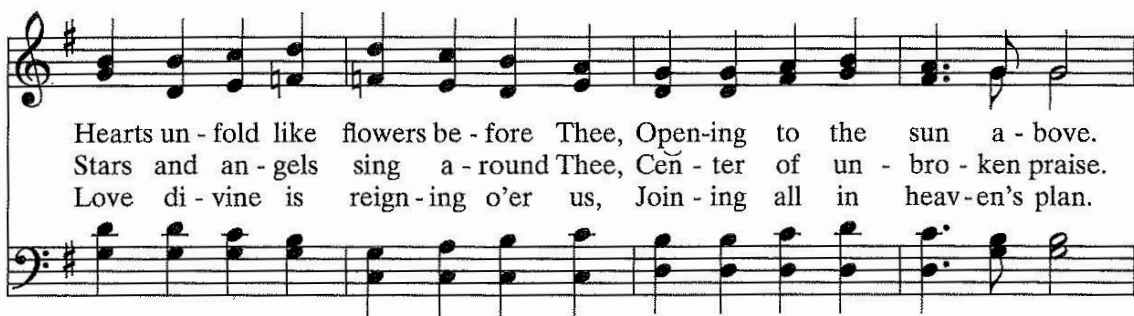
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Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav - en re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

All Who Love and Serve Your City 413

CHARLESTOWN 8.7.8.7

The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799
Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

Erik Routley, 1966

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, All who bear its dai - ly stress,
2. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, Wast - ed work and wast - ed play,
3. For all days are days of judg - ment, And the Lord is wait - ing still,
4. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y Be the cit - y of de - spair?

All who cry for peace and jus - tice, All who curse and all who bless:
Call to mind the word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
Draw - ing near a world that spurns Him, Of - fering peace from Cal-vary's hill.
Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The vocal line is on a single staff with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system contains four verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

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Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

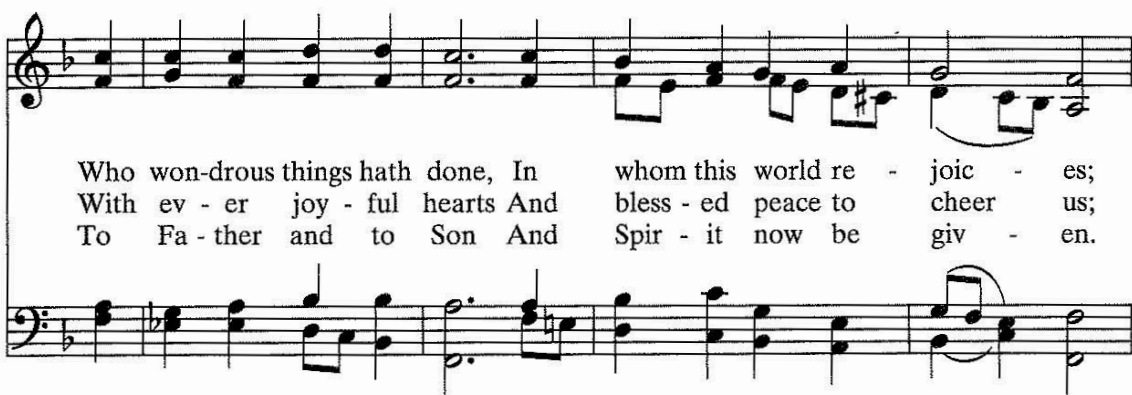
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840


1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,



Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.



Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
 And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth a - dore,



With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.