



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 9, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Third 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 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* arr. Fred Bock

Words of Welcome

Song of Gathering DIX
Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed,
unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Call to Worship
We wait for you, O God,
more than those who watch for the morning.
We wait for your steadfast love,
more than those who watch for the morning.
We wait for you to lift the lowly,
more than those who watch for the morning.
We wait for your unexpected grace,
more than those who watch for the morning.
Let us sing of God’s holy ways,
the glory of the one for whom we wait.

***Hymn 487** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
Steadfast God, you constantly surprise us with unprecedented grace and unexpected redemption, forgiving us when we least deserve it, showing love to those we most despise. Enliven us to keep watch for your love at work in those we demonize, for your power in those we look down upon, and for your deliverance from all the ways that we try to make you conform to the structures and systems we have built. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, who called us to a new way of being. Amen.

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies is not just a morning hymn, though these selected stanzas from a longer German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed for this English text.

**Those who are able may stand.*

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 children are invited to remain in worship on Sunday mornings with family during the summer months.

Lay Reader:
Jay Holloway

It Is Well with My Soul is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, a Presbyterian layman, lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck. He wrote this hymn while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

***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.

Introduction of New Members
Kathy & Doug Arent
Andrea Cook
Tina Wu-Gomez & Eddie Gomez
Alyssa Gutierrez
Christopher Hill
Margaret Norris

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for IlluminationPROSPECT



E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal hope, lift
up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be my sup -
port; e - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.

First Lesson Mark 15:25-33, page 930
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Day by Day* Martin How
Day by day; dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Second Lesson Jonah 2, page 845
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Jonah: Praying Deep* Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn insert** *It Is Well with My Soul* VILLE DU HAVRE

***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, (cont.)

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	Pastorale	Eric Thiman
*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 361	How Firm a Foundation	FOUNDATION
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*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response		Hymn 535
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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	Hornpipe from Water Music	G. F. Handel
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It seems odd to think
of singing *How Firm a
Foundation* to the tune
ADESTE FIDELES (*O
Come, All Ye Faithful*),
but mainline churches
did that well into the
20th century because
of a cultural bias against
shape note music. The
vigor of the tune espe-
cially fits the final line’s
reference to Hebrews 13.

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This morning is a **Godly Play Sunday**. Children, Pre K – 5th Grade are invited to the Children’s Ministry Suite 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon. **Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger**, available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, are located next to the Children’s Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

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.

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

On June 9, 16, and 23, please plan to join us in Moses Waddel Room from 11:15 a.m.-12:00 for a special Sunday School series that highlights some outreach organizations and ministries in connection with FPC. We will hear stories from leaders and volunteers, learn about the needs of our neighbors near and far, and discover opportunities for engagement with the important work of these groups. Today, we will hear about Our Daily Bread and Bethlehem Ministry. Next week, we will hear about FarmRx and Athens Wellness Clinic.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*
Mrs. Martha Clay, *Guest Organist and Choir Director*

Lay Reader

Jay Holloway

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon, III (head),
Michelle Clendenen-Shaw, John Simpson

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Santos

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Paige Merritt Oelke and Daniel Garland Hughes.

JUNE FLOWER TEAM

Rosemary Stancil (chair),
Tootsie Adams, Susan Banister, Page Pate

TO AID IN WORSHIP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Fellowship Outings

Summer is here! We hope you'll plan to join us for some (or all!) of these fun fellowship outings. Each of these is open to anyone who would like to attend – all ages and stages of our church family! Please RSVP to Whitney (whitney@firstpresathens.org) so we can keep a headcount and feel free to reach out with questions.

Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. – Athens FC vs. Tennessee SC (Men's Soccer)

Billy Henderson Stadium at Clark Central High School (780 Waddell Street)

Grab tickets (\$10 for general admission at tinyurl.com/FPCSummerFellowship1), let Whitney know, and our group will meet up and watch together.

Saturday, June 29 at 9:00 a.m., Kayaking at Broad River Outpost

\$30 per person. E-mail Whitney to sign up *by June 13*.

Saturday, July 13 at 6:05 p.m., Gwinnett Stripers v. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp (Triple-A baseball), Coolray Field (Lawrenceville, GA)

Ticket price: \$13. E-mail Whitney *by July 1* to claim your spot!

Saturday, July 20 at 8:00 a.m., Biking on the Greenway

Bikers (all ages and abilities welcome!) can meet at the Sandy Creek Nature Center parking lot (205 Old Commerce Road). Bring your own bike, helmet, and water bottle. Contact Karen Phillips if you plan to join (shutterstitch@gmail.com)

Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m., Downtown Dinner, Ted's Most Best (254 W. Washington St.)

Bring the whole family and head downtown for food, drink, and fun!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9 - New Member Introduction and Reception

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 9:15 a.m. Called Session Meeting, Parlor
- 9:45 a.m. Godly Play (through 12:00 p.m.), Children's Ministry Suite
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Reception for New Members, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, Moses Waddel Room

Monday, June 10

- 10:00 a.m. Congregational Care Commission Meeting hybrid, Staff Conference Room or via Zoom (ID 706-543-1820)

Tuesday, June 11

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls 1, Parlor

Wednesday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Camp
- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Food Classes, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Fellowship Outings: Athens FC vs. Tennessee SC (Men's Soccer), Billy Henderson Stadium at Clark Central High School (780 Waddell Street)

Thursday, June 13

- 5:00 p.m. Administration Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Sunday, June 16

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 9:45 a.m. Godly Play (through 12:00 p.m.), Children's Ministry Suite
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Refreshments
- 11:15 a.m. *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, Moses Waddel Room

Summer Choir

If you've ever wondered what it's like to sing in the choir, but have never done so, this may be a chance to give choir a "test drive." If you would like to sing but can't make the commitment to Wednesday night rehearsals during the regular season, this is the time to join the choir. **Through August 18**, we will meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Singers may join for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. There is no obligation, but we do hope some will decide they enjoy singing in the choir enough to continue in the fall. Although this choir is made up mostly of adults, youth and children are also welcome. For more information, contact John Coble at jcoble@firstpresathens.org.

Women's Connection Conference at Montreat

Save the date and plan to join us for the Women's Connection the weekend of **August 9-11, 2024** in the beautiful mountains of Montreat, North Carolina. This year's keynote speaker is Becca Stevens, a nonprofit leader, entrepreneur, priest, survivor, and founder and President of Thistle Farms.

Sign up today to stay at the Georgia Lodge as space is limited! Cost per person is \$85 for both nights: tinyurl.com/FPCWCC2024.

Registration and information about the conference can be found at montreat.org/events/wc-2024. Conference registration costs \$247 (and increases to \$272 after June 25). If you plan to stay at the Georgia Lodge, please make sure to select the "Commuter Package."

Please contact Beverly Phares (beverlypphares@gmail.com or 706-255-6990) or Julie Jagmin (juliebajagmin@bellsouth.net or 678-852-7310) if you have any questions. If you need scholarship assistance, contact Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard (whitney@firstpresathens.org).

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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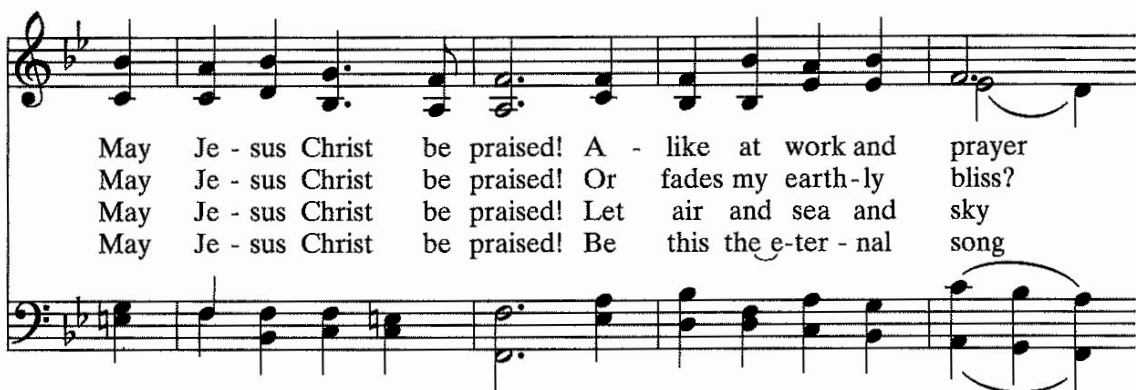
German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song



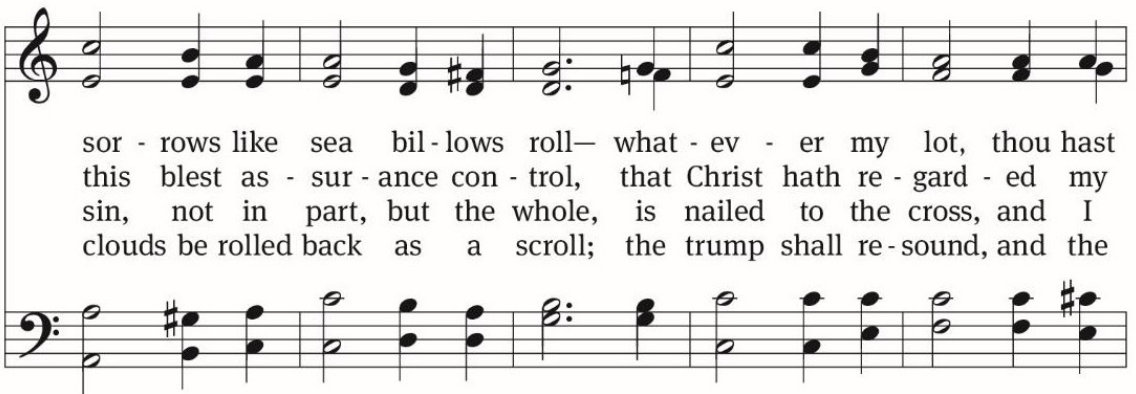
To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

It Is Well with My Soul

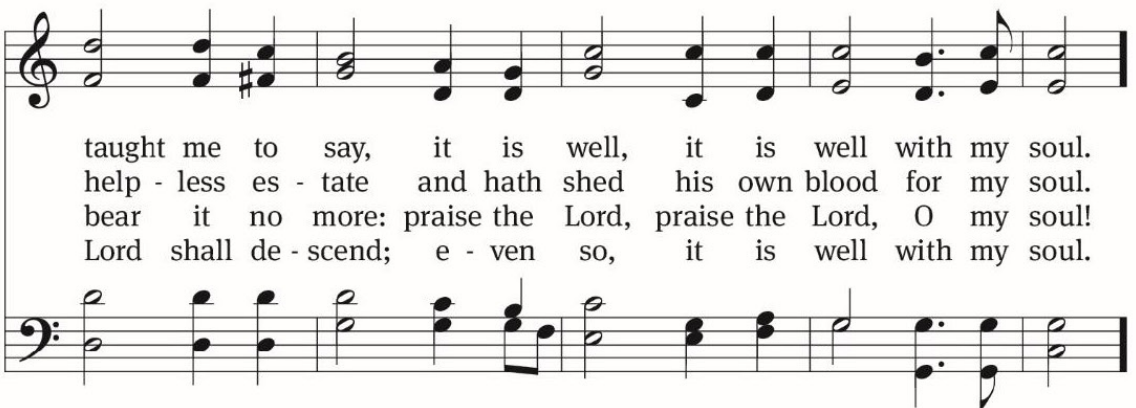
VILLE DU HAVRE



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, alt.

Music: Philip P. Bliss 1838-1876

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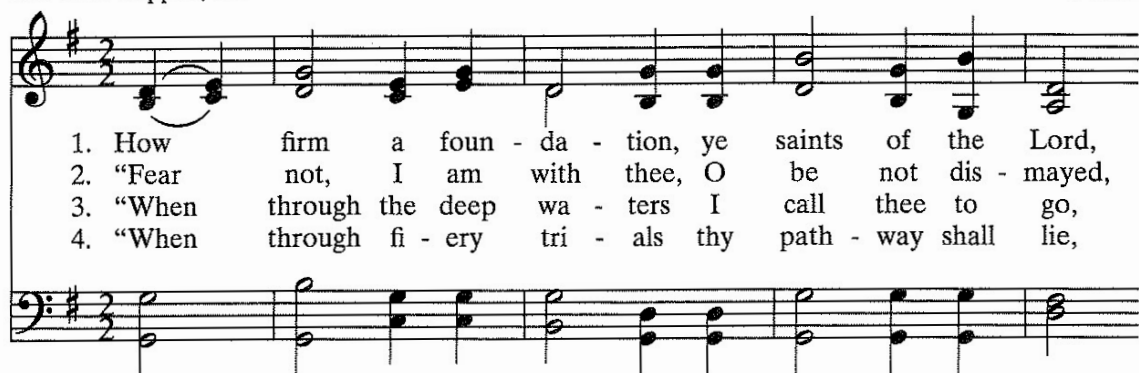
How Firm a Foundation

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"K" in *A Selection of Hymns, 1787*
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

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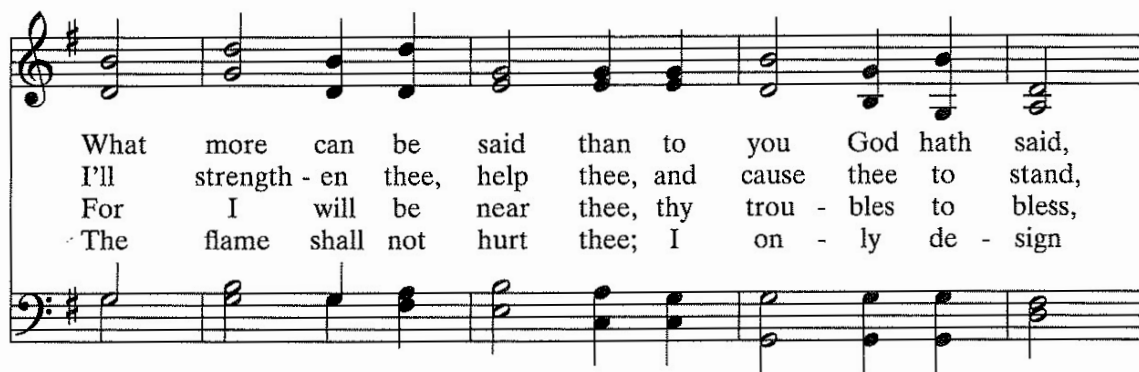
American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,



Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;



What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That 'soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Pat Waldrip, Clerk of Session

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Shannon Brooks	Lindsay Griffeth	Susan Baldwin
Phyllis Crowell	Angela Hunt	Bill Bushnell
Denise Horton	Dan Nadenicek	Amy Cowsert
Paul Lee	Karen Phillips	Matt Crim
Sharon Logan Neff	Ethelyn Simpson	Jay Holloway
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	Pat Waldrip	

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