



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 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Tenth 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

Voluntary on The Old 100th

Henry Purcell

Words of Welcome

Song of Gathering

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**This is the day the Lord hath made;
the hours are all God's own.
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.**

Call to Worship

All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.

For you uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down.

All look to you; you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

We lift our hearts and hands in thanks to you.

*Hymn 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God who provides, we proclaim that your power, at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Where we see scraps, you envision a feast; when we fret about scarcity, you set a table of abundance. In a society based on consuming and owning, teach us the way of receiving instead of taking and the path of gratitude instead of grumbling. Guide us in generosity towards those in our neighborhoods and around the globe who lack basic necessities or struggle in poverty and famine. This we pray through Christ, who fills us with love that surpasses all knowledge, Amen.

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

**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).

Holy God, We Praise Your Name is based on an 18th-century metrical version of the Latin hymn *Te Deum*. This English version is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. The tune was composed and named for the German version of the text..

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:
Dan Nadenicek

The anthem is a familiar hymn with an accompaniment based on Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G* for cello, in an arrangement by contemporary American composer Roland E. Martin.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell is a paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot, set to a tune by a French composer. Text and tune have been paired since 1561.

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.

*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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 327, stanza 1

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

First Lesson

Matthew 6:25-34, page 884

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

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessings Roland E. Martin

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! O, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.
Here I find my greatest treasure, hither, by thy help, I've 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 thy precious blood.
O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, 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.

Second Lesson

Psalm 100, page 541

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

Sermon

Know that the Lord is God

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 220

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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	<i>Improvisation on Old Hundredth</i>	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 insert	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	FINLANDIA
*Charge and Benediction		
*Congregational Response		Hymn 540, stanza 3
God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.		
Postlude	<i>Toccata</i>	Grayston Ives



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Be Still, My Soul is a meditative text rooted in Psalm 46, paired with a tune from a tone poem by Jean Sibelius.

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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.

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.

Generosity Team Focus Group Sessions

The Generosity Team invites you to participate today in the last focus session:

- **Today, July 28:** 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Moses Waddel Room

Chuck Toney, elder and chair of the Generosity Team, will facilitate a discussion to share experiences, expectations, and goals about First Presbyterian Church, stewardship, service, and the many other ways that we live our mission. The results of these conversations will inform the creation of a year-round communications plan. A survey will also be made available by email for those who wish to participate but cannot attend any of the focus groups. Please contact Chuck at chuckgt63@gmail.com if you have any questions.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader

Dan Nadenicek

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon (head),
Mary Peace, John Simpson

FELLOWSHIP HOST

Chuck & Laura Toney

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the birthday of Harold Wilson Hartman III (H.W.) by his family.

JULY FLOWER TEAM

Vera Lee-Schoenfeld, Ethelyn Simpson

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

Volunteers Needed, ESP Summer Camp
Thursday, August 1, 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at ESP summer camp on Thursday, August 1 from 11:45 a.m. -1:30 p.m. We need 5-6 people total (ages 12 and up). No cooking required, just serving and possibly some light clean-up. Please e-mail Whitney at whitney@firstpresathens.org if you can make it! Camp location is 210 S Broad St #5, Winder, GA 30680.

Food Sunday, August 4

You may bring donations of “**odd shelf items**” (**ketchup, mayo, mustard, sugar, spices, cooking oil, salt & pepper, BBQ sauce, tea, coffee, salad dressing, pickles**) to church on **Sunday, August 4**. You may also bring items to the church office until **Friday, August 2**. Our neighbors in need are very grateful for your donations! Many thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 28

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Refreshments
- 11:15 a.m. Generosity Team Focus Group Session, Moses Waddel Room

Monday, July 29

- 11:00 a.m. Stephen Minister Leader Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. UGA Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Tuesday, July 30

- 8:00 a.m. CCSD OEL Professional Development Training, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls 1, Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. CYM Strategic Planning Meeting

Wednesday, July 31

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday
- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Food Classes, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 1

- 11:45 a.m. ESP Summer Camp Lunch, 210 S Broad St #5, Winder, GA 30680
- 12:00 p.m. Weekday School Opening Teacher Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m. Called Session Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Sunday, August 4, Back to School Blessing, Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Refreshments

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 \$272. 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 (julieb Jagmin@bellsouth.net or 678-852-7310) if you have any questions. If you need scholarship assistance, contact Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard (whitney@firstpresathens.org).

Save the Date

Join us on **August 18** as we kick off our fall activities with a Welcome Back Potluck in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. We will provide fried chicken and drinks. Sunday School classes will be providing information about their fall plans. Choirs will begin rehearsing in the afternoon of **August 18**. Children's and Youth Ministries will hold back-to-school events on **Sunday, August 25**. More info to come.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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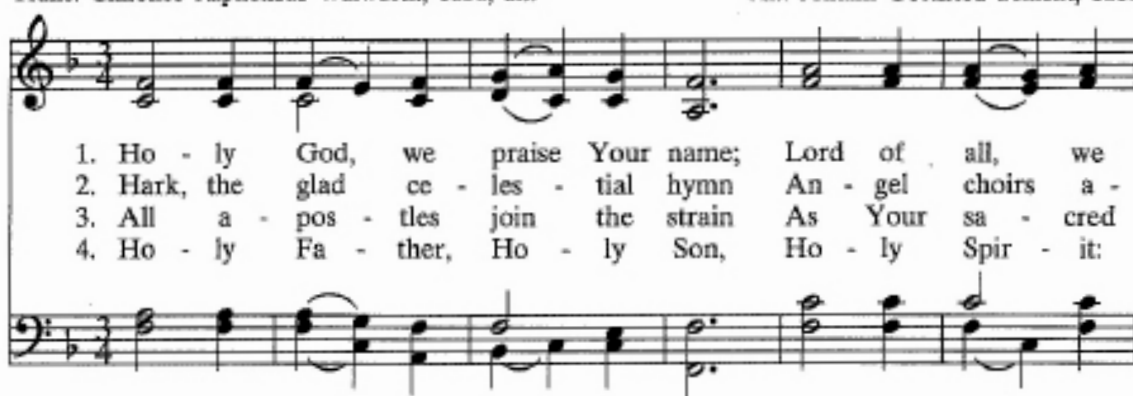
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Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774

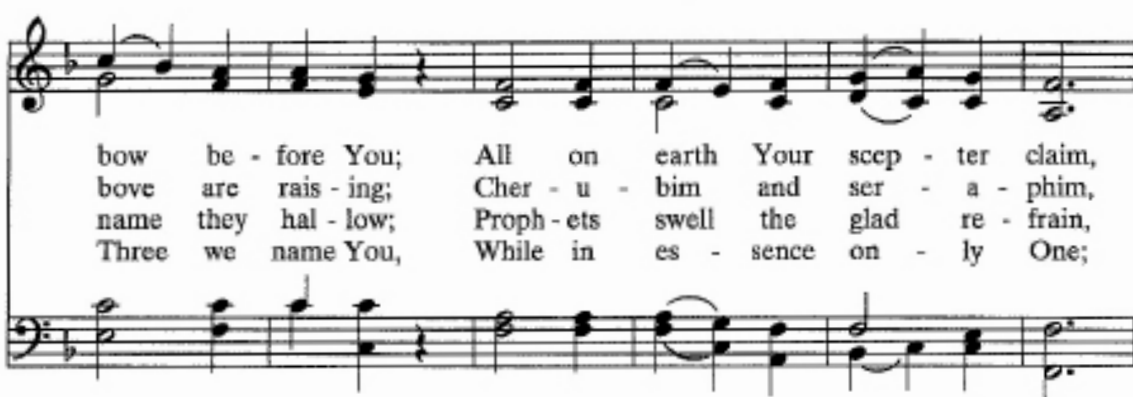
Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774

Trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858; alt.

Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819



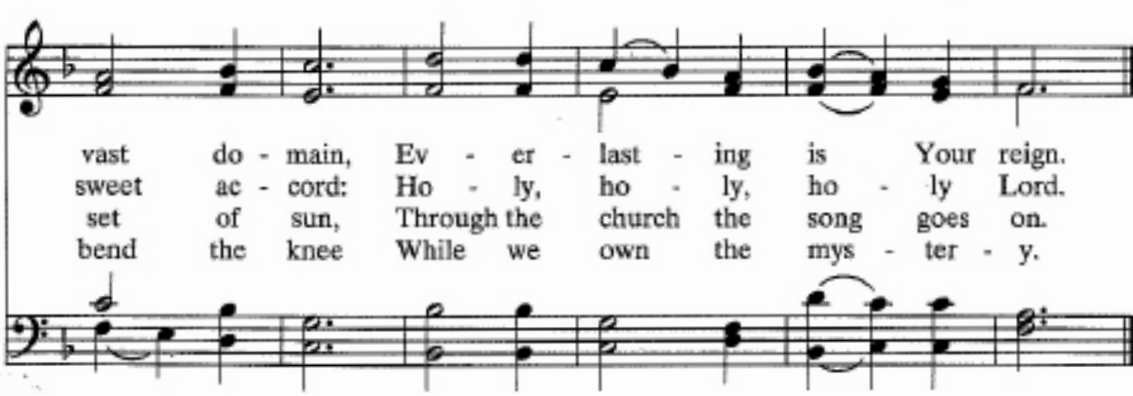
1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3. All a - pos - tles join the strain As Your sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore You; All on earth Your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 Three we name You, While in es - sence on - ly One;



All in heaven a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heavens with
 And the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, And a - dor - ing



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

PSALM 100

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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OLD HUNDREDTH LM

William Kethe, 1560

Attr. Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510–c. 1561)

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our aid He
 3. O en - ter then His gates with praise, Ap - proach with joy His
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for -

cheer - ful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forth
 did us make; We are His folk, He doth us
 courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless His name al -
 ev - er sure; His truth at all times firm - ly

tell, Come ye be - fore Him and re - jice.
 feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa-tient-ly the
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un-der-take to guide the fu-ture
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has-tening on when we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide,
sure-ly as the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
ev-er with the Lord; when dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang-es faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: thy
all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the
sor-ow for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when

best, thy heaven-ly Friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
waves and winds still know his voice who ruled themwhile he dwelt be-low.
change and tears are past all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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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Chuck Toney	John Turner	Paige Simmons
	Pat Waldrip	

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