



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!

August 4, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Eleventh 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

Largo

Antonio Vivaldi
trans. J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Back to School Blessing

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

Call to Worship

All you with grumbling stomachs, hungry for bread, nourishment, and flourishing: draw near to God.
All you with dry throats, thirsting for water, wisdom, and justice: draw near to God.
All you with empty arms, searching for a warm embrace, a meaningful life, and a loving community: draw near to God.

*Hymn 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT’S LEIGH

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Bread of life and manna from heaven, you provide for each of us and for all of us. You join every ligament, knitting us together, a whole body. May each of our parts promote our common growth as your love feeds us. Nourish us, fill us, enliven us, so that we can feed each other and seek the good of each and all, both near and far. This we pray through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Those who are able please 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).

God Is Here! was written for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas. The text is one a few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship.

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:
Anne Marie Miller

The African American spiritual *Let Us Break Bread Together* possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, which may explain the use of "Lord have mercy," from the traditional Kyrie.

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.

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

David Ogden



*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 454, stanza 1

**Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you;
by your teachings true and holy,
drawn from earth to love you solely.**

First Lesson

Luke 12:11-12, page 951

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

Second Lesson

Daniel 2:24-49, page 806

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

Sermon

Dreams

The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

*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

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I every with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. **(cont.)**

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Doxology**

**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.**

Hymn 592

***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.

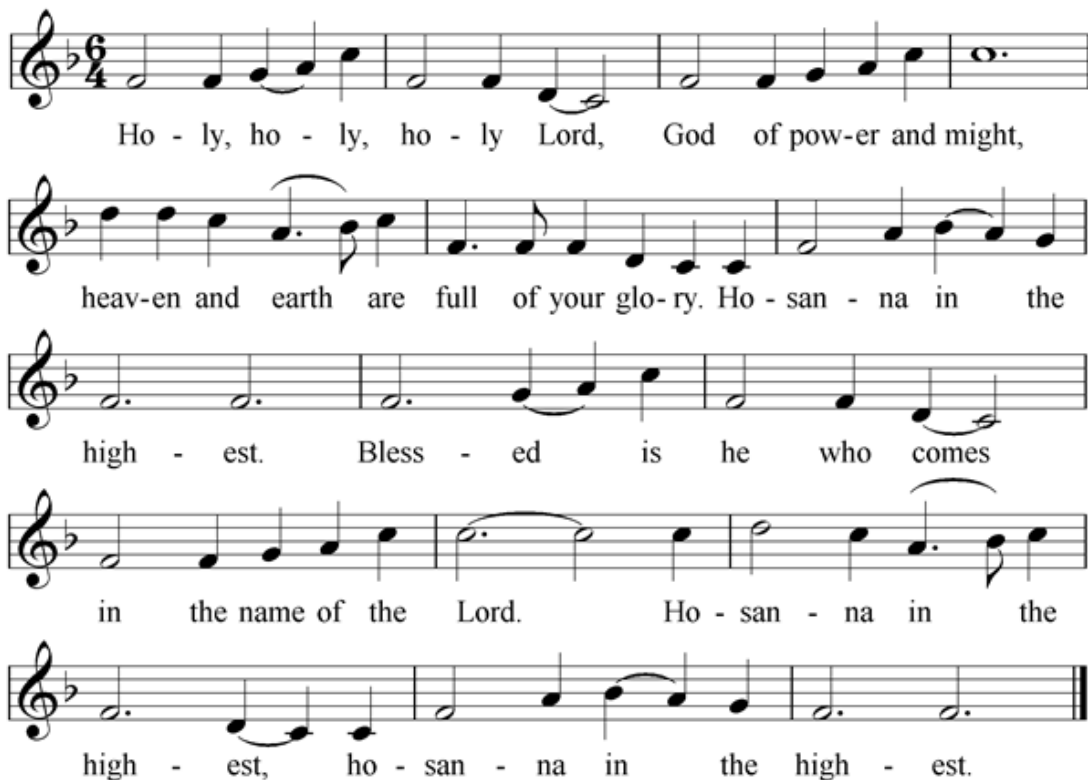
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

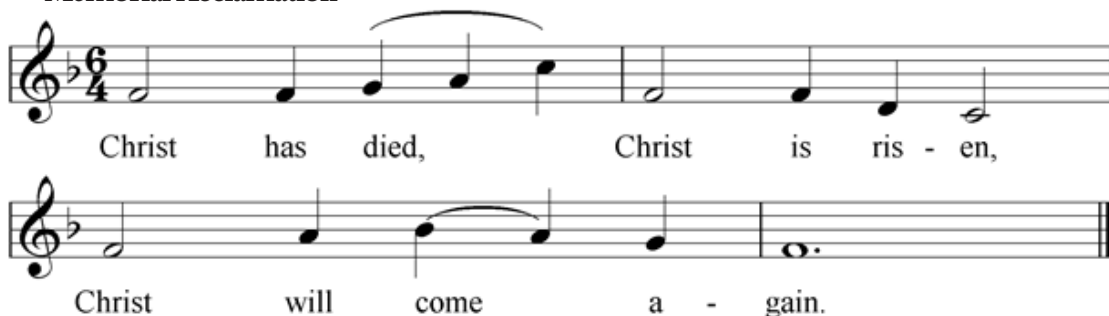
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.



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The musical setting of the communion liturgy is based on the American folk hymn LAND OF REST, arranged by American composer Richard Proulx.

The Great Amen



Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand was written for a sermon on Acts 26 for a New Year's Day service. The author wrote the hymn to follow his sermon.

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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.

Breaking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 265** *Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand* WAREHAM

*Charge and Benediction

***Congregational Response** AR HYD Y NOS

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;

here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Postlude

A Thornbury Fanfare

Malcolm Archer

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.

Save these Dates!

- Sunday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m.: Welcome Back Potluck (following our last 10:00 a.m. service of the summer) in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide fried chicken and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share (crockpots welcome) and join us in fellowship as we begin a new season together! Sunday School classes will be providing information about their fall plans. Choir Rehearsals begin in the afternoon.

- Sunday August 25 (9:45-10:45 a.m.): Sunday School for all ages resumes!

- Children's Ministry Meet & Greet (12:05 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Suite): Children and their families are invited to meet Hannah (new Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries) after worship, enjoy a treat, and get some information for the upcoming year.

- Parents' Party (5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall): Youth and their parents are invited to gather to meet Hannah, learn about plans for the year, and enjoy a meal together. More info to come.

- Sunday, September 8 (5:30-7:30 p.m.): 1st Youth Group of the Year

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

Anne Marie Miller

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon (head),
Larry Baer, John Simpson

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 63rd anniversary of the marriage of Bertis Downs III (1933-1964) and Ann Bryan Downs at Jermain Memorial Presbyterian Church in Watervliet, New York, August 4, 1955.

AUGUST FLOWER TEAM

Mary Adams, Susan Baldwin,
Karen Gilmore, Rosemary Stancil

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

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.

THIS WEEK

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
11:30 a.m. Mission & Outreach Commission Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Tuesday, August 6

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 via Zoom

Wednesday, August 7

11:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread Lunch, First Baptist Church

Thursday, August 8

4:30 p.m. Matthew 25 Commission Meeting, The PIT
5:00 p.m. Administration Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Friday, August 9 - Sunday, August 11: Women's Connection Conference at Montreat

Sunday, August 11

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 18: Welcome Back Potluck, Choir Rehearsals Begin

Flower Guild Workshop, August 10

All are invited to join the Athens First United Methodist Church Flower Guild on **Saturday, August 10** (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) in their sanctuary for a floral workshop with Alvin Moore of All Saints' Episcopal Atlanta. The workshop will include a demonstration of designing flowers for church, flower selection, and the ministry of the flower guild. No registration required.

Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. God is here! As we Your peo-ple Meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us Of our life - long
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come In the Shep-herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, In an age of

praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler mea-sure What it
 need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit; Here the
 flock and fold, Here, as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus-
 change and doubt Keep us faith - ful to the gos-pel, Help us

is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a - round us,
 cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of preach-ing,
 tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant
 work Your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,

All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
 Here in si - lence, as in speech, Here, in new - ness
 Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
 All we have to give, re - ceive: We, who can - not

of the Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out You, We a - dore You! We be - lieve!

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual

Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated for two different vocal parts.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

The third system is marked as the 'Refrain'. It continues the musical theme with the lyrics 'When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,'.

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

The fourth system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)'. The musical notation includes a double bar line at the end of the system.

3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

knees

Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand 265

WAREHAM LM

Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Orton's *Hymns Founded on Various Texts*, 1755; alt.

William Knapp, 1738

1. Great God, we sing that might - y hand By which sup -
2. With grate - ful hearts the past we own; The fu - ture,
3. In scenes ex - alt - ed or de - pressed, You are our

port - ed still we stand; The o - pening year Your
all to us un - known, We to Your guard - ian
joy, and You our rest; Your good - ness all our

mer - cy shows; That mer - cy crowns it till it close.
care com - mit, And peace - ful leave be - fore Your feet.
hopes shall raise, A - dored through all our chang - ing days.

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
Bruce Middendorf	Jeffrey Trapnell	Tom Lane
Randy Riner	Pat Tritt	Joan Pinson
Chuck Toney	John Turner	Paige Simmons
	Pat Waldrip	

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