

Worship Services

January 16, 2022 9:00 AM · 11:15 AM

We exist to make disciples in Macon to reach the world for Christ by loving God, loving others, and serving people.

Welcome

We welcome you to our worship service today. It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will find your worship experience to be encouraging, challenging, invigorating, and renewing you in the knowledge of God and the wonderful hope that we have through the Gospel of Christ.

Most of all, we hope that God will be glorified by the worship we render to him.

#### To Our Guests

We want to welcome you today! More information about our church is available on our website at fpcmacon.org.

#### SPIRITUAL CARE

If you would like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus Christ or you have any spiritual need or question, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

#### CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON

We provide a Bible lesson and music for children in Pre-K through second grade during the services. Children will be dismissed from the service and escorted to their classroom before the sermon. Please pick up your children after the service or Sunday school on the second floor of Cornerstone. If this is your first Sunday at FPC, please walk your child to the Bible lesson to check them in.

#### NURSERY

Nursery is provided for 3K and under from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM. We also provide a mother/infant room located in the nursery with a live video feed of the service, as well as a "cry room" downstairs from the sanctuary for parents of "fussy" children with an audio feed. Ushers are available to direct you.

#### **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Braswell E. Collins, Sr. by Dr. Braswell E. Collins, Jr..

#### YOUR PRESENCE

Please let us know that you're here today by scanning the QR code below.



# Corporate Worship

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Gathering Place for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

#### WELCOME

#### GATHERING SONG 660 - O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor may serve you as our King, And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

I Chronicles 29:10-13

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might,

and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE 2** – *O Worship the King* (Verses 1-3, 5)

O worship the king all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love; Our shield and defender, the ancient of days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, almighty, your pow'r has founded of old; Hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

#### 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 arose 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.

\*\*\*Seating Interlude\*\*\*

#### **SCRIPTURE READING -** from Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image; You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God ... showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or anything that is your neighbor's."

#### Heidelberg Catechism 115

Since no one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God want them preached so pointedly?

First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that we may never stop striving, and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their slaves. We have coveted blessings you wisely and rightly gave to others. O LORD, have mercy on us for we have not kept your good and holy law. Forgive our sins and renew and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your law and walk joyfully in your ways. Amen.

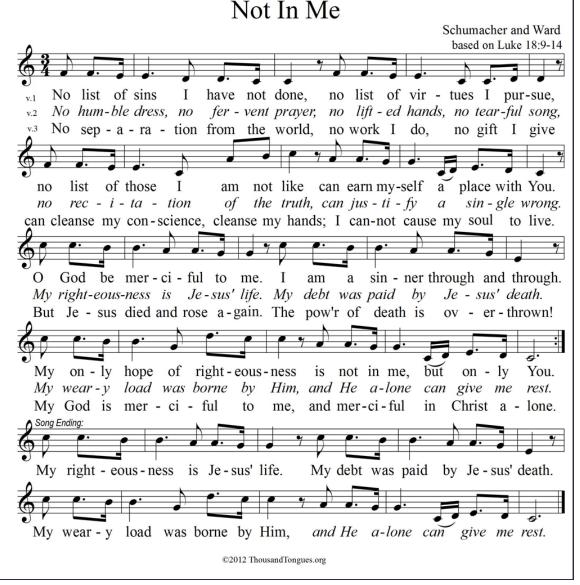
#### SCRIPTURE OF GRACE

Romans 3:20-25

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested

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apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.



#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Online giving may be done by texting **fpcmacon** to 73256 or visiting the church website at www.fpcmacon.org.

Christians, We Have Met to Worship ...... arr. Lloyd Larson

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; Will you pray with all your power, as we seek the Living Word. All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Christians, pray and God's great blessing will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too; Let us love and pray for others, till our God makes all things new. When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we sit down. Then our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around.

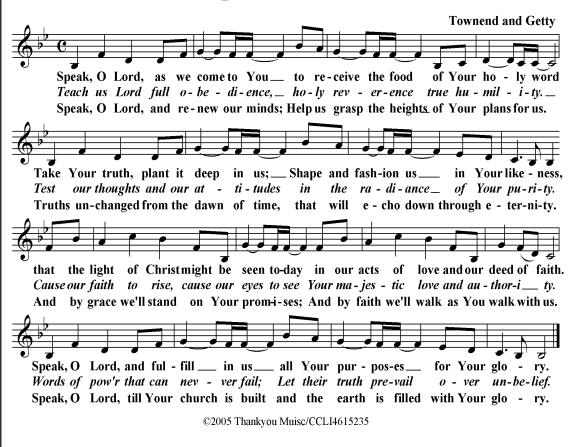
Oh worship the King all glorious above and gratefully sing God's wonderful love.

Christians we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Children K4-second grade are welcome to leave the worship service for a Bible Lesson in Cornerstone. They will meet their teacher at the front. We encourage children third grade and above to continue in corporate worship with their parents.

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION

### Speak, O Lord



#### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Hal Farnsworth

How's Your Marriage Romans 7:1-6

Or do you not know, brothers - for I am speaking to those who know the law - that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### Doxology 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hal Farnsworth is our guest preacher today.

Hal is a native of Greenville, SC and a Covenant Seminary graduate. After serving as a campus minister for RUF at Mississippi State and Vanderbilt, Hal and his wife MaryBeth, along with their 4 children-- Elizabeth, Ben, Robert, and Jack-- moved to Athens, GA to plant Redeemer Presbyterian Church in 1996.

## Announcements

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### FATHER/DAUGHTER CELEBRATION

The red carpet awaits! All girls ages 3k - 8th grade are invited to Glitz & Glamour, the Father Daughter Celebration! January 22nd at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 1 Daughter/Father, \$35, Each additional person, \$10. Register on Realm!

#### COMMUNICANTS CLASS

The Communicants Class is for children in the 5th grade and it begins on Sunday, February 27th, during Sunday school. The purpose of this class is to prepare them to take the Lord's Supper, to give them an opportunity to make a clear public profession of faith and become a member of our church. Email Spring Rawlings for more information. srawlings@fpcmacon.org

#### **NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED**

The FPC Nursery is looking for new staff members to care for our nursery children (infants - 3 years old) each week on Wednesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and / or Sunday mornings. Anyone interested in applying should email Lori Gillis (Igillis@fpcmacon.org) for more information.

#### WENESDAY NIGHTS

#### CO-ED GROUP

The Wednesday night co-ed group will be going through The Story of Scripture from Jan 12-Mar 9. The class will be taught by Justin, Elliott and Todd. No book is required, but if you would like to read Far As the Curse is Found by Mike Williams, it would be a good companion. Sign up here:

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#### **MEN'S GROUP**

**An Introduction to Christian Counseling**: Jesus as "Wonderful Counselor" and Practical Skills to Help Those in Need.

This Wednesday night group will seek to begin the process of preparing participants in the basics of Christian counseling. **Email Elliott for more information.** 

#### **INQUIRER'S CLASS**

Our Inquirer's Class is an informative (and fun) **sixweek course taught by Senior Pastor Chip Miller**.

This class will help you assimilate into church life at FPC and learn important and interesting things – like what First Presbyterian Church is trying to accomplish, what we believe, and what it means to be a Christian. Along the way, you'll meet new friends, connect with church staff and even become a church member; if that's your desire. This class provides a "no pressure" atmosphere, and the testimony of most is that you'll learn a lot and have a great time. Classes will begin, Sunday, Jan. 23rd, during the Education and Fellowship hour at 10:10 a.m. and will be in the Administration Office Conference Room. Email tjones@fpcmacon.org to register.

#### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: CONFESSIONS OF A RELUCTANT MESSENGER

Make plans to join us on **February 11-13th for our World Missions Conference.** The speaker this year will be **Matt Waldock, City Church Manchester.** Register on Realm! More information on our website!

## WORSHIP IN THE GATHERING PLACE

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

JAN. 22ND - FATHER/DAUGHTER CELEBRATION

JAN. 23RD - INQUIRER'S CLASS BEGINS

FEB. 11-13TH - MISSIONS CONFERENCE

FEB. 20TH - YOUTH ICE SKATING

FEB. 27TH - COMMUNICANTS CLASS BEGINS

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#### YOUTH AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 10:10 AM

Canterbury Education Building E104 Jim Shipley
Connections Basement M100 Various Teachers
Covenant Education Building E105 Calvin Smith
Grad and Career Gathering Place Various Teachers
Immanuel Education Building E106 Various Teachers

Logos Education Building E208 Christopher Marks/Andy Gray

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