

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 11

9/11 10 Year Anniversary

- 8:45 AM Early Worship*
- 9:00 AM Ignite@9*
- 10:00 AM Christian Education
- 10:00 AM CCS - Paul Fulks
- 11:00 AM Worship*
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir
- 6:00 PM Sunday Night Live!

Monday, September 12

- 5:00 PM Personnel Ministry
- 5:00 PM Missions Ministry
- 6:00 PM Ballroom Dance Class

Tuesday, September 13

- 11:30 AM College Student Lunch at Abbey
- 7:00 PM MSNGRbird Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 24 Meeting
- 7:30 PM Adult Handbell Choir

Wednesday, September 14

- 4:30 PM Logos
- 5:30 PM Church Family Night Supper
- 6:00 PM Yada Yada
- 7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 15

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast
- 9:15 AM Coffee Chat
- 7:00 PM Faith Discussion Group (Abbey)

Friday, September 16

- 11:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group

Saturday, September 17

- 10:00 AM Stephen Minister Training
- 12:00 PM Personal Prayer for World Peace
(Wherever you are when the siren sounds)

* Childcare Provided

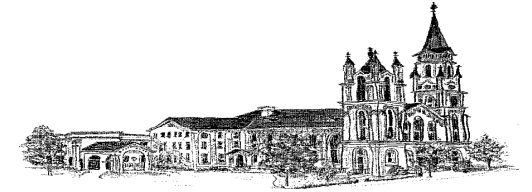
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Stand Tall: "God is God"

Lessons from the Book of Daniel

God is God.
I am not God.
I am a human being.
I am a sinner.
One day I will die.
I desperately need the grace of God.

While most of us agree with these statements we often fail to live as if we know they are true. Many times we like to think we are the ones who call the shots. We live as if we are in control. God's grace and persistent love are constantly calling us back from the abyss of our own folly.

Chapter 4 in the Book of Daniel brings us face to face with a King who thought he was the Sovereign King. The surprising thing that happened to him was the wakeup call he needed. It may be just the lesson we need as well.

This Sunday continues our sermon series, Stand Tall: Lessons from the Book of Daniel. We will also enjoy special music and prayers to remember the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. Join with your brothers and sisters on September 11 to draw strength from our fellowship and hope from the God who created, redeems and sustains us.

Soli Deo Gloria,



All Members, *Ministers*
The Reverend Charles R. Hasty, Jr., *Senior Pastor*
The Reverend Dr. E. Jones Doughton, *Associate Pastor*
Mr. Thomas H. George, Jr., *Organist and Choirmaster*
Ms. Suzanne McCary, *Church Administrator*
Mr. Don Sharitt, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Mrs. Jami Conroy, *Director of Children's Ministries*
The Reverend Jason Micheli, *Campus Pastor, Abbey Fellowship*



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

September 11, 2011 † 11:00 a.m.

† GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME †

PRELUDE	<i>Andante quasi Adagio</i> Theodore Neumeister, horn (Prepare for worship in silent prayer.)	Strauss
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Make a Joyful Noise</i>	Beck
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN (see insert)	<i>When Sudden Terror Tears Apart</i>	AZMON
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		

O God, whose ways are not our ways, we confess that we have discounted or ignored Your commandments. We have chosen our own standards instead of seeking ultimate good. We have substituted our illusions for Your truth. Our words and actions have hurt others and diminished us. We have become so comfortable with our own sin that we find it hard to recognize. We have been so unforgiving of others' sin that they cannot discern the Christ in us. O Lord, in Your mercy forgive us we pray.....(continue in silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI HYMN 546

(Children K-3 grade dismissed to Children's Church)

† PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD †

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*FIRST LESSON	Ephesians 2:8-9	p. 192, NT
ANTHEM	<i>O Christ the Same</i> Theodore Neumeister, horn	Courtney

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages, Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; Eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, Unchanging still amid the passing years: O living Word, the source of all creation. Who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze; O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays. O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide; Still as of old upon your body bearing The marks of love in triumph glorified: O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven, O Prince of life, in all your saving power; O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given: We bring our thanks for this the present hour. O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping Our lives and loves, our days and years remain; Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain: O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, For all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee; O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, We bring our thanks for all that is to be. We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

*SECOND LESSON	Daniel 4 (selected verses)	p. 823, OT
SERMON	Stand Tall: God is God	Rev. Charles R. Hasty, Jr.

† RESPONDING TO THE WORD †

LITANY OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE (see insert)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In accepting Jesus Christ, we get our salvation; in prayer and Bible study we grow in our faith; in service we give the most of our time, talent, and treasure! Are you?

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>God of All the Nations</i> Lisa Cowart, soloist	Zinter
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This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all; myself I give; Thy will be done, thou God of all. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY HYMN 544

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

† SENDING †

*HYMN 91	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	EIN' FESTE BURG
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Hallelujah</i>	arr. Lynn
*POSTLUDE	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	Pachelbel
<i>*Worshipers are invited to stand.</i>		

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marge S. Benn and in honor of William D. Benn by their children and grandchildren.

Following the 11 a.m. service, a Stephen Minister will be available in the Sanctuary for prayer and in the Museum for private prayer.

Hearing devices are available by request in the Sanctuary. Please ask any usher for assistance.

Youth & Children's Ministries

LOGOS-a-GoGo 2011 - 2012

Sept. 14th - Western Night
Sept. 21st - Sports Favorite Team
Sept. 28th - Beach Party

Bible Verse for September:

"O Israel, rejoice in your Maker. O people of Jerusalem, exult in your King. Praise his name with dancing, accompanied by tambourine and harp. For the Lord delights in his people"

Psalms 149:2-4a

Coffee Chat



Women's

Bible Study

Thursday's

9:15 am - 10:15 am

Begins Sept. 8

Whether you are single, married, a mom, an empty nester, or a grandma, we would love to have you join us for this awesome time of prayer and study.

This fall we will begin with Priscilla Shirer's study "Seed." Our prayer is that, together, we will discover how God's voice can be heard through his Word in an intimate, practical, and tangible way.

This fun study promises to revitalize our relationship with the Lord and help us have a renewed interest for hearing Him.

Plus, the fellowship and conversation is always action packed and full of humor! Please stop in and join us!

Youth Calendar (6th - 12th grades)

- Sept. 8 High School Bible Study
- Sept. 11 Middle School Sunday School
High School Sunday School
SNL! Bible Study
- Sept. 18 Middle School Sunday School
High School Sunday School
SNL! Bible Study &
Sack Lunch Packing
- Sept. 25 Middle School Sunday School
High School Sunday School
SNL! Bible Study
- Oct. 1 & 2 Fall Youth Overnight in
Macon
- Oct. 2 NO SNL!
- Oct. 8 High School Flint River Trip
or Ropes Course

YOUTH Choir

YOUTH CHOIR WILL meet again this Sunday, September 11. Our last rehearsal was awesome with 19 singers!! We are now singing in four parts!! All youth grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us! We will meet in the Choir Room (2nd floor - Sanctuary building) at 5 p.m..

Congregational Joys & Concerns

Health Concerns

Members: Georgia Adams, Terrell Adams, Carol Jackson, Faye Johnson, Ty Kingery, Betty Kinnett, Betty Lawrence, Elaine McMillen, John Marshall, Dave Moss, Laurene Moye, Bill Mullin, Fran Paepcke, Dick Stone, Mary Allen King Thomas, Lynn Whiddon, Sidney H. Yarbrough, III.

Family: Virginia Bartow, *mother of Pam B. Moye*; Sarah Cawthorne, *wife of Clint Cawthorne*; Joe Daniel, *family friend of Biddy Hammett*; Betty Dickson, *mother of Cindy Sharitt*; Steve Enfinger, *cousin of Faye Johnson*; Catherine Handjis, *aunt of Chris Smith*; Florence Henry, *mother of Larry Henry*; Shara Johnson, *daughter-in-law of Will and Faye Johnson*; the Merriken Family, *friends of Jarrett and Leah Cudd*; Mary Moore, *mother of Janis Miley*; Daniel Moseley, *son of Kimberly and Danny Moseley*; Ed and Mary Anne Neal, *father and mother of Warner Neal*; Becca Paepcke, *daughter of Bud and Fran Paepcke*; Virginia Rhoades, *mother of Sharon Webb*; Jane Shirah, *sister of Paul Dobbs*; David Stephenson, *son of Agnes Stephenson*; Susan Thomas, *sister-in-law of Inga Paris*, Cathy Smith Wilkerson, *niece of Biddy Hammett*.

Remember our deployed soldiers: Charles Carmen, Wade Greenley, Matt Hasting, Allie Vacalis, Craig Young, their families, and military families around the world.

† In Memoriam †
Oneita Moore Crawford
November 4, 1920 - August 25, 2011

† In Memoriam †
Gloria Anne Cartlege Mullin
October 19, 1925 - August 19, 2011

Financial Status through Sunday, August 28

Total Income	\$1,064,722
Total Expenses	<u>(1,073,821)</u>
	\$ (9,099)

Notes for Sunday, September 11, 2011

8:45 AM Usher Team

Leonard Buce, Gary Singley.

11:00 AM Usher Team

Tommy Adams - Captain, Ed Adams, III, Ed Adams, Sr., Stacy Barnes, Boon Bickerstaff, Edgar Chancellor, Steve Gunby, Madden Hatcher, III, Ed Kinner, Andy Philips, Charlie Straus, Minna Straus, Dickie Straus, Collier Trotter, Perrin Trotter.

Vestibule Team

Jim Gunby - Captain, Bob Swygert.

Greeters and First Friends

Larry Henry, John & Weesie Laney, Tena McQueen, Terry Whitaker.

TV Team

Kyle Moye, Ed Adams, III.

Soundboard

Stacy Welch.

Children's Church Assistants

Robert or Mint Flowers.

Pastor-on-Call

Rev. Charles R. Hasty, Jr.

Sermons Online

Go to www.columbusfpc.org, scroll down and click on the picture of the church.

Congregational Sympathy is extended to:

Bill Mullin and family on the death of Gloria Mullin on August 19, the family of Bart Woodruff who passed away on August 23, Cindy Sharitt on the death of her father, Bill Dickson, on August 24, Letcher Crawford and family on the death of Oneita Crawford on August 25.

We welcome Theodore Neumeister to our music leadership this morning. Ted is a recent graduate of CSU and is a new member of First Presbyterian.

Ministry Opportunities

The first meeting of **Theology and Literature** for 2011-2012 will be held on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Margie Bickerstaff, 2722 Hilton Avenue, for dessert and a discussion of *Leaving Church, A Memoir of Faith*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, named one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University. Please join us for an evening of fellowship.

We are hosting **VIP September 18-25**. Contact Tracy Mims or Martha Espada if you can participate with this ministry. There are opportunities to spend the night with our guests, to serve meals, and to serve in other ways.

The **Uptown Food Pantry** was open for 19 sessions in August 2011. We served 328 units containing 662 people.

Habitat for Humanity: We will participate in the "Building On Faith" project with Habitat on October 7 & 8, 28 & 29. Please be in prayer for this multi-church hands-on mission opportunity. More information will come out in the weeks ahead.

Please remember **Bernard Ondiek and the Friends of Christ School in Kenya**. This ministry, supported by the Global Missions Offering, cares for and educates orphaned children. This is a time of severe drought in Kenya. They are struggling to make a difference.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Control - To exercise directing influence, power, and authority over conditions. Humans like to be in control, having the power to choose exactly what is going to happen and when. Unfortunately, life isn't like that—we only think we're in control. So when something happens and we realize we're not in control, we feel lost, overwhelmed, angry, even terrified. **STEPHEN MINISTERS** are trained to help when things are out of control. They provide encouragement and support while helping a person put faith and trust in God. If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Rev. Doughton at the church office.

Mission Trip to Guatemala Nov. 7-14

We have a great group of 11 people from Flint River Presbytery going to Guatemala in November, including three from First Columbus. One or two scholarships are still available.... For more information, contact Pam Moye at 706 653-9203 or pambmoye@charter.net.

The Abbey Fellowship Open House: Please join us after 11 a.m. Worship on Sunday, September 25 at 1023 1st Avenue to see the new Abbey! It's our new "home away from home" for CSU students. The fall semester is off to a great start; already lots of students are coming by for food and fellowship. Please join us....refreshments will be served.

NeighborGroups Return! Mark your calendar now for Sunday, October 2. That day members of First Presbyterian will gather in the homes of fellow church members and neighbors. NeighborGroups meet three times a year for fellowship and something more. This is a vehicle for Care, Communication, and Connection. This is a means to stay in touch, deepen our friendships, and to share updates.

Church Trip: Thursday, September 15, we will tour and explore the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Ft. Mitchell. We will meet at 9 a.m., tour the Retreat Center, take a side trip to Chatahoochee Indian Center in Ft. Mitchell, and wrap up with a great fellowship lunch.

Stephen Ministers Available. If you would like to pray with a Stephen Minister immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service, Earle Powell will be in the Museum, Lisa Powers will be in the Sanctuary, and Andy Moye will be on call during the week at 706.653.9203. All contacts with Stephen Ministers are held in confidence.

Fellowship & Christian Education Opportunities

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, September 15, 7:15 a.m.
in the Parlor.

Men's Life Returns
Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 a.m.
in the Lodge.
We will begin a no holds barred study
based on the movie **Fireproof**.

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College and Career Sunday Morning Conversations

Join us 20-somethings on Sundays at 10 a.m. in room 108 to discuss the intersection of our faith and events in the news. For more info, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/fpcyasmc> or contact Rev. Micheli at jmicheli@columbusfpc.org.

DO YOU READ MUSIC? The Adult Handbell Choir is looking for substitute ringers. If you read music, we will teach you to play the bells. We meet on Tuesday evenings. Contact Tom George through the church office to express your interest.

We welcome **Ron Anderson of the Springer Theater to Church Family Supper** on Wednesday, September 14th.

Wednesday Night Programs in September:

Sept. 21 Youth Summer Mission Trip Report
Sept. 28 Presbyterian Homes of Georgia
Oct. 5 Rev. Donna Gafford will give us an informative background on Anglican/Episcopal Spirituality.
Oct. 12 Rev. Joan Gray, former Moderator of the PC (USA) 2006 Birmingham General Assembly

Our first fall offering for the **Center for Christian Studies begins September 11 and will run September 18, 25, and October 9**. Rev. Dr. Paul Fulks, Presbyterian minister and Christian counselor will present: **HOW TO AVOID GETTING SCARED AND ACTING MEAN: THE WITNESS OF FAITH IN A CULTURE OF FEAR**. He describes the course, "No matter where we get our news, we are bombarded daily with messages about fear. How does this constant fear barrage influence and shape how we perceive and respond to the world around us? As people enjoined to know that perfect love that casts out fear, how can we respond to our culture of fear in ways that urge faith and enable love to take center stage? Neurologists who study the brain have provided fresh new insights into how a society awash in fear is more easily manipulated. This multi-week course provides a review of fear and its uses from several cultures across time as well as the empowering gospel that conquers fear with Christ's perfect love." It will meet in Room 303 A and B.