

First Presbyterian Church

Website Policy

Respecting user privacy over the Internet is of utmost importance to us. This privacy policy describes the current policies and practices with regard to personal data collected by First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Georgia, through our website. The term “personal data” refers to personally identifiable information including your name, birth date, email address, mailing address, social security number, and the last four digits of your credit card number.

The website of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Georgia, a local church of The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and a member of the Flint River Presbytery is www.columbusfpc.org

Your Consent

By using this website, you consent to our use of your personal data as described in this privacy policy.

How the information is used

First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, uses your information to communicate with you and understand your needs in order to provide better ministry to our church community and beyond. We may use your information to complete a transaction, inform you of prayer needs, update you on the happenings at the church or to personalize our website for you. We also provide you the opportunity to remove your name from our mailing lists, if you so desire.

Notification of changes to this policy

We are continually improving and adding new functionality and features to this website. Because of these ongoing changes, changes in the law, and the changing nature of technology, we may revise this privacy policy from time to time. If and when this occurs, we will post a dated notice on our home page informing you that a change has been made.

Use of personal data collected through this website

Information, including, but not limited to, personal data, that we collect will not be sold, rented, lent, exchanged or used by an individual or entity other than First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Georgia, unless otherwise indicated. This includes, for example, the information you provide when you register for an event or conference, make a financial contribution, or send us comments or requests for information.

We use the information you provide for the purposes for which it was originally collected and we may also use it to help us improve the content and functionality of our website in order to better understand the needs and interests of the people and organizations that use our site, and to improve our programs and ministries. This information may be used to contact you in the future to tell you about other programs and ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

We may retain your personal data on file to better serve you. Any destruction of personal data will be done in a manner consistent with the intent of this policy.

Anonymous data collected through First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Georgia website

In addition to the information you provide when you use this website, we use technology to collect anonymous information about the use of the website. For example, we use technology to track how

many visitors access the website, the date and time of their visit, the length of their stay, and which pages they view. We also use technology to determine which web browsers our visitors use and the address from which they accessed the site.

This technology does not identify you personally. It simply enables us to compile statistics about our visitors and their use of our website. We use this anonymous data and may share it with third parties for various reasons; for example, to improve the content and functionality of the website, to better understand the needs and interests of our visitors, and to improve our programs and ministries.

Cookies

In order to collect anonymous data described in the preceding paragraph, we may use temporary “cookies” that collect the first level domain name of the user. For example, if your email address is name@xyz.com, the cookie collects the “xyz.com” portion of your email address and the date and time you accessed this website. Cookies by themselves cannot be used to discover the identity of the user. A cookie is a small piece of information that is sent to your browser and stored on your computer’s hard drive. Cookies do not damage your computer. You can set your browser to notify you when you receive a cookie. This enables you to decide if you want to accept it or not. Our website may use temporary or “session” cookies. These “session” cookies expire when your browser window is closed.

Children

We do not knowingly collect personal data from children under the age of eighteen. If you are under eighteen, please do not give us any personal data. If you have reason to believe that a child has provided personal data on this website, please contact us and we will endeavor to delete that information. If you are a child under the age of eighteen and using this website, please do not give any information about yourself, such as your name, address, birth date, phone number, school or email address.

Photographs

We routinely use photographs of church members and visitors on our website. We do not list names or other identifying information about the photographs. If you see a photograph on our website that you would prefer not to have appear, please contact the church at 706.322.4523 to request a deletion.

Links to other sites

This privacy policy applies only to this website which is owned and administered by First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Georgia. This site contains hyperlinks to websites that are not operated by us. These hyperlinks are provided for your reference and convenience only and do not imply any endorsement of the activities of these third-party websites or any association with their operators. We do not control these websites and are not responsible for their data practices. We urge you to review the privacy policy posted on any site you visit before using the site or before providing any personal data about yourself.

Removal from our mailing list

We give you the opportunity to remove your name from our postal and/or email mailing lists so that you do not receive future communications. If you desire to permanently remove your name, you can contact the church office at 706.322.4523.

Governing Law

This policy shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Georgia and federal law and regulation.