

1830 SOCIETY

First Presbyterian Church
Columbus, Georgia

*“1830 was the year
On the Georgia frontier
Fourteen faithful bowed their heads to pray
Led by God’s almighty hand
On their knees they took a stand
And founded this church in Jesus’ name.
In the same way we’re still praying
For the future of our church
Like those who came before us,
We’re ready to serve.*

*We are a family of faith
Ever growing in God’s grace
We come from a long line of love
They prayed we would go forth
Share their vision, stay the course
And take the baton they’ve handed us
From on high they are watching and cheering us on
They’ve finished their leg of the race,
Now it’s our turn to run.”*

“Called by the Spirit” lyrics by Jeff Pearson



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Celebrating a perpetual source of blessings for
the ministry of First Presbyterian Church
from Generation to Generation.



First Presbyterian Church has a very rich history. Our start begins humbly in 1830 with 14 men and women willing to organize a church on the banks of the Chattahoochee River in a new town on the Georgia frontier.

As time passed, the church survived the Civil War only to be faced with a fire that left the structure in ruins in 1891. Instead of giving up hope, the members rallied together to rebuild the beautiful sanctuary so that future generations might have a place to worship. Before the ashes had cooled on the fire ravaged building, members came forth with their gifts to begin the process of rebuilding.

The **1830 Society** provides an opportunity to make an enduring statement of faith that will ensure excellence and strength for the ministries of First Presbyterian Church today, tomorrow and well into the future.

Through a Legacy Gift we have a joyous opportunity to know that in some way our resources will make possible the Lord's work beyond our lifetime, extending our Christian influence and that of the Church down the corridors of time, yes, until the kingdoms of the world become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

The **1830 Society** honors the people whose vision led to the establishment of the First Presbyterian Church and **recognizes members and friends who have notified the church** of provisions in their estate, retirement, or life insurance plans that will benefit the church, have named the church as a beneficiary of a charitable trust or life income gift such as an annuity, or have established an endowed fund during their lifetime to support the ministry of the church.

First Presbyterian Church encourages planned gifts to the following funds:

- ◆ General Endowment
- ◆ Mission and Outreach
- ◆ Music and Worship
- ◆ Property and Maintenance

1830 Society Members

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey G. Adams
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Ballengee
Mrs. Catherine Z. Bickerstaff
Mrs. Eleanor T. Burnham
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Walker Flowers
Mrs. Diane Pickron Harris
Mr. Frank Grieve Lumpkin, III
Mr. R. Duke Miller
Mrs. Virginia Illges Norman
Mr. & Mrs. L. Rexford Whiddon

First Presbyterian Church currently benefits from the gifts of those who have gone before us through:

The Bickerstaff Courtyard Fund (Margaret F. Bickerstaff)
Richard H. Bickerstaff Estate
The Buie Fund (Col. David M. Buie)
The Feighner Fund (Margaret R. Feighner and J.W. Feighner)
The Illges Fund (Virginia H. Illges)
The Lumpkin Fund (Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr.)
The Pollard Fund (Gertrude Pollard)
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The Church Property and Maintenance Fund
The Barnett J. Woodruff Property and Maintenance Fund
Woodruff Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (Barnett J. Woodruff)

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16*

How will we respond to God's gift to us?

