

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 1

* Childcare Provided

8:45 a.m. Worship*
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship*

Monday, September 2

Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

8:30 a.m. Day School Elementary
9:00 a.m. Day School
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. College Student Lunch at Abbey
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 24
7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells

Wednesday, September 4

8:30 a.m. Day School Elementary
9:00 a.m. Day School
7:35 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, September 5

7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Day School Elementary
9:00 a.m. Day School
10:00 a.m. Java Journey
11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry
12:00 p.m. Personnel Ministry

Friday, September 6

8:30 a.m. Day School Elementary
9:00 a.m. Day School

Pastor

Rev. Danny Dieth

Church Office Hours

Monday	8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Share God's Love

First Presbyterian, a historic church located in uptown Columbus, Georgia, seeks to minister to all people in Christ's name through an inclusive, caring, and faithful community that joyfully shares the gift of salvation from a loving and forgiving God.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

September 1, 2019 † 11 a.m.

Worship Leaders: Jimmy Moye and Rev. Connie Happell

† GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME †

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Bless me, O Lord, with a heart and mind willing and able to hear and obey Your Word for me today, so that I might bring glory to You and grace to others as I live and serve in Your world. Amen.

PRELUDE *Chaconne in F Major* Purcell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: This is the day the Lord has made! Psalm 118:24

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CHORAL INTROIT *This is the Day the Lord Hath Made* Whitworth

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:28-31 OT, p. 668

*HYMN 434 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You welcome those who seek You and You seek those who are going in their own way. We confess that we have not loved and welcomed others as we should. Instead, we have sought honor for ourselves. Please forgive us. Revive us with Your Holy Spirit and lead us to love our neighbors as You love them ...*(continue in silent personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that our sins are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI (see insert)
(Parents please send children Pre-K-3rd grade forward during the Gloria Patri for the Children's sermon.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON Debbie Spear

† PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD †

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 2:4-13 OT, p. 699

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One* Holst, arr. McDonald

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:1-14

NT, p. 77

SERMON

Table Manners

Rev. Connie Happell

† RESPONDING TO THE WORD †

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (see insert)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful!* arr. Hogan

O Jesus, king most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned! O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found. O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire, Surpassing all the joys we know, all that we can desire. When once you visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine, Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine. You may our tongues forever bless; You may we love alone And ever in our lives express the image of your own! May every heart confess your name, Forever you adore, And, seeking you, itself inflame To seek you more and more.

*DOXOLOGY (see insert)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† SENDING †

*HYMN 479 (first tune) *In Christ There is No East or West* ST. PETER

(K-3rd grade will return from Children's Church. Pre-K should be picked up in the preschool wing.)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Alleluia* Purcell

POSTLUDE *Abide With Us, Lord Jesus* Walther

**Worshippers are invited to stand.*

†††

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Otis Burnham's 90th birthday by his family.

****Please join us immediately after worship for refreshments and fellowship outside in front of the sanctuary.**

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available by request in the Sanctuary.

FPC Youth

Sunday, September 1

10 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday, September 8

10 a.m. Sunday School



We are excited to bring on Graham Davis and his wife, Robin, to work with and lead our youth ministry program in Chris Munro's absence for the next two months. A planning meeting was held last Sunday and generated a lot of great ideas for an exciting fall for the youth at First Presbyterian Church.

Children's Ministries



We are gearing up for a great start to our Children's Christian Education season! This year we will be "**Feasting on the Word**" with an awesome new curriculum for Children's Church and Sunday School from PCUSA. This study is designed to help our kiddos learn more about what it means to be a member of the Presbyterian faith and engage them in an exciting exploration of the Scripture. We are still in need of leaders for Children's Sunday School. If you're interested in participating in this incredible ministry, just reach out to Ms. Deb at dspear@columbusfpc.org.

Come **Join the Feast** as we sing, create and learn more about God's amazing Word!

Health Concerns

Members: Faye Johnson, Hugh Kennedy, Marion Green, Virginia Porter, Ida Mendez-Vigo

† IN MEMORIAM †

Lobenta D. Johnson

August 24, 1925 – August 21, 2019

Congregational Sympathy is extended to Eddie and Debbie Spear on the death of Eddie's father, Edward Chester Spear. Please keep their family in your prayers.

New Members (as of August 27, 2019): At the Session Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, Margie Dodd and Dianne Wright were received as our newest members.

Financials through Sunday, August 25

Budgeted Income	\$774,989
Budgeted Expenses	<u>(\$892,116)</u>
	(\$117,127)
Actual Income through August 25	\$751,365
Actual Expenses through August 25	<u>(\$879,470)</u>
	(\$128,105)

8:45 a.m. Usher Team

Bob David, Dean Haulton, Madden Hatcher

11 a.m. Usher Team

Scott Bryan - Captain, Alice Bryan, Bekah Bryan, Dan Gilbert, Jill Gilbert, Jimmy Jarrell, Jim Livingston, Katheryn Livingston, Cary McCoy, Stacy Welch, Sid Yarbrough IV, Alice Ehrhart

Vestibule Team

Ed Adams - Captain, Tommy Adams, Ed Booth, Jimmy Moyer, Stacy Welch

Greeter Team

Patti White, Margaret Page, Alice Ehrhart

Spring Harbor

Stacy and Caroline Welch

Children's Church Assistant

Heather Peebles

Sermons Online

Go to www.columbusfpc.org, click on worship then videos.

Worship Assistant

Jimmy Moyer

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or would like more information about becoming a member, please contact our pastor, Danny Dieth, by calling the church office at 706.322.4523 or email at ddieth@columbusfpc.org.

Fellowship, Christian Education and Ministry Opportunities

Route B Break Bread Program is in need of a volunteer who would like to deliver meals on the second Tuesday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Weesie Laney at 706.561.7391.



Looking for a phone number or address? ACS Church Life provides an electronic directory for church contacts. Go to the App Store for your device and download ACS Church Life. Then contact Jennifer at the church office 706.322.4523 for additional set up instructions.

Food Pantry Volunteers - We now have a desperate need for interviewers and substitute interviewers. If you are interested in helping please call Ulla Booth at 706.718.6543 or Mary Bradley at 706.327.4709 for the different time slots available.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Thursday, September 5 at 7:15 a.m. in the Parlor.

A Great Opportunity - Are you looking for a wonderful way to spend money and yet, know that you are helping to make a real difference in the life of a local person or family? If so, we have an opportunity for you. The Pastor's Benevolence Fund is a special fund that is administered by the pastor to assist people in need. For years, it has carried a pretty sizeable balance, and, occasionally contributions have been received to assist with ongoing needs. Recently, however, there have been more and more demands placed upon this money.

The money is used sparingly to help people with food, utility bills or other simple living expenses. There is a lot of need right now so if you are willing to help replenish these funds, it would be greatly appreciated. You can make your check payable to the church and put Pastor's Benevolence Fund in the description line.

Your gift can make a real difference in someone's life.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 6
World Communion Sunday
Stewardship Fried Chicken Lunch
Rise Against Hunger Hands-on Mission Project

Fellowship, Christian Education and Ministry Opportunities

"Christian Caregiving" Workshop at First Presbyterian

Offered by Flint River Presbytery
Saturday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20 which includes lunch

This six-hour workshop, led by Rev. Dr. Karl King, is designed to equip, celebrate, and empower Deacons, Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders, and Stephen Ministers to take another step forward in their ministry of caring for others in the name of Christ. The goal of the workshop is to learn more about the resources of faith, church, community, and healthcare networks in order to share Christ's healing and wholeness. Practical case studies, small group interaction, and time for individual reflection will provide many opportunities for discussion and learning. The ideas and skills shared during the workshop will be useful for Christian Caregiving ministries in local congregations.

The Rev. Dr. Karl Kling is a clinical Fellow in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) and a Psychotherapist Member in the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). He has served congregations in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Florida, Georgia, and Alabama over the course of 38 years of ministry. As part of his pastoral ministry, he served as a Marriage and Family Therapist and Pastoral Counselor in private practice for 10 years. Dr. Kling earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Seminary in the area of Pastoral Care; an M.Div. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary; and a Bachelor of Science degree from the Wharton Business School in Philadelphia. He currently is a Member At Large of Flint River Presbytery.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 11 at noon. Register online at www.flintriverpresbytery.org or by calling Jennifer in the church office, 706.322.4523.

ANTHEM

Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One

Holst, arr. McDonald

Sovereign Lord, Creator, righteous one, most high and holy King, my Redeemer, Father, dearest friend, my praise to you I bring. I will praise your name forever, knowing that you loved me first; for you feed my every hunger and quench my every thirst. With my heart I'll ever worship you, my voice will sing your praise; for your everlasting mercy and grace for every day. All creation bows in humbleness before your heavenly throne, and I shall forever thank you for making me your own. You are higher than the highest, and the God of all who live. You are worthy of all honor and praise that I can give. All my life shall be a witness of your majesty and grace, and in heaven I'll bow before You and see you face to face. Amen.