

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.

Welcome, Gathering, and Announcements Nancy Browder, Lay Reader

Prelude "The Old Rugged Cross" George Bennard

Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 135 & 136) Nancy Browder

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

ALL: We give praise, we who stand in the house of the Lord!

L: Praise the Lord, all servants of God!

**ALL: Sing to his name, for God is gracious!
Come, let us worship the Lord!**

*Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (verses 1, 3, & 4) #667

*Call to Confession Nancy Browder

L: The scriptures teach that we have a high priest who has been tested as we are, yet without sin. As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, "Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Let us pray, first silently, then together. (*Silence*)

*Prayer of Confession

ALL: Gracious God, sometimes we neglect to be still and know that you are God. Forgive us, Lord, when we do not accept your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to walk in the way Jesus models for us, mindful of our spiritual health even as we respond with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (from Ephesians 2) Nancy Browder

L: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."

Prayer for Illumination

ALL: Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Open our ears and our hearts to your teachings, Lord, that we may be strengthened in our faith and equipped for ministry in your name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Nancy Browder

Special Music, *FPC Choir* "We Bring Our Thanks" Willaims & Schram

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Pastor Betsy

Sermon "A Shepherd's Guidance"

*Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (verses 1 & 4) #187

*Affirmation of Faith *The 23rd Psalm, KJV*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Offertory "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #107

July/August Dollars for Mission will support the "Snack Sack Lunch" program.

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology Pastor Betsy

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (verses 1 & 3) #547

*Charge and Benediction Pastor Betsy

Postlude "Rain Down" #48
Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. **Doris Munday or Dixie Ramsdell, "the waters", Dennis Dalgleish, candle lighting, Jerry Blaydes, sound system. ***FPC Mission Statement. Confession Prayers and Prayer for Illumination by Philip Gladden of the *Presbyterian Outlook*. The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

Keeping Close 2024

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School **FH**- moderator:
10:00 a.m. Worship-**Sanctuary**- Rev. Betsy Stow

Monday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga **FH**

Tuesday, July 23

No Activities Planned

Wednesday, July 24

2:00 p.m. Sharing the Journey **M2**
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice **Sanctuary**

Thursday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga **FH**
11:00 a.m. Lovely Ladies meet at church for
Lunch @ **Clayton Café**.
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Snack Sack Lunch
distribution **Kitchen parking lot**
11:30 a.m. PM Lunch @ **Rivers End, Bryson City**

Friday, July 26

10:00 a.m. Bingo **TH** for Macon Citizens Habilities
12:30 p.m. Bible Study **M2** – Melissa McClure

Saturday July 27

No Activities Planned

Sunday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - **FH**
10:00 a.m. Worship- **Sanctuary**- Rev. Betsy Stow

We thank God for you!

Happy Anniversary to: Jeff/Jan Stevens 7/27,
Jeff Gillette/Sharon Ramsey 7/29



This Thursday, July 18 our Snack Sack Lunch program will begin serving at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers and donations are always appreciated.



**FPC Picnic
July 7, 2024
Lots of Fun!**

Lovely Ladies meet at 11:00 a.m. at the church for lunch at Clayton Café. All are welcome!

Weekly Offering 7/14/24 Weekly Needs

\$ 5,238.67 \$ 3,804.00

YTD Totals YTD Needs

\$108,414.44 \$106,512.00

Save the Date! July 26 from 10:00-12:00

It's time for BINGO! Please join us on **Friday, July 26th** around **10:00** for an hour or so of bingo with the clients of Macon Citizens Habilities (MCH). Bring your lunch or snack and stay to enjoy lunch with our guests. The MCH staff will take care of any needs our guests may have, leaving us free to play and socialize. It was a lot of fun last time and everyone won at least twice so please bring any "stuff" you would like to donate for prizes. Good stuff is plush toys, small note pads/pencils, fidgets and whatever. They love stuff!

First Presbyterian Church

July 21, 2024 10:00 a.m.

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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growing in Faith, serving with Hope, sharing God's Love***



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Music Director: Frank Armato | Lay Reader: Nancy Browder**