

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Emily Clem

Welcome and Announcements Christy Arnett

* Call to Worship

God's promises come through faith, not by what we earn.

We trust the God who gives life to the dead.

Abraham believed, and it was counted as righteousness.

We believe in the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

We place our trust in Him and give Him praise!

*Hymn of Gathering Allelujah, Allelujah, Give Thanks #240

*Call to Confession Christy Arnett

Abraham trusted God's promise, even when it seemed impossible. Yet we confess that we often doubt, relying on our own strength instead of God's grace. Let us come before the Lord, trusting His mercy and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Faithful God, you have given us your promises, yet we often trust ourselves instead of you. We doubt your timing, question your ways, and forget you bring life from death. Forgive us when we lose hope and live as though your promises are not true. Strengthen our faith by your spirit, so we may trust you as Abraham did and follow with joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Christy Arnett

Hear the good news: God's promise to Abraham came through faith, and it is the same for us today. We believe in God who raised Jesus from the dead—the One who was handed over for our sins and raised for our forgiveness. In Christ, we are made right with God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

* The Gloria Patri Unison

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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination Christy Arnett

God of promise, open our hearts as your word is read. Help us trust your promises, see your power, and grow in faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 18: 1-10 Christy Arnett
p. 15

Anthem "Holy Manna" Chancel Choir

Second Reading Romans 4: 13-25 Rev. Alison Kling
p. 1,115

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Family Recipes" Rev. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

* Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise Rain Down (Sing three times) #48

Prayers of The People Christy Arnett

*The Lord's Prayer Unison

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.

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Emily Clem

*Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication Christy Arnett

*Hymn of Praise Standing on the Promises #838

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Kling

*Hymn of Sending Farewell Good Friends #540

* Postlude Emily Clem

** Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health) Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home) Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home) Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown
Debbi O'Neill (Healing) Betty Fae Spencer (Healing)
Price Boyd (Healing) Johnathon Cagle (Healing)
Carol Quillen (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard Michael Ress - USAF -AZ
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Larry Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Wendy Jordan (Recovery, friend of Matt Copeland)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Kim Fears (Healing, friend of Jim May and Jan Ruth)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Donnie May (Healing & Grief, cousin of Jim May)
Trish Cloninger (Brain Healing, family of Jan Ruth)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Paula Weaver (Surgery/ Healing, cousin of Jan Ruth)
William Kennedy (Healing, cousin to David Lyle)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)
Don Whitt (Healing, Husband of Alice Whitt)

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

The Session

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Karan Baker	Cindy Witt	DeAnna McNeil
Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware	Chris Shindorf
Stanley Hand	Tom Clem	David Lyle

Trustee

John Noel	Price Boyd	David Whitten
-----------	------------	---------------

PNC

Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf	

Staff

Office Administrator:

Margaret Lotz
fpcathens@fpcathens.org

Treasurer:

Julie McNeese

Choir Director:

Erica Hand

Nursery:

Alice Whitt

Follow us Online

Visit www.fpcathens.org for information, news, and digital worship. Sunday worship is live-streamed and archived on our YouTube page. Follow our Facebook page for news, updates on recent events, and upcoming opportunities. Join our Facebook group for community life. Sign up for our weekly email subscription at fpcathens@fpcathens.org.

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God. To sign up for flowers call the church office.



Today's Services:

Sermon

Rev. Alison Kling

Liturgist

Christy Arnett

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

August 17th- Suzanne Paysinger
August 20th - Jennifer Quillen

Liturgist:

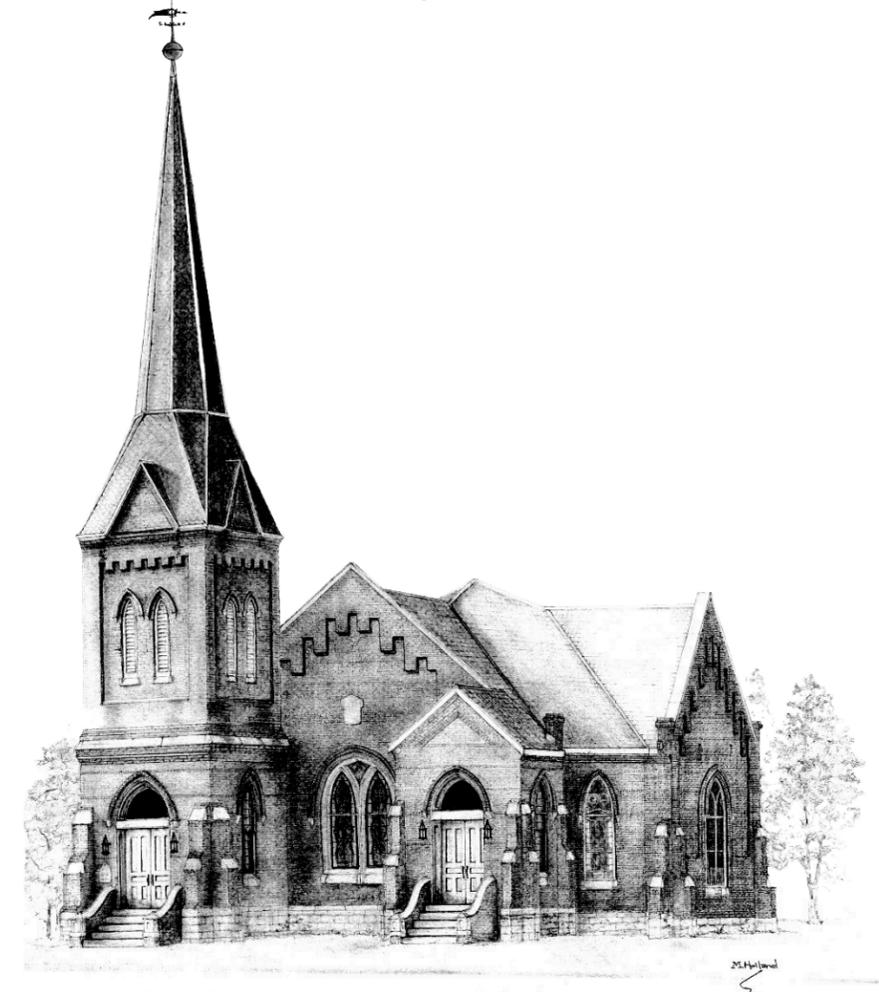
August 17th- Christy Arnett
August 24th - Sharon Hand

Communion Prep:

September 7th- Gary Boyd

August 17, 2025

10th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church
112 South Jefferson Street
Athens, Alabama 35611

(256) 232-0122
www.fpcathens.org

We serve each other, the Athens community, and the world on the square in downtown Athens. Our church family is a community of believers who come seeking the grace and peace of God.

If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.