

We Gather to Worship

Prelude This Is My Father’s World John S Dixon

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Truesdell

* Call to Worship Psalm 63:1-4 Elder Brad Greene

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

*Hymn As the Deer #626

*Prayer Brad Greene

*Call to Confession Brad Greene

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

You are the Lord giver of mercy!

You are the Christ giver of mercy!

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* Assurance of Pardon Pastor Truesdell

* The Gloria Patri #581

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Pastor Truesdell

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

We Listen to God's Word

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Pastor Truesdell

Prayer for Illumination Listen to the Word

**Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don’t understand.**

First Reading Phillippians 3:12- 4:1 Brad Greene
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Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Amazing Grace David Ashley White

Second Reading Philippians 4:2-9 Pastor Truesdell
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Sermon Progress in the Way of Jesus

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight #817

*Affirmation of Faith Unison

*The Apostles' Creed Pastor Truesdell

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 heave, 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.

Prayers of The People Pastor Truesdell

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal pg. 35

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Reflections from a John M Rasley
Stained Glass Window

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Truesdell

*Hymn I’ve Got Peace like a River #623

*Charge

*Benediction

* Postlude I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me

***Stand if you are able**



Be with Jesus.
Become like Jesus.
Do what Jesus did.

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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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (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)	Charlotte Lyle (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O’Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Joshua Hargrove – Deployed
Jay Tulley- Middle East	Terrance Wilson- Deployed
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard	Joshua Wilcox - Marines
Billy Nelson- Air Guard	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter, 3 years old)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees and back, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle’s uncle)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michae & Gail Cottles)
Leigh Ann Looyenga (Healing, friend of Gina Haraway)
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)
Allison Hargrove Bains (Sympathy, niece of Diann Copeland)
Great Uncle of Rosie Sims (Hospice)
Widower Heath, Children Bess and David (Grieving Laura)
Christopher, friend of Suzanne Paysinger)
Judy Cramer (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)
Sue Guyer (Healing, sister of Bonny Noel)
Macie Garrett (Healing, 12 years old, great niece of Christy Arnett)
Evelyn Walker (Health/Healing, daughter of Sarah Pearson Walker)
Maureen Mathes (Healing/Health, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Margaret Gray (Health, mother of Travis Gray)
Jody Bullard (Health/Healing, friend of Joyce Amptmeyer)
Mary Roper (Healing, family of Matt Robinson)
Heather Hopcraft (Health/Healing, comfort, family of Matt Robinson)

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 worshiping with us today!

Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- Potter’s hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12. Stop by the Farmer’s Market and see how we raise funds for people in need.
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Shower Day with Hearts for Homeless, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 at Revival. Volunteers are welcome to set up at 11:00, lunch and fellowship at 12:00, and clean-up at 2:00.
- Stewardship Kickoff Luncheon: Located at Revival on September 27, 2026 following worship

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Flowers

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