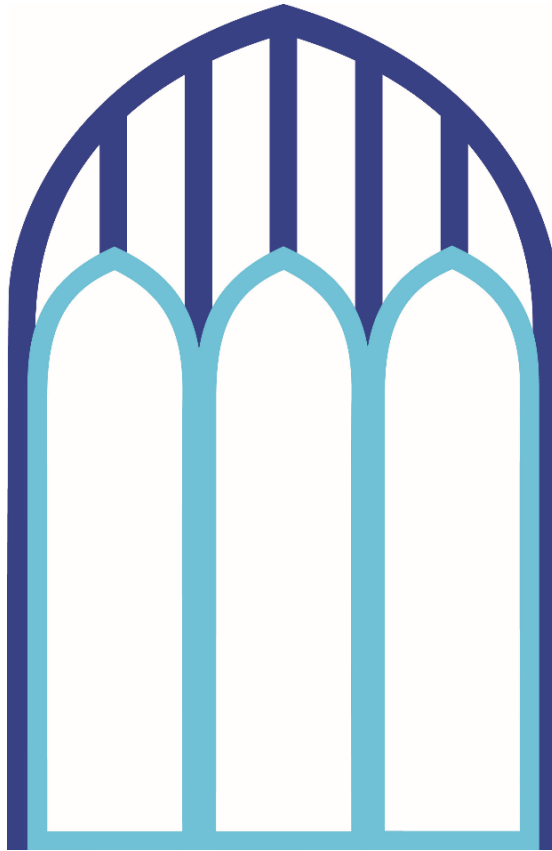


REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Servant Church in the City Since 1827

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Joel Raney, comp.

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Festive Praise

Allen Pote, comp.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.

Many: *The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.*

One: Let us worship God with heart, soul, and mind.

*HYMN

No. 634

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God Be the Glory

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth.

Forgive us for turning away from your will, And for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

KYRIE

No. 551

Tune: LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

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.

*WORDS OF PEACE

Liturgist: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Raven Herrington

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dear God, let us not only hear of you but see you with our own eyes through your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 126

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 10:46–52

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SERMON

"To follow Jesus ..."

Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

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***HYMN**

No. 649

Tune: NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

THE PRAYERS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker, arr.

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or Sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun!*

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

***HYMN**

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Go to the World!

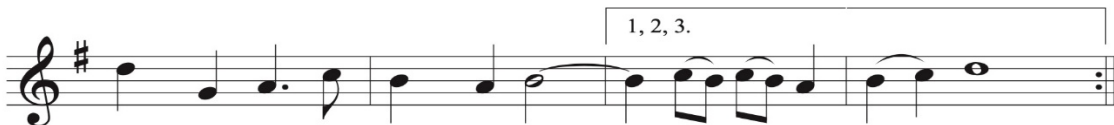
Tune: ENGELBERG



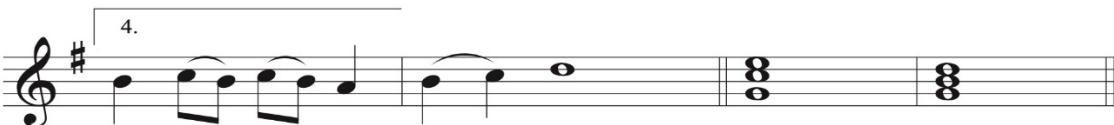
1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. _____ Go preach the
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place. _____ Go live the
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray, _____ The nights of
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, _____ for I am



cross where Christ re - news life's worth, _____ bap - tiz - ing
word of God's re - deem - ing grace. _____ Go seek God's
tears give way to joy - ous day. _____ As ser - vant
with you till the age shall end, _____ when all the



as the sign of our re - birth. _____ Al - le - lu - ia.
pres - ence in each time and space. _____ Al - le - lu - ia.
church you fol - low Christ's own way. _____ Al - le - lu - ia.
hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!" _____



Al - le - lu - ia. A - men.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
MUSIC: Charles Villers Stanford, 1904

ENGELBERG

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** God Be in My Head Philip Wilby, comp.

***POSTLUDE** Toccata on *Amazing Grace* Christopher Pardini, arr.

*Congregation please stand in body or in spirit.

Welcome to All! If you are a newcomer, please sign the friendship register at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to the minister. Join us as we grow together in our love for God and neighbor. Ask yourself how you can make a difference in this "Servant Church in the City."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - WEEK OF OCTOBER 27

Sunday, October 27

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Chancel Choir	10:15 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Youth Group	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29

A Gracious Christmas Workshop	1:00 p.m.
Scout Troop 1	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30

A Gracious Christmas Workshop	9:30 a.m.
Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 31

Scout Pack 1	6:00 p.m.
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Friday, November 1

Centering Prayer	10:00 a.m.
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EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER will benefit the mission of Emmaus House on Sunday, November 3, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Reynolds Square. To purchase tickets, become an event sponsor and follow on social media, visit the website: [EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER](http://www.unitedministriessavannah.org) will benefit the mission of Emmaus House on Sunday, November 3, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Reynolds Square. To purchase tickets, become an event sponsor and follow on social media, visit the website: www.unitedministriessavannah.org

MUSIC WITH A MISSION will be hosting the Savannah Men's Choir on Saturday, November, 9th. 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at First. Proceeds from the 2024 Music With A Mission season will benefit the efforts of Emmaus House. For more information please contact Tanner King at (tanner@savannahfpc.org)

A GRACIOUS CHRISTMAS Mark your calendars! Our annual event hosted by the women of First will be on Thursday, December 5 beginning at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds from our lunch, marketplace, bake sale, book sales, raffle, and online auction will go to Over the Moon Diaper Bank. Tickets go on sale October 30
Email (graciouschristmas@gmail.com) with any questions.

A GRACIOUS CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday and every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in either John Knox or Stewart Hall. Please contact Reneé McGehee at 912-656-5501 for more information.

BACKPACK BUDDIES First's ministry partnership with P.A.C.K. continues in this new school year. First is asking for volunteers to pack food bags at their facility, 4 Mall Terrace, for Pulaski Elementary School students with food insecurity on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and every Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To volunteer on Tuesdays please contact Whitney Peteranetz at (whitranetz@gmail.com) and for Thursdays please contact Dan Walters at (danielraumwalters@gmail.com).

WELCOMING THE DEBEERS Join the Neighborhood Welcomes for the De Beers! In order to get to know them there will be three neighborhood covered dish cookouts: Ardasley Park, Georgetown and downtown members will be hosted by Josh and Dana Smith at their home at 135 East 45th St at 6:30 p.m. on November 15. RSVP to Dana at (205)566-1494. The hosts will provide the main and soft drinks. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, side, or dessert and any other beverage besides soft drinks you would like.

LITURGIST Raven Herrington has been a member at First for over 2 years. She is the mom of Lilly Mae and Cora Rose and wife to Joshua Herrington. Raven enjoys being a part of multiple groups at First Presbyterian and serves as a troop leader for Lilly Mae's Richmond Hill Girl Scouts troop. She also works part time as a realtor in the Savannah area.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Carol Booker in honor of her daughters Catherine and Stephanie.

THE STEWARDSHIP BANNER on display in the sanctuary was crafted by Eliza Brooks.

CHILDREN who are in kindergarten and younger may go to the Preschool for Extended Session following the children's sermon. Worship bags, designed to help children participate in worship more meaningfully, are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN, 1st – 5th GRADERS are invited to leave the service after the "Invitation to the Children" to attend a worship service in the John Knox room. Exploring worship through art, music, faith questions, and interactive prayer will be the focus. They will return to sit in the balcony or with their parents during the Affirmation of Faith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, we offer classes for all ages each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

FIRST RINGERS bell choir rehearsals will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Bell Choir Room.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING as the church prepares for a new year of ministry, plan to attend the annual congregational meeting on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:45 p.m. in Stewart Hall. The meeting is to elect elders for the Class of 2027 and elect the Church Officer Nominating Committee for 2025. Copies of the proposed 2025 budget will be available in the narthex. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. (\$8/adults, \$4/children under 12).

THE SESSION - Class of 2024: G. Robert Bennett, Carol J. Booker, Michael P. Brooks, Allison D. Johnson, Paul M. Pressly, Ellen M. Tate; **Class of 2025:** Natalie F. Chase, Myra P. Hill, Elizabeth H. Longley, Eric J. McManus, Colin A. McRae, William M. Schriefer; **Class of 2026:** Judith G. Crawford, John H. Hinman III, Brett J. Lundy, Emily C. Salzer, Marti Stein, Daniel R. Walters; **Clerk of Session:** Paul M. Pressly. **Elder Emerita:** Rose M. Donnelly.

CHURCH STAFF – Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer *Interim Minister*; Allison B. Shearouse, *Director of Christian Education*; Dr. Jonathan Murphy, *Director of Music*; C. Tanner King, *Associate Director of Music*; Brittany C. Farbo, *Office Administrator*; Barbara G. Roush, *Financial Secretary*; Dorothy S. Bunker, *Preschool Director*; Brent J. Bissell, *Communications Coordinator*, Hugh Daniels, *Sexton*.

MISSIONARIES - Farsijana and Bernard Adeney, Yogyakarta, Indonesia; Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather, Yei, South Sudan; Ellen D. Smith, Warsaw, Poland.

GREETER: Charlotte Keenoy... **USHERS:** Head Usher: Colby Longley Team Members: Matt Chase, Larry Stuber, Brian DeRosa, Kathy, and/or Jim Ryan **ACOLYTE:** Elliot Chase... **EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS:** Emily Salzer and Heather Lundy...

CHIMING OF THE HOUR marks the beginning of the Lord's Day service. The Prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

ONLINE GIVING Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to First using our secure online portal which can be found at www.savannahFPC.org by clicking on the Give Now tab at the top right corner of the home page or by scanning our QR code using your smartphone's QR reader.



FIRST'S MISSION STATEMENT The life of the church is the response of faith and obedience to the call of God in Christ. Gathered: We worship and sing, study and pray. We enjoy fellowship together. Forgiven by God, we learn to forgive other people. Sent forth: We serve as leaven, salt, and light, to be agents of God's love in Savannah and the larger world.



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