

\*Assurance of Pardon:

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: **Amen.**

\*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.*

\*The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: **And also with you!**

Time for Children

*Children ages Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to exit the sanctuary with the leaders for children's church at this time.*

## ~God Speaks Through The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 104: 1-4, 14-16

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Anthem: arr. James Kirkby

“Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven”

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. Praise the everlasting King. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless; Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness, Glorious now God's faithfulness. Angels, in the heights adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace, Praise with us the God of grace*

Second Lesson: John 2: 13-25

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Sermon: Rev. Rebecca Blackwell

“Party On”

Hymn: 647

GIVE THANKS

“Give Thanks”

## ~God Enables Us To Respond~

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's 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.**

Ordination and Installation of New Elders:

Andrew Allen, Stacey Basquin, Lynda Webb, Charlotte Wynn

Hymn: 69

HERE I AM

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

The 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.**

Offering:

Offertory: ST. COLUMBIA/Krapf

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

\*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.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## ~God Sends Us Out~

\*Hymn: 697 (v. 1,5 and 6)

HENDON

“Take My Life”

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: 69 (refrain)

HERE I AM

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Postlude:

*Alleluia Postlude*

Megargel

*\*As you are able, please stand.*

## *Announcements*

**Welcome!** We're glad you're here! We would like to share more with you about our ministry and fellowship. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate. If you live in an apartment, please be sure to include your apartment number and street address.

***The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today*** to the glory of God.

***Prayer List*** - Bill Barnes, Ouida Barrineau, Sara Bennett, Harry Bowser, Rosalyn Cox, Charles Dunn and Family on the loss of his brother, Barbara & Bob Focht, Richard Ford, Gayle Gunter, Susan Gunter, Harriet Hair, Sandy Newell, Del Presley, Pat Shelburne, Valerie Thomas, Genie Ward, Family of Allen Webb, service men & women.

***Backpack Buddies*** - Once again, we are packing 33 backpacks each week for our friends at Mill Creek Elementary. Critically needed items: Chef Boyardee, juice boxes, and fruit rollups. Please place items in the basket in the hallway outside the CE Office. Thank you!

***Congregational Meeting*** - Sunday Jan. 28, after worship. Potluck dinner after meeting.

***Wednesday Night*** supper and Bible study this Wednesday, January 17, see your bulletin insert to RSVP for the meal. Handbell Ensemble resumes on Wednesday at 5 pm.

***Lunch Bunch*** - will meet at the Beaver House on Thursday, January 18, at 11:30 am.

***Spring Dinner Groups*** - are forming now. See your bulletin insert or see Debi Franklin to sign up.

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## Interested in Membership at First Presbyterian Church?

We'd love to have you become a part of this family! Our Book of Order reminds us that the Church exists to do a few very important things: proclaim the gospel, nurture disciples, preserve the truth, promote social righteousness, and exhibit the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. Any follower of Jesus Christ can join! Speak to an elder for more information.

## 'Get Mugged' at First Presbyterian Church of Statesboro

All visitors are encouraged to stop by the Narthex table on your way out today for a complimentary FPC mug. Please limit one per family. You may also purchase mugs for \$10 each or \$15 for two.

## For your convenience

Personal hearing devices are available upon request, just ask an usher. Restrooms are located in the education building near the fellowship hall. Please silence all cell phones.

# Calendar of Events

## Sunday, January 14

10 am  
11 am

1:30 pm

## Monday, January 15

Youth return from ski trip

## Wednesday, January 17

5 pm  
5:45 pm  
6:30 pm  
7:30 pm

## Thursday, January 18

11:30 am

## Saturday, January 20

10 am - 2 pm

## Sunday, January 21

9:45 am  
10 am  
11 am  
4 pm

Sunday School  
Worship  
Ordination and Installation of Elders  
Session Meeting

Handbell Ensemble  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Bible Study  
Chancel Choir

Lunch Bunch at the Beaver House

Silver Lining Club

Confirmation Class  
Sunday School  
Worship  
Youth Group



First Presbyterian Church  
Statesboro, Georgia

January 14, 2018  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

## ~God Calls Us Together~

Westminster Chimes

Welcome and Announcements Brett Curry  
*Please fill out the Friendship Tablet at the end of each row and pass it up and down the row so we may greet and know one another by name.*

Prelude: Knecht  
*Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord*

Choral Introit: "Give Thanks"

\*Call to Worship:  
One: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
All: **Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!**

\*Hymn: 625 (verses 1,2 and 4) HOW GREAT THOU ART  
*"O Lord My God"*

\*Call to Confession  
One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

\*Unison Prayer of Confession:  
All: **Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Silence is kept*