

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: **Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, the blindness of our hearts hides your face and causes us to forget your mercy. Cleanse us from our offenses, deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that our hearts may be open to your transforming love offered us through Jesus the Christ, your son. Amen.**

Choral: Choirs and Band
"Lord Have Mercy"

*Assurance of Pardon:

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Glory to God in the Highest Choirs and Band

*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 are invited to remain in the service. There is no Children's Church today.

~God Speaks Through The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 27: 1-4 p. 619

Sanctus Choirs and Band

Second Lesson: John 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 pp. 125-126

Sermon Rev. Rebecca Blackwell
"Presbyopia"

Hymn: 837: SHOWALTER
"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

~God Enables Us To Respond~

We Believe Choirs and Band

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: Choirs and Band
Offertory: *Lamb of God*

*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: 838 PROMISES
"Standing on the Promises"

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Benediction: Choirs and Band

Postlude Chuck Nation Band

***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 and in thankfulness for the love of family and friends.

Prayer List - Bill Barnes, Family of Ouida Barrineau, Sara Bennett, Rosalyn Cox, Richard Ford, Gayle Gunter, Susan Gunter, Harriet Hair, Haiti Mission Trip Participants, Family of Faye Leitner, Frank McDonald on the loss of his mother, Sandy Newell, Margie Pevey-Shuman, Del Presley, Pat Shelburne, Valerie Thomas, Genie Ward, Service men & women.

Backpack Buddies - We are packing 35 backpacks each week for our friends at Mill Creek Elementary. Critically needed items: Chef Boyardee, mac-n-cheese, Vienna sausage. Please place items in the basket in the hallway outside the CE Office. Thank you!

Flowers - Placing flowers in worship is a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones and celebrate special occasions. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, you may do so by signing up on the flower chart located outside the church office, or call the church office at (912) 681-2053. The cost of flowers is \$50. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and note 'flowers'. Available Sundays - Feb. 18 and Feb. 25.

Pastoral Care Committee - has a new e-mail address. Contact them at pastoralcarefpstatesboro@gmail.com

Memorial Service - The Memorial Service for Ouida Barrineau will be held next Sunday, February 18 in the sanctuary. Visitation will be at 2 pm with the service to follow at 2:30 pm. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Ash Wednesday Supper - Please see your bulletin insert to reserve your place, or call the church office at 681-2053.

Session Meeting - today at 1:30 pm.

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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, February 11

9:45 am Confirmation Class
10 am Sunday School
11 am Come Away to the Skies: A High Lonesome Bluegrass Mass
1:30 pm Session Meeting
4 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 12

9:30 am Joy Circle

Tuesday, February 13

3:30 pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

4:45 pm CE Committee Meeting
5 pm Handbell Ensemble
5:45 pm Supper
6:45 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, February 16

Stated Meeting of the Savannah Presbytery, Jekyll Presbyterian Community Church
Savannah Presbytery Leadership Development Conference

Saturday, February 17

Savannah Presbytery Leadership Development Conference
10 am - 2 pm Silver Lining Club

Sunday, February 18

10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
2 pm Visitation for Ouida Barrineau
2:30 pm Memorial Service for Ouida Barrineau



First Presbyterian Church
Statesboro, Georgia

February 11, 2018

Transfiguration of the Lord

Come Away to the Skies: A High Lonesome Bluegrass Mass

By Tim Sharp and Wes Ramsay

~God Calls Us Together~

Westminster Chimes

Welcome and Announcements Gordon Smith
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 Chuck Nation Band

Choral Introit:
"Come Away to the Skies"

*Call to Worship: (Psalm 96)
One: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
All: **Sing to the LORD, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.**
One: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.
All: **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised.**
One: Let us worship God in song.

*Hymn: 839 ASSURANCE
"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

*Prayer of Adoration

*Call to Confession