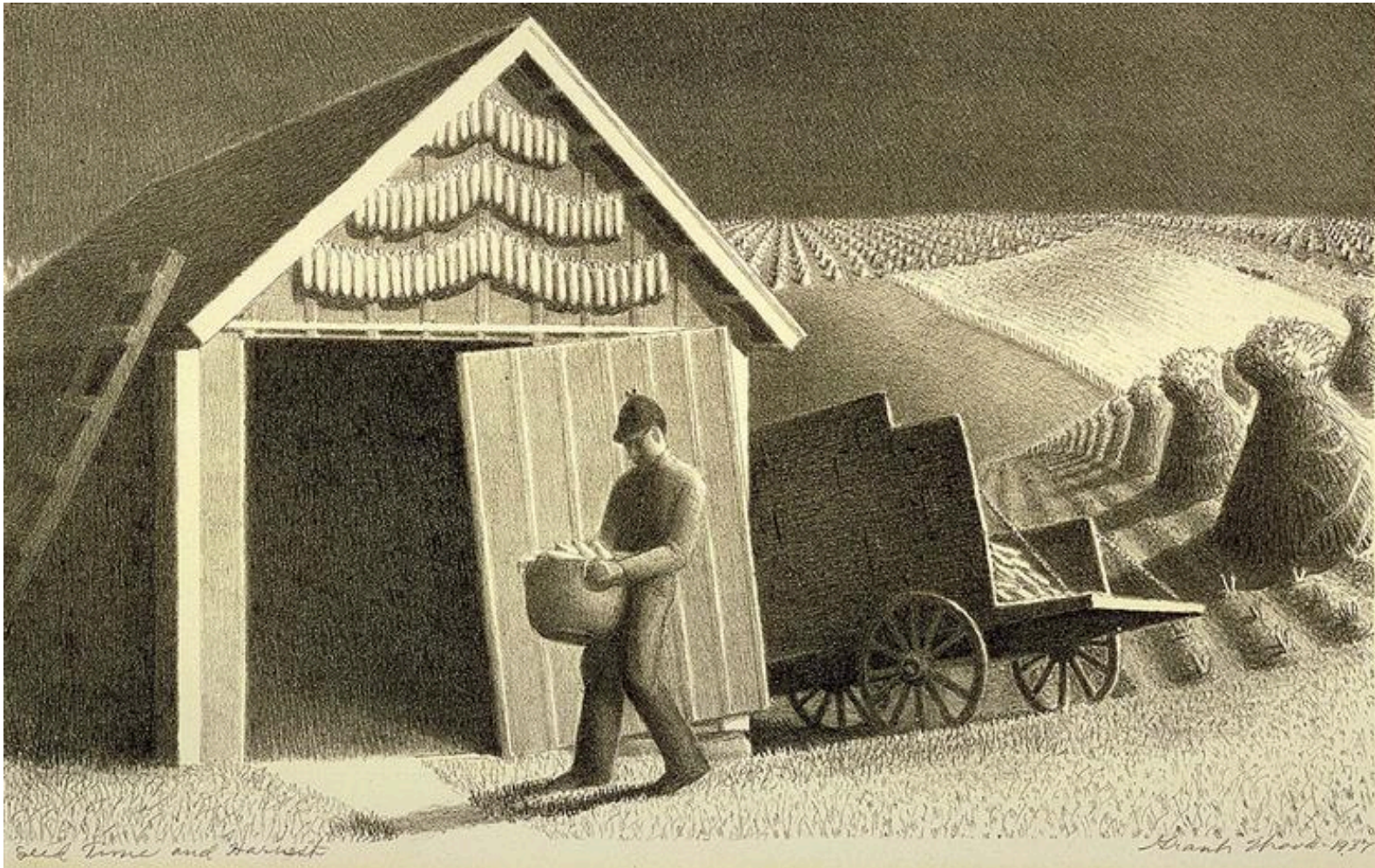


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of Statesboro, Georgia*



Seed Time and Harvest by Grant Wood (1937)

What We Need is Here: Giving is Here
Stewardship Dedication Sunday
April 28, 2024

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome, beloved!

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE.

However you are joining us today, welcome home. Our community extends beyond our church campus and we rejoice in the wideness of the Spirit's reach. If you have any questions, please see an usher or comment on our livestream and we'll follow up with you. We are an open, affirming, and welcoming people and hope you find Christ's grace in abundance among us.

WHERE/WHAT/WHEN/HOW

If you are worshipping online, participate by adding to the comments section.

If there is an * next to an act of worship, that indicates to rise as you are able, and something in bold indicates a group reading.

WHAT IF?

Restroom: Restrooms are located inside the main office building.

Children: Jesus said they are welcome and so do we. Nursery is open from 9:45am-12:15pm, for children 6 weeks-Pre-K. Children in Kindergarten and up will remain with their family in the sanctuary and are invited to come forward for the children's message. They may then return to sit with their family. We have several options for their faith formation during the worship hour. The staff & volunteer-supervised PRAYground in the Narthex is for children Kindergarten and younger to utilize during the sermon. A PRAYground is a place where they can engage with their children's bulletin, and stretch their little legs. Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Children's Worship Bags are available in the Narthex. Parents will be asked to accompany their child to the restroom.

I want to learn more: Speak to a member, an usher or staff member, visit fpcstatesboro.org or find us on social media.



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GIVING IS HERE

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

Welcome to worship!

*For members & visitors,
please fill out the
Friendship Pad so we
know that you are here!*



*Music for Gathering Arr.
Douglas E. Wagner,
2000*

*Hymn text by
Paul Gerhardt, 1653;
translated by Catherine
Winkworth and others,
1863, altered; music by
Melchior Teschner, 1614;
harmonized by William
Henry Monk, 1861*

*Call to Confession is
from "Sabbaths 1999
(IX)"*

Music for Gathering: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glenn Haynes

Westminster Chimes

Welcome

Rev. TLG Hartman

*Call to Worship (Psalm 84)

Dick Barnes

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of heavenly forces!

My very being longs, even yearns, for the Lord's courtyards.

My heart and my body will rejoice out loud to the living God!

Yes, the sparrow too has found a home there;

the swallow has found herself a nest

where she can lay her young beside your altars,

Lord of heavenly forces, my king, my God!

We are those who live in your house

and by your good pleasure, are truly happy

here in your presence.

You have given us all we need.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn 104: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Call to Confession

The incarnate Word is with us,

is still speaking, is present

always, yet leaves no sign

but everything that is.

Prayer of Confession

We desperately seek more, more, more
everywhere but you, O God.

We keep what we have for us alone,

storing up our resources and then some,

quick to keep and slow to share.

Teach us to return to you what is yours,

which is to say our everything.

(silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Presence & Grace & Passing of the Peace

Whatever is foreseen in joy
Must be lived out from day to day.

Vision held open in the dark

By our ten thousand days of work.

Harvest will fill the barn; for that
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.

And yet no leaf or grain is filled

By work of ours; the field is tilled

And left to grace. That we may reap,

Great work is done while we're asleep.

When we work well, a Sabbath mood
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

**And here we are, on this day,
resting in the Good News of the Gospel:**

We are forgiven and set free. Alleluia! Amen.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE WORD

Children's Message

Susan Parrish

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-31 (CEB)

This is the Word of God for the people of God and so we say,
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Seek First the Kingdom"

Choir

Sermon: Giving is Here

Rev. TLG Hartman

Music for Meditation: We Are an Offering

GOD ENABLES US TO RESPOND

Life Together: Announcements

*Assurance of God's
Presence & Grace is from
"Whatever is Foreseen in
Joy" by Wendell Berry*



*Anthem music by
Dan and Heidi Goeller,
2006*

*Music for Meditation by
Dwight Liles, arr. Mark
Hayes, 1993*

WORSHIP NOTES

Special thanks to:
liturgist Dick Barnes,
for leading us in
worship; ushers Liz
Bland & Kevin Reagan;
& Tech Team Andrew
Allen, Russell
Willerton, Matt &
Taylor Gerig & Finn
Haymons



Hymn text by
Robert L. Edward's, 1961,
altered; Music from *The
Sacred Harp*, 1844;
harmonized by James H.
Wood, 1958

Postlude Music by
Jamaican folk tune,
(Hymnal No. 526], arr.
John A. Behnke, 1999

Charge & Benediction
includes a line from
Wendell Berry's poem
"The Wild Geese"

GOD SEALS THE WORD

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Meal

At this time, please partake communion by intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Please raise your hand if you need an individual communion cup and an usher will bring it to you.

Prayer After Communion

GOD SENDS US OUT

*Hymn 526 (Stanza 1): "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

(Stanza 3 for closing)

As we sing our final hymn, please bring your stewardship pledge forward & place it in the basket.

*Charge & Benediction

O God, by your provision, what we need is here.
And we pray, not for new earth or heaven,
but to be quiet in heart, and in eye, clear. What we need is here.
You have given us the gift of your holy presence
through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.
Send us out to share what we've known here,
so all might know your care.

Postlude: Toccata

LIFE TOGETHER

YOUTH SUNDAY & GRADUATE LUNCH | Sunday, May 5. We have some special college graduates that we will be honoring at this lunch! Austin Seymour and Olivia Tafoya, are graduating from Georgia Southern and will be moving on from their positions at First Presbyterian. We will miss them so much! Join us for lunch as we congratulate them and thank them for sharing their time and service with us here at First Presbyterian. [Sign up for the lunch below!](#)



ENCANTO KIDS CAMP | Sunday, May 19; 12-3...a one day VBS experience here at FPC! We all have gifts to share, and a place in our families and our communities. Children preschool through 5th grades can come and explore their gifts, the love and strength of family, and the power of community at our Encanto Festival! Songs, games, arts and crafts, stories, friendships to make – we can't wait to see you! [See Susan to volunteer!](#) [Register the participants below.](#)



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS | We are seeking volunteers to serve in the nursery during worship, acolytes and of course ushers & liturgists. We have created an online spreadsheet for all of these volunteer opportunities. [Sign up below!](#)



RONN LOVE OFFERING: DUE MAY 5

As Ronn Alford leaves for his new job, there will be time on May 12 to celebrate him and to give thanks to God for all that Ronn has done these past four years. We will collect a [love offering](#) in honor of Ronn's time with us. CASH ONLY love offerings can be dropped off during office hours or placed in a labeled envelope in the offering plate by May 5.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

SUNDAY, APR 28

10am | Sunday School
10:30am | Stewardship Dedication
Lemonade on the Lawn
10:30am | Choir Rehearsal
11am | Worship
12pm | Youth Group
12pm | Kirk Club

MONDAY, APR 29

6pm | GSU Voice Area Banquet

TUESDAY, APR 30

3:30pm | Women's Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
6:30pm | UKIRK @ ECM House - Last UKirk of the semester
The address is 101 Marvin Ave. Please come through the sliding glass doors on the back side of the house.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

10:30am | Staff Meeting
7pm | Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MAY 5

10am | Sunday School
10:30am | Choir Rehearsal
11am | Worship: Youth Sunday
12pm | Graduate Recognition Lunch

PRAYER LIST

For those grieving:

- The life of Ann McDougald Monk, sister in law of Jeanne Cauley. Ann grew up at FPC Statesboro.
- The life of Paula Ellison Cole, cousin of Anastatia Sims, who passed away on 4/7

For those experiencing illness and hospitalizations:

- Beverly Ferrell, who is in the hospital
- John Kenan, son of Beth and Dick Barnes, recovering from a motorcycle accident
- Nancy LoBue, Jim's stepmother, is recovering from a heart procedure
- Allison Cole, friend of Lauren and Matt Rogers, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer
- Bob Scherer, recovering from a fall
- Dick Yarbrough, father of Rob Yarbrough, who is at home after hospitalization for gallbladder surgery with ongoing kidney complications.
- John Alford, Ronn's dad, at home in Central Florida: we covet your prayers after his stroke for his continued progress

For celebration:

- Onyile Onyile is recovering from a kidney transplant
- Elizabeth Henderson & Ishaan Jaglan who celebrated a wedding this weekend

WHO WE ARE

Church Staff

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Accounting Intern: Timothy Minatee

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Podcast

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