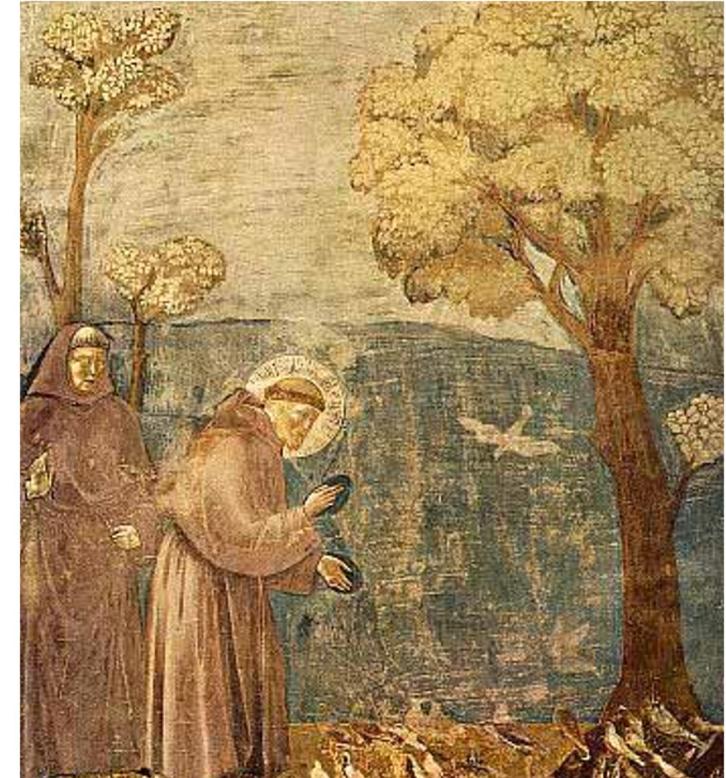


First Presbyterian Church Americus, Georgia

A community of faith responding to God's call.
Loving, learning and leading people to Jesus Christ.



Art is "Legend of Saint Francis" by Giotto

Sunday, June 28, 2020

WAYS TO WORSHIP:



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

As we welcome each other back to in-person worship,
we are asking EACH and EVERY person to...

- ~ remain 6 feet apart (love one another from a distance),
- ~ to use hand sanitizer (clean your praise hands!),
- ~ to wear your mask the entire worship service (out of love for one another),
- ~ and to not shake hands/hug (spread grace, not germs).

RADIO

Church Service will continue to be on the radio.
You are encouraged to tune in to WISK radio 98.7
or on the radio website www.americusradio.com

FACEBOOK

You can join us for Sunday Worship via Facebook live
at First Presbyterian Church of Americus
Visit: for live stream at 11:00 am on the church
Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/fpcamericus/>

CHURCH WEBSITE

If you cannot participate in Facebook Live then after the live stream
is complete, the live stream will be on our church website
www.americuspresbyterian.org

WAY TO CONTINUE GIVING:

You can now **GIVE ONLINE** on the church website through a secure portal
hosted by Presbyterian Foundation: <http://www.americuspresbyterian.org/give/>

PRAYER LIST

Please Pray For - Our Nation, Our Church; Our
Pastor, Our Staff, Our Officers, Campus
Ministry, Our Community and especially:

MEMBERS AND CHURCH FRIENDS

HOMEBOUND &/OR IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Bob & B.J. Bryan

Rev. Bill Gettys
Nancy Miller

Mary Mackey

MEMBERS REMEMBERED IN PRAYER WITH PRAYER GRAM ROTATION

Kathy Newkirk
Blanche Palmer

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

- Pat Hill's son David Harper has Covid-19. He is in Waverly Hall, GA
at the Oak View Nursing Home
- Continue to keep Debra Sams (sister of Joy Thompson), diagnosed with
peritoneal carcinoma, in your prayers
- Continue to keep Schley and Karen Gatewood in your prayers as they
shelter in place in their new home in North Carolina!
(new address: 311 Marion Street, Mt.Airy, NC 27030)
- Pray for Steve and Beth Spoon (Melanie's in-laws) - Steve has ALS
- Shannon Kennedy (cancer; McFarlands' niece)

MISSIONARIES REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

- Benji & Esther Campbell, Push the Rock Intl.
- Lois & Tim Hunter, Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Anne D (India) Retired Presbyterian Missionary

*Please notify the church office at 924-2162 or office@americuspresbyterian.org
if you would like to add someone to our prayer list and/or request a PrayerGram.*

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

O Divine Master,

*Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.*

~The Prayer of St. Francis is one of the best known and best loved prayers in the world today. Attributed traditionally to St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) its actual origins are much more recent. Nonetheless it beautifully reflects his devotion to God!

Sunday, June 28, 2020- 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship

*All Are Invited to Stand in Body or in Spirit
The congregation is invited to respond at the **bold** print

Silent Prayer to Prepare your Heart to Worship your God

Welcoming God, welcome us into Your pace of life. Guide us to slow down and breathe deep. Remind us to take off our shoes, to take off what is dragging us or pushing us ahead, for this is holy space that we are in, right now. Remove the yoke from us and take upon our burdens, so that we might feel the pressure ease from our bodies, minds, and spirits. Invite us into Your presence that is always with us. Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. Amen.

PRELUDE

Camron Cummings, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Sommer Bower

CALL TO WORSHIP

**What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

**What does God command of us?
To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**God does not call us to ease or to comfort.
But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

**Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.**

**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

HYMN (Blue 420)....."God of Grace and God of Glory"

*1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.*

LIFE IN CHRIST

391

Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

MESSAGE.....*“Tests that do not destroy us or those we love”*.....
Pastor Sommer Bower

OFFERTORY

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Generous God, you have abundantly blessed each one of us;
cause these gifts to be a blessing as they are put to work in your world. Amen.*

HYMN (Blue 391, insert).....*“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated”*.....

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**..... Camron Cummings, Pianist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Loving and Sustaining God,
You call us to obedience,
to follow you in all things;
to give up the things we cling to,
and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to your purposes.*

*We confess that we don't always find this easy to do.
We confess that it is often very difficult to let go of the things we love.
But we also know that you never ask more of us than what is possible,
and that you stand ready, at all times, to sustain us,
and to provide everything we need.*

*Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading,
even when we cannot see the outcome,
even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend.
Help us to trust you in all things,
to let go of everything that would stand in the way
of whole-hearted obedience to you.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.*

HYMN (Blue 525).....“Here I Am, Lord”

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.*

*I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*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.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?*

*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.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?*

*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.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22: 1-14

1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. 9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!