

God’s People Gather to Worship		
8:30 am Interactive Service		
Welcome and News of our Church Family	Dr. Michael Bowe	
Passing of the Peace		
Call to Worship		
† Opening Songs	We Three Kings What Child Is This (Verses 1&2)	
Invitation to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
Centering Song	In the Bleak Midwinter (Verse 1&2)	
First Scripture Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12	
Centering Song	In the Bleak Midwinter (Last Verse)	
Second Scripture Lesson	Mark 1:4-11	
Sermon	“We Are Called”	Dr. Michael Bowe
Communion		
Special Music	Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day Traditional English Carol Stephen Sivley and Leah McKinney	
Dedication of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings		
† Affirmation of Faith:	Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)	
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer		
† Closing Song	Jesus, Name Above All Names/Emmanuel	
† Benediction		
†Those who are able may stand.		

The words for the Call to Worship and other unison or responsive readings will be on the screen and are also included in the 10:30am service bulletin found to the right of this page.

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<i>God’s People Gather to Worship</i>		
<i>10:30 am Traditional Worship</i>		
Welcome and News of our Church Family	Carol Mebane, Liturgist	
Passing of the Peace		
Prelude	<i>Little Drummer Boy</i>	<i>Arr Sivley Stephen Sivley, Piano</i>
Introit	<i>Who Is He In Yonder Stall Stephen Sivley and Leah McKinney</i>	
Call to Worship: (From Luke 1:46-55)		
L: The voice of the Lord—Strong and mighty, powerful and full of majesty.		
A: It calls to us, calling across the water.		
L:The voice of the Lord breaks forth.		
A: It gives us strength and blessing, causing us to shout “Glory to the name of the Lord!”		
† Opening Hymn 66	<i>We Three Kings</i>	<i>John Henry Hopkins, Jr</i>
Invitation to Confession		
Prayer of Confession: (Unison)		
Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.		
Assurance of Pardon		
Congregational Response		<i>Gloria Patri</i>
† Hymn 579		
Time for Little Presbyterians		
Prayer of Illumination		
First Scripture Lesson		Matthew 2:1-12
Anthem	<i>Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day</i> Traditional English Carol <i>Stephen Sivley and Leah McKinney</i>	

Holy Communion
Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution / Partaking of the Elements
Prayer of Celebration

Dedication of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings
Invitation for offering
† Doxology 592
† Prayer of Dedication
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

† Affirmation of Faith	Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)
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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.	

† Second Hymn 513	Let Us Break Bread Together
African American Spiritual	

Prayers of the People	
Lord’s Prayer	Leah McKinney
† Closing Hymn 409	Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice
Joseph Parry	

† Benediction

Postlude	“Little” Prelude and Fuge in A Minor
J.S. Bach Stephen Sivley, Organ	

†You are invited to stand.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP. We are delighted that you joined us this morning. We encourage families with children to sit near the front. Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under throughout the service in Room 120.

Hearing Aids Available – We provide hearing aids for the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.

Prayer request cards can be found in the pew racks. Place in offering plate if you have a request.



Are you visiting? Welcome! Would you like to know more about the life and ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church? We invite you to scan the QR code or go to our website <https://presby.org/worship-contact/> to submit a form requesting information. The church office’s number is (256) 881-4811.



HANDBELL RINGERS WANTED! The Sanctuary Handbell group is looking for new members who are interested in ringing with us. No experience is really needed - we can help you get started with a bell in each hand. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at **5:00pm in room 100**. Please contact Stephen Sivley or Sally Priester for more information.



Thank you for your faithful support of Faith's food pantry. The pantry items are used in the Elderly Mission Project (EMP) boxes that Faith volunteers pack and deliver monthly to 15 recipients. The EMP Item of the Month for **January is cans of tuna**. Put your donations in the back of the Fellowship Hall or under the table in the narthex.

Bulletin and Newsletter Information: Please send all Bulletin and Newsletter information to Renee Savelle (rsavelle@presby.org) AND Kelly Forrester (kforrester@presby.org). The deadline for the February newsletter is **Friday, 1/19/2024**. Please have submissions turned in by this date!



Faith Voyagers Adult Sunday School Class is continuing a video series on the New Testament. All are welcome to join us at any time. We meet in room 109 at 9:30am.

The **Worship Committee** will meet after worship on **Sunday, February 14, 2024** after 10:30pm worship in the Parlor.

Come one come all!

Presbyterian Men's Association Winter Meeting.



Let's start the year off right with food and fellowship. First Presbyterian Athens has graciously agreed to host the first meeting of the year. The Men's Association is a mission partner with the North Alabama Presbytery. Therefore, we want to team up with churches to help them serve the world through mission. One of First Presbyterian's mission partners is Limestone County Churches Involved (LCCI). Chaplain Thom Porter, Executive Director for LCCI, has agreed to come share what they are doing and the impact on the community.

Please RSVP to mbowe@presby.org

Meeting Details

Location: First Presbyterian Church Athens
Roger's Center
Date: January 22, 2024
Time: 6pm

To help supply our food pantry so that we can keep taking boxes of food to elderly folks, we will be hosting a special event on **Sunday, February 11, 2024**. That is Super Bowl Sunday, and as we have done before, we will be holding a SOUPer Bowl of Caring meal and get-together with our church family after a single worship service at 10:00am. We'll enjoy a meal consisting of a variety of delicious soups and extras, and we promise to have you out in plenty of time to watch the Super Bowl!



Faith Presbyterian Church



Artist: Daniel Bonnell (USA, Contemporary)

“Faith Presbyterian Church seeks to be Worship-Centered and Mission-Focused as we join together in Christ’s ministry”

Welcome to Worship

January 7, 2024

Dr. Michael Bowe—Pastor
Stephen Sivley—Director of Music Ministry
Dr. Beth Cape — Dir. Of Christian Ed./ Mission Coordinator

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Cold weather gear makes a big difference for the homeless. Bring new or gently used, clean adult size coats, gloves, hats, socks, thermal underwear, sweatshirts/pants, warm scarves, blankets and sleeping bags to the bin on the porch of the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be taken to First Stop through February for distribution. This is part of the mandate Jesus gives us in Matthew 25.



Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Eve Offering. The total offering of \$11,401.00 will be divided among four mission partners: Heifer International for an Ark, North Alabama Presbytery, Huntsville Assistance Program and the Medical Benevolence Foundation. Your donations will make a difference in many lives!

The **Mission Committee** will meet today following the **10:30am service today in room 109**. Anyone interested in Faith's outreach is welcome to attend.

Ladies Tea on January 14 at 3pm at the home of the Capes. Put it on your calendar and invite a friend!



Faith is blessed with a large and beautiful facility, but that also leads to large (and not so beautiful) Utility Bills! Please help us be good stewards of our resources by turning off lights, locking doors, and returning thermostats to regular settings after using rooms!

WEDNESDAY SUPPER RESERVATION

January 10, 2024 at 5:30pm

Menu: Lawlers BarBQue and Fixins

Names: _____

_____ Adults (\$7.00) _____ Children (\$5.00) (10 and under)

Please indicate ages of children 10 and under _____

Standing reservation _____