

First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | October 18, 2026 | 6 o'clock

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THE SESSION

Nathan Bowers, Clerk

Wil Davis

THE DIACONATE

Bob Keller, Chairman

Bill Henshall

THE LORD’S DAY EVENING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 18, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

THE HYMN SING (5:50 P.M.)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103:19-22

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. 53 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*THE INVOCATION

*THE LAW OF GOD..... Mark 8:34-37

And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, we confess that we often choose our comfort over the cross. We want the rewards of discipleship without the sacrifice. We find it easy to claim Your name, but difficult to deny our own desires. Forgive us, Father, for our deep-seated self-preservation. We hold tightly to our time, our energy, and our reputations. We confess that we are afraid to truly lose ourselves for Your kingdom, foolishly believing we can secure our own lives. Have mercy on us.

Cleanse us of our selfishness and renew a right spirit within us. Grant us the courage to take up our crosses daily, to lose our lives for the sake of the gospel, and to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His Name we pray. Amen.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:8-14

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

THE HYMN NO. 172..... "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

THE SERMON Rev. Jim Richter

“Grace and Barley” | Ruth 2:1-23 | Pg. 208

*THE HYMN NO. 429 “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE HYMN OF THANKS NO. 535..... “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE NO. 735..... “Gloria Patri”

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 18, 2026

Announcements due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to secretary@firstpresfo.org.

- ❖ Each week the church's prayer list includes a prayer request for the sensitive, compassionate, effective work of **Harvest USA**, which promotes Biblical sexuality, and ministers to sexual strugglers. The church does not currently support them financially. Any individual donations from October 18-20 will be doubled during their Give to this Cause fundraising drive. Further info is available at <https://faithfulgive.org/cause/harvestusa/>
- ❖ A **catechism class** has begun on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 7:15 pm for children ages 4-12, led by Sarah Wilson. The younger ones (ages 4-8) will use the Children's Catechism (based on the WSC) and the older ones will use the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** collection for September is small stuffed animals and small Nerf balls. Cash donations are welcome to purchase things online.