

GETTING HERE

Directions

First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta is located at 1328 Peachtree Street, NE, on the corner of 16th and Peachtree Streets in Midtown Atlanta. We are next door to the High Museum of Art and one block from MARTA's Arts Center Station.

Parking

Parking is available on weekday evenings and weekends at Midtown Plaza next door to the church. If you use the elevator of the Midtown Plaza parking lot, go to the 5th floor to come to the church. During weekday business hours, park in our lot behind the church or in our decks managed by Interpark and located across Peachtree Street. The entry is off Peachtree. Tickets will be validated at the reception desk. On Sundays, from 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M., the 16th Street gate to the parking deck is open, and the pedestrian gate on 16th Street is unlocked.

Accessibility

To those in wheelchairs, our facility is accessible from 16th Street. During worship services, sound amplification devices are available for the hearing impaired, as are full-page magnifiers and large-print hymnals for the vision impaired.

CHILD CARE

Child care is available for preschool children during morning worship services. Please see an usher for more information.

WHEN YOU NEED PASTORAL CARE

Religious questions and reflections often occur at times of transition or crisis. As a community of faith, First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta seeks to be present for people at such times, and to walk with them on the journey. Through the ministries of the pastors, Stephen Ministers and professional services such as the Samaritan Counseling Center, we seek to help people discern God's will in their lives. Please call 404-228-7719 for more information.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of ATLANTA

On behalf of the officers, staff and entire congregation, we welcome you to First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta! Located in the "heart of the city" of Atlanta, it is our purpose to be and to become a community of grace as we worship, grow together in faith and reach out to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Founded in 1848, our church stands firm upon a glorious tradition which stretches back to the 16th century Reformation in Europe and the establishment of Presbyterian worship and our form of government in America more than 250 years ago. That tradition has helped shape our identity and still guides us in ministry and mission today.

Yet we are also a congregation in transition, seeking to embrace new challenges, to welcome new members from all across the city,



nation and world, to celebrate the diversity of people whom God has brought into our family of faith and to face the future with hope and great expectation.

We invite you to join us in our journey here at the corner of 16th and Peachtree streets, and to become involved in the worship, work and witness of First Presbyterian Church. We continue to pray that God will guide us and provide us with all that we need to be and to become a community of grace.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. George B. Wirth
Pastor

WHO WE ARE

Our Past

January 8, 1848 marked the first meeting of what would become First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. In a small log school building in the village of Terminus, now called Atlanta, a group of 19 people met to establish the Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, with Dr. John Wilson giving the first sermon. Two church buildings were built at the corner of Marietta and Spring streets in 1852 and 1879. Later, land was purchased at the corner of 16th and Peachtree streets, where our current sanctuary was dedicated on Sunday, April 6, 1919.

Our Present

First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta is a diverse and growing community of more than 2800 members: young and old, single and married, lifelong Presbyterians and church newcomers, urban and suburban. Through our ministries, we offer dynamic worship with biblically based sermons, inspiring music, an outstanding Christian education program for all ages, an extensive pastoral care and counseling program, and a global missions program extending throughout the city and around the world. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

WORSHIP & STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 a.m. Communion Service in Winship Chapel
9:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Child care is available.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes for all ages are offered at 10:05 a.m. To learn more, please contact the Christian Education office at 404-228-7713 or visit our website at www.firstpresatl.org.

Wednesdays@First

Various programs are offered throughout the year during Wednesdays@First, including dinner, choir rehearsals, Lay Academy, Bible studies and other classes.



WHAT DOES "PRESBYTERIAN" MEAN?

"Presbyterian" describes the way the church is governed. Responsibility for oversight in the Presbyterian tradition rests on elected bodies at congregational, regional and national levels. The ruling council in each congregation is called the Session, a body made up of men and women known as "elders," who have been "set apart" by election and ordination into a supervisory role. "Elder" is the translation of the New Testament Greek word *presbuteros*, from which we get "Presbyterian."

STATEMENT OF FAITH

It is our purpose as the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta

To be and to become
A community of grace
A people of praise
A loving congregation
Rooted in tradition
Open to the Spirit
Disciples who proclaim and serve
THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
In all we say and do
To the glory of God
For the salvation of humankind
For the healing and hope of the city and
For the reconciliation and peace of the world.

HOW TO JOIN

Membership Information

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, we invite you to talk with one of our ministers at the end of the worship service or you may call the Church Growth Office at 404-228-7737.

Step One

You may join our church family in one of three ways.

By Profession of Faith

If you have never been a member of a Christian Church, you may join the church by affirming your belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Those who have not been baptized may receive this sacrament.

By Reaffirmation of Faith

If you have been a member of a Christian Church before and your membership is inactive you may reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ.

By Transfer of Membership

You may transfer your membership from any other Christian church.

Step Two

Seekers and Joiners Class

This class is a 5-week series of presentations introducing new and prospective members to what we believe as Christians and as Presbyterians, and to show the opportunities for participation in our various programs at FPC. Please contact the Church Growth Office at 404-228-7737 if you are interested.

Step Three

Reception into Membership

New members are received into membership once a month (third Tuesday of each month) at a dinner and session meeting. After dinner a brief worship and communion service is held in Winship Chapel.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Pastor's Office 404-228-7715
AMIS 404-228-7749

(Atlanta Ministry with International Students)

Children's Cross Connection, USA 404-228-7733
Christian Education 404-228-7713
Church Growth (membership) 404-228-7737
Communications 404-228-7734
Community Ministries 404-228-7746
Elementary Programs 404-228-7735
Family Ministry 404-228-7710
Genesis Shelter 404-228-7766
Library 404-228-7745
Meals-On-Wheels 404-228-7729
Mission 404-228-7733
Music 404-228-7732
Nursery/Baptisms 404-228-7712
Pastoral Care 404-228-7719
PATH 404-228-7728

(Presbyterian Answer to Hunger)

Samaritan Counseling Center 404-228-7777
The Bookstore 404-897-3382
Wedding Coordinator 404-228-7765
Weekday Preschool 404-228-7722
Youth Ministry 404-228-7751