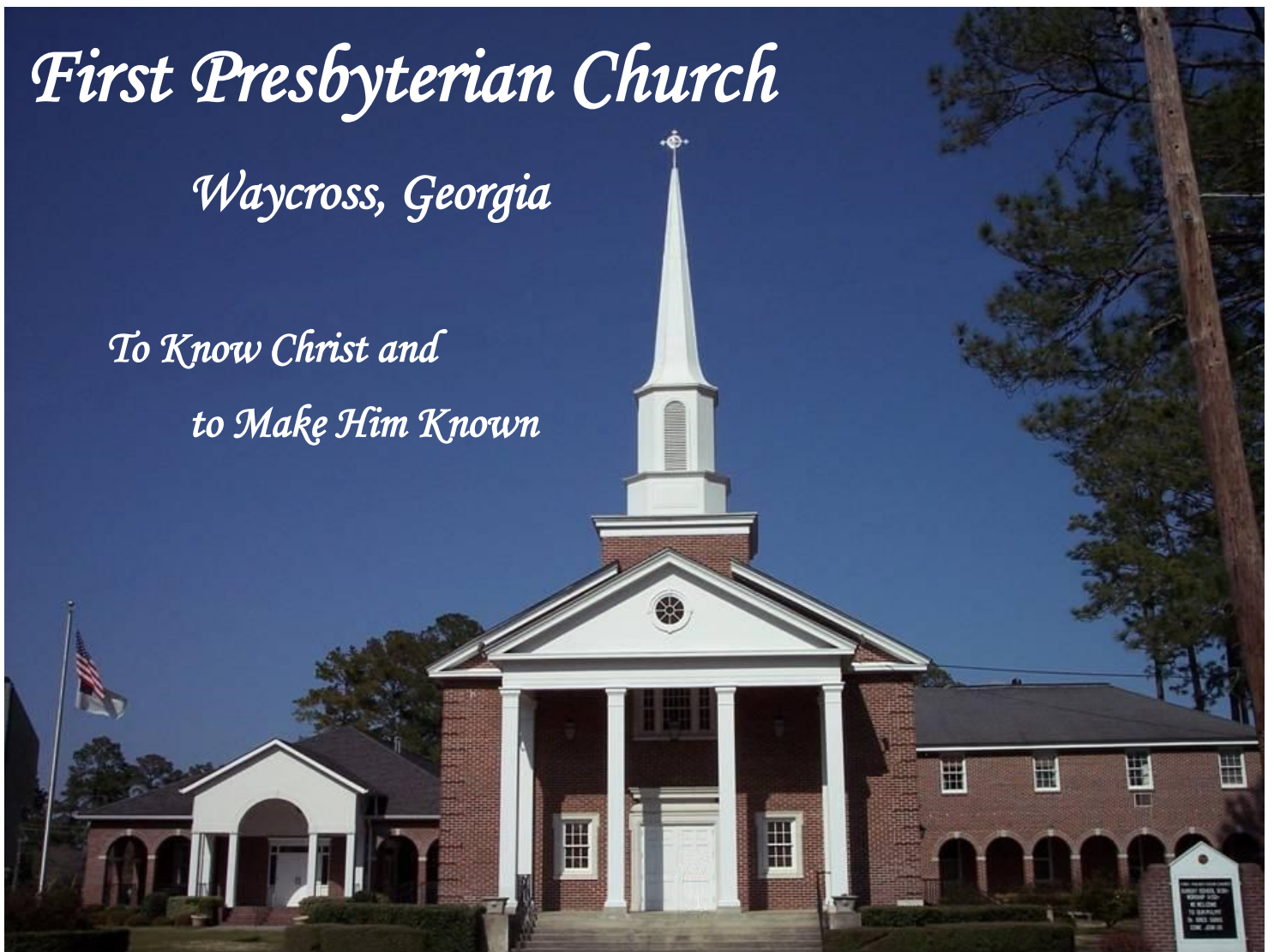


First Presbyterian Church

Waycross, Georgia

*To Know Christ and
to Make Him Known*



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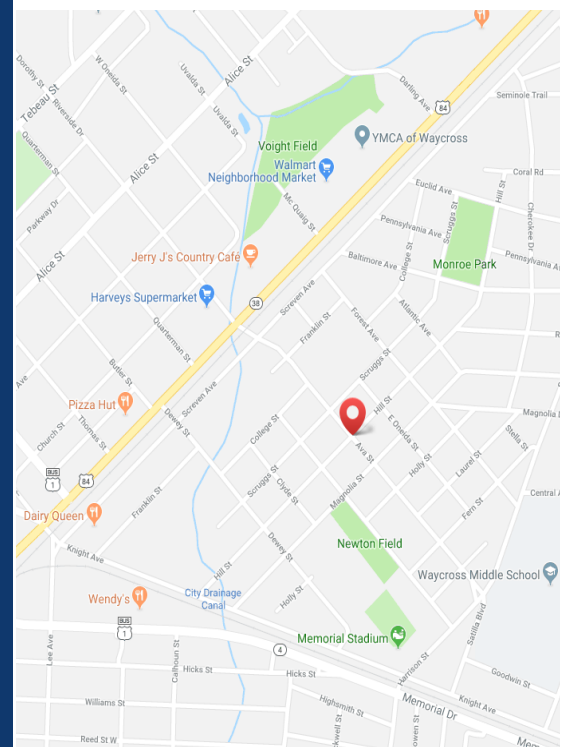
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We Are First Presbyterian Church, Waycross, Georgia

We are a community of faith guided by the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and the life and teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We believe that each of us is a “work in progress,” constantly being renewed by the grace and abiding love of God. It is that abiding love and grace that we strive to embody as a community of faith.

We believe that every person is a child of God created for a Holy purpose. Our door is open to all who come in faith.

We believe in the “*priesthood of all believers.*” All of us are ministers as we are sensitive to the living presence of God in Christ in our midst that enables us to faithfully live out the claims of the Gospel in our daily lives.

Worship

Services

Sunday School Classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Wednesday Programming begins with

Bible Study in the chapel at 5:00 p.m., followed by our

Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and

Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Food Pantry &

Adopt A School ~

Utility Assistance

Ruskin Elementary School

Outreach Ministry

Rebuilding Together,

Redemption Group (AA)

Waycross

Our Core Values

Jesus-shaped Identity:

We believe Jesus Christ must be at the center of our lives and making disciples of Jesus at the core of our ministry.

Biblical Integrity:

We believe the Bible is the unique and authoritative Word of God, which teaches all that is necessary for faith and life. The prominence of God's Word over our lives shapes our priorities, and the unrivaled authority of the Bible directs our actions to be in concert with Christ's very best for our lives.

Thoughtful Theology:

We believe in theological education, constant learning, and the life of the mind, and celebrate this as one of the treasures of our Reformed heritage.

Leadership Velocity:

We believe identifying and developing gospel-centered leaders is critical for the church, and a great leadership culture is risk-taking, innovative, and organic.

Accountable Community:

We believe guidance is a corporate spiritual experience. We want to connect leaders to one another in healthy relationships of accountability, synergy, and care.

Egalitarian Ministry:

We believe in unleashing the ministry gifts of women, men, and every ethnic group.

Missional Centrality:

We believe in living out the whole of the Great Commission – including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice – in our communities and around the world.

Center-focused Spirituality:

We believe in calling people to the core of what it means to be followers of Jesus – what “mere Christianity” is and does – and not fixate on the boundaries.

History of First Presbyterian Church, Waycross, Georgia

Early settlers to the area of Waycross brought more than just the drive and determination to wrest a living from the abundant timber and other resources. They brought strong family values and a love of God. So it is no surprise that worship services occurred in this community when it was barely a crossroads. Prior to 1887 the communal gathering place of worship was the Union Church, built by the joint financial efforts of several denominations, where a visiting Methodist and/or Baptist preacher held services that everyone attended. There was also a fledgling Sunday School held in the home of Mrs. Sarah Hicks Williams that addressed the importance of religious training. Mrs. Williams, a northern import by marriage, longed for having a regular preacher and attending an orderly religious service, and influenced the early church development.

"...on the evening of Thursday, March 4th, [1887] a meeting of all persons desiring to unite themselves to constitute a Presbyterian Church was called..." thus read part of the minutes of the founding of this Presbyterian Church. 13 individuals met at the Ware County Courthouse for this formative meeting. The Rev. John Way Quarterman served as the founding pastor, some of his descendants continue to worship with us today.

Within two years construction began on a physical structure [across town, on Williams Street, near the current First United Methodist Church] only to be blown down by a severe storm. It was rebuilt and finally ready for use in 1891. Individuals donated land, communion services, offering plates, baptismal fonts and the majority of the furnishings for this first church

Construction of the current facility began in 1951, with a Service of Dedication for the Education Building on September 21, 1952. The sanctuary was completed seven years later, with the first worship service conducted on December 14, 1958. Our social hall was added in 1998 with some renovation in the educational building as well.

In 2017 we completed the transition from the PCUSA denomination to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). The process was long and challenging, physically and spiritually. The surrounding worshipping communities were very supportive. The congregation persevered and we are now eager to integrate into ECO and develop ministry relationships with our new ECO brothers and sisters.

The real life of this church revolves around the people. They may have been 13 in number when they began, but they were soon joined by a steady stream of faithful families each contributing their gifts for ministry to the community and to each other. Through the decades, this body of Christ has welcomed into its life of preaching, teaching, worship, fellowship and service 17 pastors, many interim pastors and interns, numerous gifted musicians and talented support staff, and several hundred families and individuals. Whether their stay was short or long in duration, each contributed to the total witness of the church at that moment. 131 years later, it is still the life witness of each member of this body that effects making Christ known among ourselves, to Waycross, and to the world.



Needed:

Senior Pastor - Full Time | First Presbyterian Church, Waycross, GA

Description Includes:

Pastoral Care

Preach Weekly

Community Outreach

Community Involvement

Assist in Christian Education

Revitalization

Shut-Ins Visitation

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Head of Staff

Moderate Session

Salary Package: \$65,000 - \$85,000

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