

First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

*COMMENDING THE GREATNESS OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST
TO ALL PEOPLES AND ALL GENERATIONS*



The Lord's Day Morning Worship

January 26, 2025

8:30 & 11 a.m.

Welcome!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today! We'd like to get to know you better, so please visit the Welcome Desk located in the Commons.



Scan the QR code to:

- Let us know you are a guest
- Find out more about First Pres
- Request prayer

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the Glory of God from the Long family
in memory of Bruce Long, who went to be with the Lord on January 16.

Prelude—Adagio in E MajorF. Bridge
Toccata on *Jesus Shall Reign*J. Raney
See Hymn #441 to reflect on the lyrics.

***Preparation for Worship**—O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord.....J. Martin
Chancel Choir

O come, let us sing to the Lord.
O come, let us sing to the rock of our salvation.
Come, let us sing and make a joyful noise,
a song of grateful praise!

Come, let us kneel before our Maker,
come let us bow before the Lord,
for God is worthy of our praise.
We are his people; he is our God
and we are in his care.

Come let us sing, sing to the Lord.

†Call to Worshipfrom Colossians 3

Leader: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,

All: set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Leader: Set your minds on things above,
not on earthly things.

All: For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

The one true God graciously invites us into his presence to worship him in spirit and in truth, and we eagerly respond in faith. This begins a dialogue which will continue to the end of the service as God initiates with us, and we respond to him.

***†Hymn of Praise**—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!CORONATION, HYMN #296
Sung by all Stanzas 1, 3, 5, 6

†Invocation

† Indicates the congregation standing. *Ushers may seat worshipers at this time.

We believe that God—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

Gloria Patri ST. PETER



Corporate Confession of Sin—God, Be Merciful to Me REDHEAD, HYMN #486

(please kneel if able to do so)
Sung by all

**God, be merciful to me;
On thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.**

**Broken, humbled to the dust
By thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.**

**My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace,
And provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgement just;
Speechless, I thy mercy trust.**

**Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee,
Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Galatians 3:13–14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Having confessed our sins, the minister declares a gospel promise assuring that God forgives us because Christ has fully atoned for all the sins of those who truly repent. Divine mercy frees us from our guilt and shame.

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures
here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The word "doxology," coined in the 17th century, is a combination of the words "glory" and "word." A doxology is a "word of glory," a hymn of praise to the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), who is one divine nature in three persons.

Missions Conference Video

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Additional Ways to Give

- Online via the app or QR code on the front of the bulletin
- Text "Give \$" followed by the gift amount to 706.550.6813
- Mail checks to 615 Telfair Street, Augusta, Georgia, 30901

With grateful hearts for God's extravagant mercy and blessing, we joyfully present our offerings to the Lord for the ministry of our church and community.

Passing of The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Having been reminded that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in response to God's grace, we gladly extend the peace of the gospel to one another.

Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 a.m. Pre-K through 3rd grade exit.
- 11 a.m. Pre-K and kindergarten exit.

†Hymn of Preparation—Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

Sung by all



1. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, in the fu - ry of the
 2. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, while the temp - est rag - es
 3. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, through the floods of un - be -
 4. Christ, the sure and stea-dy an - chor, as we face the wave of



storm; when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my
 on; when temp ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it
 lief; hope - less some - how, O, my soul, now lift your
 death; When these trials give way to glo - ry as we



sails have all been torn. In the suf - fring, in the sor - row,
 seems the night has won. Deep - er still, then, goes the an - chor,
 eyes to Cal - va - ry. This, my bal - last of as - su - rance,
 draw our fin - al breath we will cross that great ho - ri - zon,
 Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion,



when my sink - ing hopes are few; I will hold fast
 though I just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast
 see His love for - ev - er proved. I will hold fast
 clouds be - hind and life se - cure; and the calm will
 ev - er - faith - ful, ev - er true. We will hold fast



to the an - chor, it shall nev - er be re - moved.
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 be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure.
 to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.

M. Boswell

New Testament Lesson John 12:33-36

page 1068 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Now is the Judgment

2. Now is Cast Down

3. The Son of Man Lifted Up

†Hymn of Response—Jesus Shall ReignDUKE STREET, HYMN #441

Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Carillon de Longpont L. Vierne

We invite you to join us for worship this evening at 6 p.m.