

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

February 2, 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

Sanctuary flowers are given in appreciation of the staff at First Presbyterian Church for their hospitality in supporting Kobayashi Maru Speech and Debate Club and NCFA as we challenge and equip ambassadors for Christ to communicate truth with integrity and grace.
We are grateful for you.

Prelude—Grand Chorus in B-Flat..... T. Dubois
I Will Arise and Go to Jesus..... arr. M. Hayes

***Preparation for Worship**—How Great Thou Art..... E. Merricone | S. Hine
Dr. Joseph Workman, trumpet
See Hymn #44 to reflect on the lyrics

†Call to Worshipfrom Hebrews 10 & 11

Leader:	Without faith it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists	<i>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.</i>
All:	and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.	
Leader:	Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus	
All:	Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith	
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
All:	And with your spirit.	
Leader :	Let us worship God!	

***†Hymn of Praise**—In Christ Alone
Sung by all

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand	There in the ground his body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave he rose again And as he stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am his and he is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ
In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones he came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live	No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand Till he returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1–10
page 678 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

Corporate Confession of Sin (please kneel if able to do so)

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;
and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Romans 4:25–5:2

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

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.

†Response—Rock of Ages

Sung by all

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

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—Show Us Christ

Sung by all

1. Pre - pare our hearts, O God. Help us to re - ceive.
2. Your Word is liv - ing light u - pon our dark - ened eyes.

Break the hard and ston - y ground. Help our un - be - lief.
Guards us through temp - ta - tions, makes the sim - ple wise. Your

Plant Your Word down deep in us; Cause it to bear fruit.
Word is food for fam - ished ones, free - dom for the slave.

O - pen up our ears to hear, Lead us in Your truth. Show us Christ.
Rich - es for the need - y soul. Come speak to us to - day.

Show us Christ. O God, re - veal Your glo -

- ry through the preach - ing of Your Word. Un - til ev -

- 'ry heart con - fess - es Christ is Lord.

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—Characteristics & Consequences of UnbeliefDr. John Franks

John 12:36–43

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†Hymn of Response—Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy
Sung by all

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come and wel-come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y - lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con-science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;
5. Lo! th'in - car - nate God, as - cend-ed, pleads the mer - it of his blood;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to fell your need of him.
ven-ture on him, ven-ture whol - ly, let no oth - er trust in - trude.

Refrain

I will a-rise and go to Je - sus, he will em-brace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten Thou-sand charms.

Joseph Hart, 1759 | William Walker, 1835

The Lord's Supper

(In keeping with Paul's instructions in 1 Corinthians 11, our elders will gladly admit a child to the Lord's Supper when he or she is able to express an age-appropriate confession of faith in Jesus Christ and understanding of the purpose and meaning of Communion. When parents believe their child is ready to be admitted to the Lord's Table, they are encouraged to contact their parish elders to schedule an interview for their child.)

Doxology TALLIS' CANON
Sung by all

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

†Benediction

Postlude—Trumpet Tune in D Major J. RUTTER

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