

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 9, 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.



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

Prelude—Variations on MADRID..... D. Bédard
See Hymn #302 to reflect on the lyrics.

***Preparation for Worship—I Am Bound for the Kingdom arr. L. Larson**
Chancel Choir

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing his mercy and his grace; In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.	Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving ev'ry day; Just one glimpse of him in glory Will the toils of life repay.
<i>I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord!</i>	Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold; Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.
While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky, But when trav'ling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh.	

†Call to Worshipfrom Isaiah 33

Leader: Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you.	<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: The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness.	
Leader: The Lord is a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge;	
All: For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us.	
Leader: The Lord be with you.	
All: And with your spirit.	
Leader : Let us worship God!	

***†Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians, Join to SingMADRID, HYMN #302**
Sung by all

†Invocation

†The Confession of FaithThe Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.	<i>Although it was not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.</i>
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	

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

*suffered separation from God
**universal

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

New Testament Lesson.....Matthew 18:1-6
page 978 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

8:30 a.m. Spencer William Jewett
son of Jenny and William Jewett

Fiona Sara Walter
daughter of Maggie and Zach Walter

Judah Anthony Grinnell
son of Hope and Kyle Grinnell

Meagan and Jordan Collier

11 a.m.Banks Wilson Haddon
son of Lauren and Grey Haddon

Oliver James George
son of Lauren and Brett George

Response—Jesus Loves Me

Sung by all

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; They are weak, but he is strong.	Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus, loves me, The Bible tells me so.
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Corporate Confession of Sin (please kneel if able to do so)

**Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short, that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
but our iniquities have separated us from God
and our sins have hidden his face from us
so that he does not hear.
Our mouths are filled with anger,
our lips are quick to speak lies,
our eyes are filled with illicit and unnecessary desires.
Our feet are swift to run to evil
and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity.
We have lost our way and are far from the way of peace.
The roads we travel are crooked and desperate.
We hope for light, but behold darkness.
Lord, only you can intercede and bring health to us.
Only your strong arm can bring us salvation.
May the Redeemer of Zion save us. Amen**

Taken from Isaiah 59

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Isaiah 43:1, 25

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

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—Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON, HYMN #457
Sung by all

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise, Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.	O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.
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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—Light of the World

Sung by all



1. Light of the world, treas-ure of heav-en, bril-liant like the
 2. Light of the world, from the be-gin-ning the trag-e-dies of
 3. Light of the world, crown in a man-ger, born for the
 4. Light of the world soon will be com-ing. With fire in His



stars in the win-ter-y sky. Joy of the Fa-ther,
 time were no match for Your love. From great heights of glo-ry,
 cross, to suf-fer, to save. High King of heav-en,
 eyes, He will ran-som His own. Through clouds He will lead us



reach through the dark-ness, shine a-cross the
 You saw my sto-ry. God, You en-tered
 death is the poor-er. We are the
 straight in-to glo-ry. And there He shall



earth, send the shad-ows to flight. (to verse 2)
 in and be-came one of us. (to Chorus)
 rich-er by the price that He paid.
 reign for-ev-er more.

CHORUS



Sing hal-le-lu-jah, sing hal-le-lu-jah. Sing hal-le-lu-jah for the



things He has done! Come and a-dore Him, bow down be-



fore Him. Sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Light of the world.

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—Characteristics & Consequences of BeliefDr. John Franks

1. Affection

2. Access

3. Acquittal

4. Authorization

5. Adoption

†Hymn of Response—Jesus I Am Resting, RestingTRANQUILITY, HYMN #188
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata on NETTLETON W. L. Fleury

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