First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

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



Local Emphasis

The Lord's Day Morning Worship February 23, 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

Prelude—Partita on Azmon	P. Bouman
*Preparation for Worship—Ma Navu (How Beautiful)	arr. A. Snyder

†Call to Worshipfrom Psalm 107

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.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love

endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say this—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Leader: those he gathered from the lands, from east and west,

from north and south.

All: He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Leader: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for men.

All: Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his

works with songs of joy.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*†**Hymn of Praise**—O for a Thousand Tongues to SingАzмоn, Нумп #164

Sung by all

†Invocation

†The Confession of FaithThe Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

*suffered separation from God

**universal



Local Ministry Partner Introductions

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

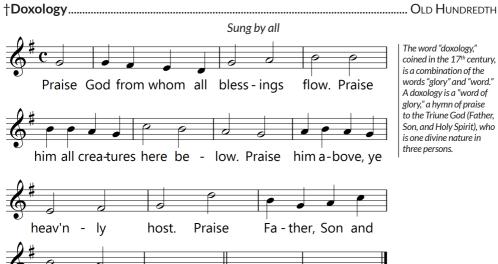
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Adapted from Psalm 51

This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, "I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me."

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.



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.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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Ghost.

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.

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Offering

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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

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

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—How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Sung by all



- 1. How deep the Fa ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas ure that
- 2. Be hold the man up on a cross, my sin up on His shoul-ders. A-3. I will not boast in an y thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis -dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son shamed I hear my mock-ing voice I will boast in Je - sus Christ:

to make a wretch His treas - ure. How call out a-mong the scof - fers. It His death and res - ur -rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa-ther turns His face a-way as was my sin that held_Him there un - til it was ac-com -plished; His should I gain from His_ re- ward? I can-not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry. dy - ing breath has brought me life, I know that it is fin - ished. I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som. this

Stuart Townend

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Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

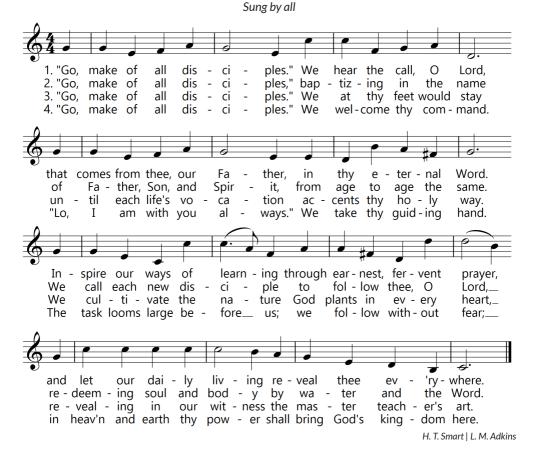
All: Thanks be to you, O God. Sermon—Ready for the Good News?.....Rev. Charles McKnight

God calls his people to be ready to...

1. Share the good news

2. Receive the good news

†Hymn of Response—Go, Make of All Disciples



†Benediction

Postlude—Carillon......H. Murrill

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