

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

***Preparation for Worship—Ma Navu (How Beautiful) arr. A. Snyder**

Chancel Choir

Ma navu al heharim rag'lë ham'vasër,
ho mash'mi'a y'shua, shalom.

How beautiful are the feet upon the mountains,
they bring the messenger of hope,
the messenger of good tidings;
bringing tidings of peace to all,
bringing tidings of salvation.

†Call to Worshipfrom Psalm 107

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!

*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—O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON, HYMN #164**

Sung by all

†Invocation

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

†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*

Gloria Patri MEINEKE

Sung by all

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.

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

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Gracefrom Jeremiah 33

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.

†Doxology..... OLD HUNDREDTH

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. A - men.

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

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—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 to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: 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.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

Stuart Townend

New Testament LessonActs 19:1-7
page 1103 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

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

Sung by all



1. "Go, make of all dis - ci - ples." We hear the call, O Lord,
2. "Go, make of all dis - ci - ples," bap - tiz - ing in the name
3. "Go, make of all dis - ci - ples." We at thy feet would stay
4. "Go, make of all dis - ci - ples." We wel - come thy com - mand.



that comes from thee, our Fa - ther, in thy e - ter - nal Word.
of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, from age to age the same.
un - til each life's vo - ca - tion ac - cents thy ho - ly way.
"Lo, I am with you al - ways." We take thy guid - ing hand.



In - spire our ways of learn - ing through ear - nest, fer - vent prayer,
We call each new dis - ci - ple to fol - low thee, O Lord,
We cul - ti - vate the na - ture God plants in ev - ery heart,
The task looms large be - fore us; we fol - low with - out fear;



and let our dai - ly liv - ing re - veal thee ev - 'ry - where.
re - deem - ing soul and bod - y by wa - ter and the Word.
re - veal - ing in our wit - ness the mas - ter teach - er's art.
in heav'n and earth thy pow - er shall bring God's king - dom here.

H. T. Smart | L. M. Adkins

†Benediction

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