

First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

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



Obedient to the Heavenly Vision Global Missions Conference

The Lord's Day Morning Worship

March 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

Prelude—Carillon on Lift High the Cross G. Young
The Sending (ENGELBERG)..... arr. A. D. Miller
See Hymn #451 to reflect on the lyrics.

***Preparation for Worship**—The Majesty and Glory of Your Name T. Fettke
Combined Chancel and Youth Choirs; brass and percussion

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work
of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
and have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

O Lord, our God; the majesty and glory of your name
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God; little children praise you perfectly,
and so would we.

Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia!

†Call to Worship Psalm 145:8–13, 18, 21

Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to
anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

All: **All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful
people extol you. They tell of the glory of your
kingdom and speak of your might,**

Leader: so that all people may know of your mighty acts and
the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and
your dominion endures through all generations.**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

All: **My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

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**—Lift High the Cross..... CRUCIFER, HYMN #263
Sung by all *Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5*

Flag Processional

†Invocation

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

†Confession of FaithColossians 1:15–20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

We join the saints who have gone before us and the worldwide church to reaffirm our faith in Christ and publicly declare essential truths that unite us and define our Christian faith.

†Response—Jesus, Keep Me Near the CrossNEAR THE CROSS, HYMN #264
Sung by all

**Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

**Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.**

***In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.***

**Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.**

Missionary Introductions and Prayer

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

**Dear Heavenly Father,
we bow ourselves before you and confess
that we have too often forgotten that we are your sons and daughters.
Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there is no God,
and we fall short of being credible witnesses to you.
We have denied you with silence, passivity, and cowardice.
We have betrayed you by our idolatry, disobedience, and selfishness.
Instead of following your ways, we have turned to our own ways.
Instead of honoring you, we have desired the applause of man.
For these things we ask for your forgiveness and your enabling grace.
Transform us into courageous ambassadors for Christ.
Give us clear minds and open hearts
so we may be your witnesses in a lost world.
Remind us that we are your servants
regardless of whom we are with, where we are, or what we are doing.
Draw us ever closer to you
and embolden us to take up our cross daily to follow you
for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning GraceJeremiah 33:8-9

I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. Then it will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for them; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for them.

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 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.

Missionary Offering 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.

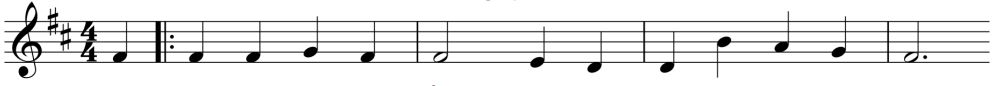
Having been reminded that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in response to God's grace, we gladly extend the peace of the gospel to one another.

Dismissal of Children:

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

†Hymn of Preparation—Facing a Task Unfinished

Sung by all



1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our knees.
2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered sway;
3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those
4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit who in - spired,



A need that, un - di - min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease.
where for - ces that de - fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to - day.
who gave their lives pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and rose.
Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un - tired.



We, who re - joice to know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy throne
With none to heed their cry - ing for life, and love, and light,
Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the same glad mess - age ours;
From cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake!



the so - lem n pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known. 2. Where
un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the
fired by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our
Forth on Thine er - rands send us to la - bor for Thy



night. We go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No
powers. sake.



oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ the Lord. 3. We
4. O

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New Testament LessonActs 16:16–34
page 1099 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—The Power of God to Shake and Shape the WorldDr. Conrad Mbewe

1. The deliverance of a twice enslaved woman

a. Coincidental occasions

b. Perplexing occurrences

c. Gospel opportunities

2. The world’s antagonistic reaction to the gospel

a. Sin rules in the world (v. 19)

b. The world finds excuses (vv. 20–21)

c. This results in our suffering (vv. 22–24)

3. God’s power to shake the world and save the lost

a. God sovereignly intervenes (vv. 25–26)

b. The world’s mighty men fear (vv. 27–30)

c. God’s power shapes sinners (vv. 31–34)

†**Hymn of Response**—Christ, for the World We Sing ITALIAN HYMN, HYMN #447
Sung by all

†**Benediction**

Postlude—Praise the LordS. Karg–Elert

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