

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

March 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.



Scan the QR code to:

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

Prelude—Variations on LAAST UNS ERFREUEN..... D. Bédard

- *Maestoso*
- *Poco più lento*
- *Allegro*
- *Andante*

***Preparation for Worship—Holy, Holy, Holy!..... arr. W. L. Fleury**
Melissa Schultz and Scott Thomsen
See Hymn #100 to reflect on the lyrics.

†Call to Worship Psalm 100

Leader:	Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!	<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:	Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.	
Leader:	Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!	
All:	For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.	
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
All:	And with your spirit.	
Leader:	Let us worship God!	

***†Hymn of Praise—Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim..... LYONS, HYMN #165**
Sung by all

†Invocation

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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

**universal*

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Gloria Patri GREATOR EX



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

Almighty God, who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you, hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts.

We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellow men.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

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—I Stand Amazed

Sung by all

**I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.**

**He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calv’ry,
And suffered, and died alone.**

***How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
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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—Sing to Jesus

Sung by all

1. Come and see, look on this mys - ter - y: The Lord of the
2. Come you wea-ry, and He will give you rest. Come, you who

u - ni verse nailed to a tree. Christ our God, spill-ing His
mourn, lay on His breast. Christ who died, ris - en in

ho - ly blood, bow-ing in an - guish His sa-cred head.
par - a - dise, giv - er of mer - cy, giv-er of life.

CHORUS

Sing to Je - sus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sin - ful hearts,
Sing to Je - sus, His is the throne; Now and for - ev - er

He is our great Re - deem - er. Sing to Je - sus, hon-or His name,
He is the King of heav - en. Sing to Je - sus, we are His own.

sing of His faith - ful - ness, pour-ing His life out un - to death.
Now and for - ev - er sing for the love our God has shown.

Fernando Ortega

New Testament Lesson John 13:5-17
page 1069 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—Obedience: The Disciple’s Path to FlourishingDr. Michael Hearon

1. Forsaking Self (vv. 5-6, 8, 13)

2. Forming our Heart in Relationship (vv. 7-12)

3. Forging a Flourishing Lifestyle (vv. 13-17)

†Hymn of Response—O the Deep, Deep Love of JesusBUNESSAN
Sung by all Stanzas 1, 3, 5, 6

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!
2. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!
4. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free;
is the cur - rent, of thy love;
Love of ev - 'ry love the best:
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,
and it lifts me up to glo - ry,

in its full - ness o - ver me.
to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.
for it lifts me up to thee.

Samuel T. Francis | Thomas J. Williams

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.)

DoxologyLASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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.

†Benediction

Postlude—Variations on LASST UNS ERFREUEN, VivaceD. Bédard

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