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-Var	riations on Laast Uns Erfreuen	D. Bédard
PoolAllo	nestoso co più lento egro dante	
*Preparation	for Worship—Holy, Holy, Holy! Melissa Schultz and Scott Thomsen See Hymn #100 to reflect on the lyrics.	arr. W. L. Fleury
†Call to Wors	ship	Psalm 100
Leader:	Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!	The one true God graciously invites us into his presence to worship him in spirit and in truth, and we eagerly respond
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.	in faith. This begins
Leader:	Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!	
AII:	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: †Hymn of Pra	Let us worship God! ise—Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim Sung by all	Lyons, Hymn #165
†Invocation		

†Confession of Faith

.....The Nicene Creed

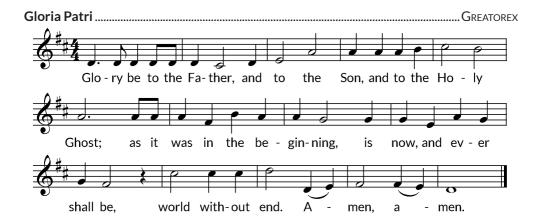
We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

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.

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



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.

Assurance of Pardoning GraceIsaiah 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—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.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful Is my Savior's love for me.

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 Is my Savior's love for me.

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

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.



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

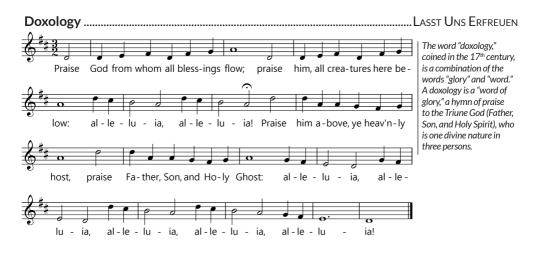
1. Forsaking Self (vv. 5-6, 8, 13)

- 2. Forming our Heart in Relationship (vv. 7-12)
- 3. Forging a Flourishing Lifestyle (vv. 13-17)



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.)



†Benediction