

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 16, 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 DIADEMATA..... C. Callahan
Beneath the Cross of Jesus arr. M. J. Simpson

Erin Montgomery, flute

See Hymns #295 and #251 to reflect on the text.

***Preparation for Worship**—Everywhere I Go N. Sleeth

Canterbury Choir

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me.
If I call upon him, he will hear me.
Never will I fear, for the Lord is near
everywhere I go.

In the dark of night
should things alarm me,
ever in his sight, no ill may harm me.
I will be of cheer for the Lord is near,
everywhere I go.

He is with me day by day,
He will be my strength and stay;
From his path I will not stray but
follow in his way.

In the coming days of joy or sadness
I will praise his name
with songs of gladness,
for to me it's clear that the Lord is near
everywhere I go.

Everywhere God is there,
tending all with loving care,
he is near me everywhere I go.
Dark of night, morning light,
I am ever in his sight;
he will keep me safe from harm I know.

Day by day my strength and stay,
I will follow in his way.
All my days I will raise
to his name glad songs of praise,
for the Lord is everywhere I go.

†Call to Worship Psalm 97

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant
shores rejoice.

All: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his
throne. Fire goes before him and consumes his foes
on every side.**

Leader: For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

All: **Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and
praise his holy name.**

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**—Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA, HYMN #295

Sung by all

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

Psalter Lesson Psalm 41
page 554 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**All: The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

8:30 a.m. Wiley Lane Shelton
son of Margaret and Carter Shelton

Madison Grace Bickley
daughter of Brooke and Jeff Bickley

Laila Renea Head
daughter of Sara and Andrew Head

11 a.m. Everett James Lomax
son of Alaina and Justin Lomax

Oliver James George
son of Lauren and Brett George

Banks Wilson Haddon
son of Lauren and Grey Haddon

Lyudmila Carter
Mila Marie Carter
daughter of Lyudmila Carter

Response—Jesus Loves Me

Sung by all

Jesus loves me, this I know,	<i>Yes, Jesus loves me,</i>
For the Bible tells me so.	<i>Yes, Jesus loves me,</i>
Little ones to him belong;	<i>Yes, Jesus, loves me,</i>
They are weak, but he is strong.	<i>The Bible tells me so.</i>

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

**Gracious Heavenly Father,
Creator of all things, and King of all the earth.
All that you made is good and all your ways are good.
You created us in your image to know you, enjoy you, and glorify you.
You long to bless us, and you love us more deeply than we can comprehend.
Yet we confess that we have rebelled against you and rejected your love.
Please forgive us for our foolishness and hardness of heart.
We have succumbed to the temptations of the devil,
followed the wisdom of the world,
and pursued the destructive lusts of the flesh.
Please rescue us from ourselves, convince us of your affection for us,
and enable us to experience the abundant life you offer.
Forgive us for our neglect of you, our self-reliance, and our divided hearts.
Remind us that you are our greatest treasure,
and we are your cherished sons and daughters.
We pray this in the name of Jesus,
your greatest gift and expression of your love. 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.....DUKE STREET

Praise God from whom all____ bless - ings____ flow;
praise him, all creat - ures here be - low;
praise him a - bove____ ye____ heav'n - ly____ host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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—King of Saints

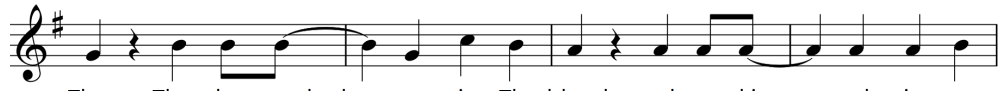
Sung by all



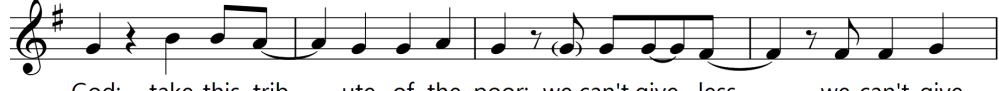
1. Je - sus Christ, God's ho - ly Lamb, we will laud Thy love-ly
2. Right-eous are Thy ways and true; end-less hon - ors are Thy



Name; we were saved by God's de - cree, and all our debt was paid by
due; grace and glo - ry in Thee shine; match-less mer - cy, love div-



Thee. Thou has washed us in Thy blood, made us kings and priests to
ine. We for Whom Thou once was slain, we Thy ran - somed sin - ner



God; take this trib - ute of the poor; we can't give less, we can't give
train, in this one re-quest a - gree, "Spir-it make us more like



Chorus

more. Souls re-deemed your voic-es raise, sing your dear
Thee."



Re - deem - er's praise; wor - thy Thou of love and



laud, King of saints, in - car - nate God.

Joseph Hart | Clint Wells

New Testament Lesson John 13:21-30
page 1070 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—Jesus Shows Us How to Face BetrayalDr. Ken McHeard

I. Troubled

II. Traitor

A. Jesus loved his enemies so well, the traitor was unknown. (vv. 22-24)

1. None of the disciples knew Judas was the betrayer.

2. Jesus broke bread with his known betrayer.

B. Satan indwelt Judas: an indication he was not redeemed. (vv. 26-27)

III. Triumph

A. Declared that betrayal was necessary (vv. 2-3; 10-11)

1. First sin was a betrayal.

2. The triune God promised deliverance at the first betrayal.

B. To fulfill Scripture (vv. 18-19)

1. Psalm 41:9

2. Ego Eimi

3. Protoevangelium

†Hymn of Response—At the Name of Jesus.....KING’S WESTON, HYMN #163
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Fugue in D MinorJ. S. Bach

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