

# 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 30, 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—Be Not Afraid ..... C. Courtney

Youth Choir  
Based on Isaiah 43:1-4

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;  
be not afraid: I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;  
when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;  
you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.

†Call to Worship .....from 1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**All: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**

*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.*

Leader: This inheritance is kept in heaven for us who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

**All: Though we have not seen him, we love him;**

Leader: and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

**All: for we are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of our souls.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*†Hymn of Praise—Holy, Holy, Holy ..... NICAEA, HYMN #100

Sung by all

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

†Invocation

†The Confession of Faith .....The 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

Old Testament Lesson.....Isaiah 66:17-25  
page 743 in the pew Bible

†Response—On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

1. On Jor-dan's storm- y banks I stand, and cast a wish - ful\_ eye  
2. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath can reach that heath - ful\_ shore;  
3. When shall I reach\_ that hap - py place, and be for - ev - er\_ blessed?

to Can - aan's fair\_ and hap - py land, where my pos - sess - ions\_\_\_\_ lie.  
Sick - ness, sor - row, pain\_ and death, are felt and feared no\_\_\_\_ more.  
When shall I see\_ my Fa - ther's face, and in His bos - om\_\_\_\_ rest?

**Chorus**

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Prom - ised Land\_\_\_\_

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

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we are thankful that your mercy is  
higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wanderings,  
deeper than all our sin.

Forgive us for  
our frivolous attitude towards life,  
our callousness towards suffering,  
our envy of those who have more than we have,  
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
and our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us change our way of life so that we may  
desire what is good,  
love what you love, and  
do what you command.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace—Lord, From the Depths I Call to You ..... MARTYRDOM  
from Psalm 130  
Sung by all

1. LORD, from the depths I call to you! Lord,  
2. LORD, in your pres - ence who can stand, if  
3. I wait— my soul waits— for the LORD; my  
4. O Is - r'el, put your hope in God, for

hear me from on high and give at - ten - tion  
you our sins re - cord? But yet for - give - ness  
hope is in his word. More than the watch - man  
mer - cy is with him. And full re - demp - tion

to is my voice when I for mer - cy cry.  
waits with you, that we may fear you, LORD.  
from their sins his soul waits for the Lord.  
he'll re - deem.

Video .....Christianity Explored

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

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.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Dismissal of Children:

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

†Hymn of Preparation—Yet Not I, but Through Christ In Me

Sung by all

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no  
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my  
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
4. With ev - ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has  
more for heav-en now to give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and  
side the Sav-ior, he will stay. I lab-or on in weak-ness and re-  
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my  
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re-  
free-dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I  
joic-ing, for in my need, his pow-er is dis-played. To this I  
par-don, and he was raised to o-ver-throw the grave. To this I  
new me un-til I stand with joy be-fore the throne. To this I  
hold: my hope is on-ly Je - sus. For my life is whol-ly bound to  
hold: my Shep-herd will de-fend me. Through the deep-est val-ley he will  
hold: my sin has been de-feat-ed. Je - sus now, and ev-er, is my  
hold: my hope is on-ly Je - sus. All the glo-ry ev-er-more to  
his. Oh how strange and di-vine, I can  
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I  
plea. Oh the chains are re-leased, I can  
him. When the race is com-plete, still my  
sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
shall o-ver-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
lips shall re-peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—"Don't let your hearts be troubled; I will love you to the end!"Dr. John Franks

1. His Heart

2. His Plan

3. His Nature

†Hymn of Response— I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Sung by all



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;  
2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave,  
3. He lives to si - lence all my fears,  
4. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly Friend,  
5. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;  
what com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives!  
He lives e - ter - nal - ly to save,  
• He lives to wipe a - way my tears,  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives and I shall con - quer death;  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, all - glo - ri - ous in the sky,  
• He lives to calm my trou - bled heart,  
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
He lives my man - sion to pre - pare;  
He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head.  
He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
• He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
He lives, my Pro - phet, Priest, and King.  
He lives to bring me safe - ly there.

Charles Wesley, 1742 | John Hatton, 1793

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata in F..... D. Buxtehude

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