

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

April 6, 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—Suite du Deuxième TonL. N. Clérambault

- *Plein Jeu*
- *Duo*
- *Basse du Cromhorne*

Prelude on God of Grace and God of Glory..... P. Manz

***Preparation for Worship**—I Sing the Mighty Power of Godarr. B. Harlan
Chancel Choir

I sing the mighty pow’r of God, that made the mountains rise;
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies!
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey!

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There’s not a plant or flow’r below, but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and ev’rywhere that man can be, thou, God, art present there!

†Call to Worship from John 1:1, 14, 16

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was 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.*

**All: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling
among us.**

Leader : We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and
Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and
truth!

**All: For from his fullness we have all received grace
upon grace. For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***†Hymn of Praise**—God Himself Is with Us..... WUNDERBARER KÖNIG, HYMN #382
Sung by all

†Invocation

*† Indicates the congregation standing. *Ushers may seat worshippers 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.

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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 MEINEKE



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

O LORD, you have searched us and known us.
 You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
 you discern our thoughts from far away.
 Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely.
 We cannot flee from your Spirit, nor your presence.
 You search out our paths and our lying down,
 and are acquainted with all our ways.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
 test us and know our thoughts.
 See if there is any wicked way in us,
 and lead us in the way everlasting.
 Through your Son, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace2 Corinthians 5:17-18a, 21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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—In Christ Alone

Sung by all

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand:
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

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—Blessed Assurance**..... ASSURANCE, HYMN #693
Sung by all

New Testament Lesson John 14:7–14
page 1070 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—The Secret to Contentment..... Dr. Michael Hearon

1. Knowing God (vv. 7-11)

2. Answered Prayer (vv. 12-14)

3. Abundant Life (v. 12)

†Hymn of Response—God of Grace and God of GloryCWM RHONDDA

Sung by all

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3. Cure your child - ren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry,
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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.)

DoxologyTALLIS' CANON

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.

†Benediction

Postlude—Caprice sur les Grands JeuxL. N. Clérambault

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