

First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

*COMMENDING THE GREATNESS OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST
TO ALL PEOPLES AND ALL GENERATIONS*



The Suffering Servant & Triumphant Lamb

The Lord's Day Morning Worship

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

8:30 & 11 a.m.

Welcome!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! We'd like to get to know you better, so please visit the Welcome Desk located in the Commons.



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

Prelude—Partita on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*M. Burkhardt

*Preparation for Worship—Hosanna, Loud Hosannaarr. S. DeCesare
Fabio Mann & Doug Gerhart, trumpet; Doug Wheeler, percussion

†Call to Worship from Zechariah 9 and Matthew 21

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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: **“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*†Hymn of Praise—All Glory, Laud, and HonorSt. THEODULPH, HYMN #235
Sung by all

†Invocation

†Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q. 29, 31

Q. 29 Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

A. **Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.**

Q. 31 Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. **Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance, our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

First published in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has been used by Christians around the world ever since. The Catechism summarizes the major teachings of Holy Scripture in one hundred and twenty-nine memorable questions and answers.

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

†Response—We Exalt Thee

Sung by all

We ex - alt Thee, we ex - alt Thee, we ex - alt Thee, O Lord. We ex - O Lord.

Verse

For Thou, O Lord, art high a-bove all the earth. Thou art ex - alt - ed far a-bove all gods; For Thou, O Lord, art high a-bove all the earth. Thou art ex - alt - ed far a-bove all gods.

Peter Sanchez, Jr.

Psalter Lesson Psalm 24
page 541 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.

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

O King of Glory,
we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint,
our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous.
While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your will.
For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and known sins.
For our treason you died, Lord Jesus; for our restoration, you rose again.
Ride into our hearts with conquering, healing grace.
Forgive what we have done and who we have been.
Draw us closer to you in this Holy Week,
that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears,
and our hearts, the wonder of your grace.
By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline,
by your amazing grace and abundant patience,
may we be loyal and loving servants of the King.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Isaiah 6:5-7

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

†Response—We Come, O Christ, to You DARWALL, HYMN #181
Sung by all Stanzas #1, 2, 5

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.

No Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 & 11 a.m. Pre-K through 4th grade remain in the service.

†Hymn of Preparation—King Forevermore
Sung by all

1. God, the un - cre - a - ted One, the Au - thor of sal - va -
2. God, our for - tress and our strength, the Rock on which we can de -
3. Might - y God in mor - tal flesh, for - sa - ken by a trai - tor's
4. King e - ter - nal, God of grace, we crown You with the high - est

tion, — wrote the laws of space and time, and
pend; — match - less in His ma - jes - ty, His
kiss. The curse of sin and cen - tu - ries did
praise. — Heav - en shouts and saints a - dore, You're

fash - ioned worlds to His de - sign. The
pow - er and au - thor - i - ty, un -
pierce the low - ly Prince of Peace. —
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! What

One whom an - gel hosts re - vere, hung the stars like chan - de - liers,
shak - en by the schemes of man, nev - er chang - ing, Great I Am.
Lift - ed high, the sin - less man, cru - ci - fied, the spot - less Lamb,
joy in ev - er - last - ing life, all is love and faith is sight.

num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand, knows the heart of ev - 'ry man.
King - doms rise and king - doms fall, He is faith - ful through it all.
bur - ied by the sons of man, res - cued by the Fa - ther's hand, to
Just - ice rolls and prais - es rise at the name of Je - sus Christ.

He is King for - ev - er, He is King for - ev - er,
Crown Him King for - ev - er, crown Him King for - ev - er,
reign as King for - ev - er, reign as King for - ev - er,
King of kings for - ev - er, King of kings for - ev - er,

He is King for - ev - er - more.
crown Him King for - ev - er - more.
reign as King for - ev - er - more.
King of kings for - ev - er - more.

A. Keyes | P. James

Old Testament Lesson..... Isaiah 52:13-15
page 728 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—The Servant of the LORD is Highly ExaltedDr. Ken McHeard
Isaiah 52:13–15

1. His Mission (v. 13)

2. His Method (v. 14)

3. His Ministry (v. 15)

†Hymn of Response—Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!.....ELLACOMBE, HYMN
Sung by all

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an-them rang;
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King;

to Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to His breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid-ding wait.
and in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Jenette Threlfal | Wirttemberg Gesangbuch, 1784

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!G. Martin
Organ, brass, and percussion

Reminder: There is no evening worship tonight. We look forward to
worshiping with you in our upcoming Holy Week services.

Maundy Thursday | April 17
7 p.m. Worship with Communion

Good Friday | April 18
12 p.m. Worship
7 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday | April 20
8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fellowship
(No Sunday School or Evening Worship)