

First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

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



The Suffering Servant & Triumphant Lamb

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 20, 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—FanfareJ. Cook
An Easter CelebrationJ. Raney
Organ, brass, and percussion

***Preparation for Worship—Worthy Is the Lamb (Messiah) G. F. Handel**
Chancel Choir

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and hath redeemed us to God by his blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength,
and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honor, glory and pow’r, be unto him,
be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

†Call to Worship from Revelation 1:18

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One;

All: I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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—Christ the Lord Is Risen TodayEASTER HYMN, HYMN #277**
Sung by all

†Invocation

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

†The Confession of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 45 How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life.
Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.**

Q. 57 What comfort does the resurrection of the body offer you?

A. Not only shall my soul after this life immediately be taken up to Christ, my Head, but also this my flesh, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.

Q. 58 What comfort do you receive from the article about the life everlasting?

A. Since I now already feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, I shall after this life possess perfect blessedness, such as no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

†Response—Hallelujah (*Messiah*)

(*please remain standing*)

Chancel Choir

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign forever and ever, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords! Hallelujah!

New Testament Lesson Matthew 28:1-15
page 992 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the gospel of Christ.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Corporate Confession of Sin

(*please kneel if able to do so*)

**Almighty God,
Who by the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ
has given eternal life to all who believe in him,
and who has called us to live pure and joyful lives,
we confess that we have failed to live as we ought.
We have forgotten your promises
and have ignored your commandments.
We have not followed after our risen Savior
with hearts of grateful service, courageous faith, or glad obedience.
We are profoundly sorry and would earnestly repent.
Please forgive us and revive our hearts
that we might with steadfast affection
glorify you in thought, word, and deed
for the glory of our Resurrected Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Romans 4:25–5:2

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory 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—The Power of the Cross

Sung by all



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face bear - ing the
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds for through Your



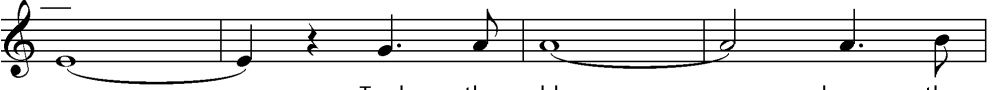
road to cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought
Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
suff - 'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



Torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.____
ev - ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood stained brow.____
dead are raised to life, fin - ished the vict - 'ry cry.____
life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love.____



____ 1. 2. 3. This the power____ of the cross:____ Christ be - came____ sin for
____ 4. This the power____ of the cross____ Son of God____ slain for



us.____ Took the blame,____ bore the
us.____ What a name,____ what a



wrath, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
cost, we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

†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.**

Giving As an Act of Worship

Additional Ways to Give

- Online via the app or QR code below
- 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.**

No Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 & 11 a.m. Pre-K and older remain in the service.

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.

†Hymn of Preparation—The Day of Resurrection..... LANCASHIRE, HYMN #267
Sung by all

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 53:1-12
page 729 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God,

All: **Thanks be to you, O God.**

1. The LORD’s Pleasure (v. 10)

2. The Savior’s Satisfaction (v. 11)

3. The Believer’s Inheritance (v. 12)

†Hymn of Response—Thine Be the Glory MACCABAEUS, HYMN #274
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Crown Him with Many Crowns L. Larson
Organ, brass, and percussion

There is no Sunday school or evening worship service today.
We encourage you to use this time to celebrate Christ’s
Resurrection with family and friends.