

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 27, 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—Variations on *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*.....J. F. Dandrieu
See Hymn #272 to reflect on the lyrics.

***Preparation for Worship**—I Know that My Redeemer Lives – Glory, Hallelujah!
Melissa Schultz, soloist
See Hymn #281 to reflect on the lyrics.

†Call to Worship from 1 Peter 1:2–4

Leader: We have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood.

All: **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Leader: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

All: **and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us.**

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**—Alleluia! Alleluia!.....EBENEZER, HYMN #283
Sung by all

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

Old Testament Lesson.....Ezekiel 36:16-29
page 860 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

The Sacrament of Baptism

8:30 a.m.Jacob Luke Hearon
son of Caitlin and Keith Hearon

Charlotte Grace Davis
daughter of Diana Bigler and Adam Davis

11 a.m.Madison Elizabeth McCauley
Ryan Henry McCauley
children of Jenafer and Michael McCauley

Response—A Little Child the Savior Came..... QUEBEC
Sung by all



1. A lit - tle child the Sav - ior came,
2. He who a lit - tle child, be - gan
3. We bring them, Lord, and with the sign
4. O thou, who by an in - fant's tongue



the might - y God was still his name,
to show the world God's lov - ing plan,
of sprin - kled wa - ter name them thine;
dost hear thy per - fect glo - ry sung,



and ang - els was - shipped as he lay
pro - claims from heav'n the mes - sage free,
their souls with sav - ing grace en - dow;
may these, with all the heav'n - ly host,



the seem - ing in - fant of a day.
"Let lit - tle child - ren come to me."
bap - tize them with thy Spir - it now.
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

Eternal God, our King and Father,
According to your gracious will and divine plan,
your Son died and was raised up in power and glory.
Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him.
We confess to you, Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us, we control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your
love too free.
But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.
Now heal our confused minds with your word,
heal our divided wills with your law,
heal our troubled consciences with your love,
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,
all for the sake of your Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning GraceRomans 6:1–4

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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—Jesus Christ Is Risen TodayLLANFAIR, HYMN #273
Sung by all Stanzas 1, 2, 4

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—Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

1. Ho - ly Spir it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Ho - ly Spir it, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

soul; Bring the pres - ence of the Ri - sen Lord, to re -
do. Love e - nough to co - ver ev - 'ry sin in each
made. Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your

new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come a - live in me;
thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est and the least;
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the frag - rance of our prayers a - rise;

give me faith for what I can - not see. Give me pass - ion for Your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breath new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

New Testament Lesson **John 14:15-17**
page 1070 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Affection (v. 15)

2. Advocate (vv. 16, 17a)

3. Abidance (v. 17b)

†Hymn of Response—Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit.....LUX PRIMA, HYMN #331
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata on O FILII ET FILIAE L. Farnum
Based on Hymn #272

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