

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

May 11, 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—Voluntary in D Major..... W. Boyce
Three Settings of A Mighty Fortress..... Buxtehude, Clarke, and Cherwien

***Preparation for Worship**—God's Peace.....arr. C. J. Adams

Youth Choir

Come away from rush and hurry
To the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry,
Come to Christ and find release.

At the table of God's presence
All the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of Go's anointing
Into service we are led.

Come away from noise and clamor,
Life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered
Here to seek and find God's grace.

Come, then, children, with your burdens,
Life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus,
Take instead his kingdom's reign.

In the pastures of God's goodness
We lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
We drink deeply, are made whole.

Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them,
He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
When to self we gladly die.

†Call to Worshipfrom Romans 15:8–13

Leader: Christ became a servant of his people in order to
show God's truthfulness and confirm his promises,
that we might glorify God for his mercy.

*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: Therefore we praise you O God among the nations
and sing to your name.**

Leader: Rejoice, you his people, praise the Lord and extol him.

**All: Jesus the root of Jesse has come. He rules over the
nations and in him we have hope.**

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in
believing,

**All: so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may
abound in hope.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***†Hymn of Praise**—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....EIN' FESTE BURG, HYMN #92

Sung by all

†Invocation

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.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 54:1-10
page 730 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

Covenant Prayer for Children 8:30 a.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism

11 a.m.Charlotte Anne Elvis
daughter of Rachel and Ryan Elvis

Response—Jesus Loves Me

Sung by all

Jesus loves me, this I know,	Yes, Jesus loves me,
For the Bible tells me so.	Yes, Jesus loves me,
Little ones to him belong;	Yes, Jesus, loves me,
They are weak, but he is strong.	The Bible tells me so.

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

Gracious Savior and King,
we know that with us there is an abundance of sin,
but in you there is an overabundance of grace.
Forgive us Heavenly Father:
Our hearts are cold towards you and our desires are contrary to your revealed will.
How foolish we are! We have not revered your name, the name above all names.
We have not put your kingdom first, your eternal, unshakeable kingdom.
We have not sought your will, though nothing can resist your holy will.
We have not forgiven our debtors, even though we are debtors to your great mercy.
We have yielded to temptation that robs us of joy.
We have not pursued growth in holiness,
which would foster greater enjoyment of you.
Strengthen our faith and trust in you.
Make our hearts fervent for you that we might seek your glory in all things
and experience that fullness of joy that is ours in Jesus Christ.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

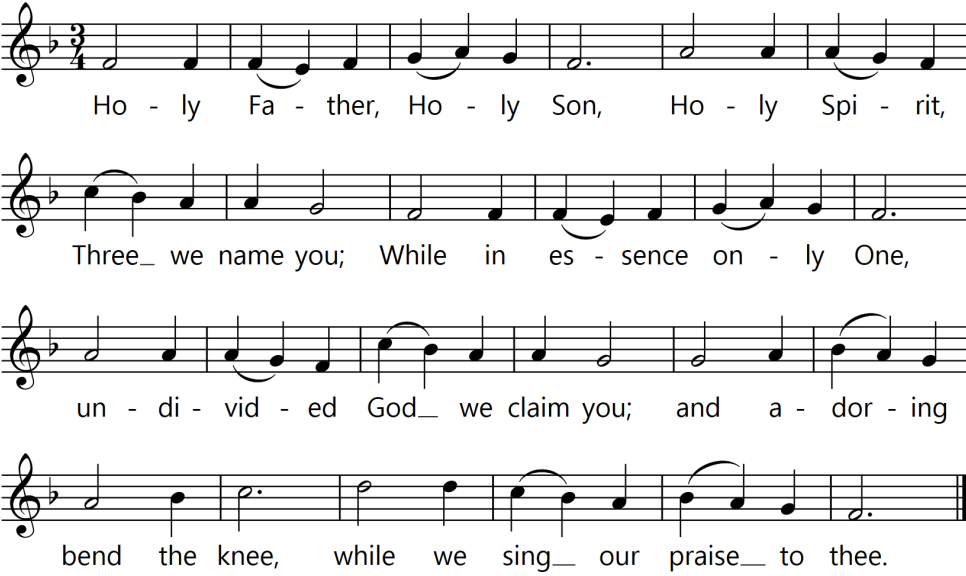
Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace from Jeremiah 33

This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, "I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me."

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.

Doxology—Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT
Sung by all



Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit,
Three_ we name you; While in es - sence on - ly One,
un - di - vid - ed God_ we claim you; and a - dor - ing
bend the knee, while we sing_ our praise_ to thee.

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

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- 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—Jesus Strong and Kind

Sung by all



1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.



No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield. I should come to him.
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.



him. For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and



night. We can al-ways run to Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind.

C. Buchanan | M. Farren | J. Robinson | R. Thompson

New Testament Lesson John 14:25–31
page 1071 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. PERSON
2. PEACE
3. PLAN
4. PROOF

†Hymn of Response—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need RESIGNATION
Sung by all



I. Watts, 1719 | Southern Harmony, 1835

†Benediction

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