

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 18, 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—Grand Chœur T. Salomé
Just A Closer Walk with Thee..... arr. M. Kim

***Preparation for Worship**—Bwana Asifiwe..... arr. M. Burrows
Canterbury Choir

*Bwana, Bwana, Bwana Asifiwe
Bwana, Bwana, Bwana Asifiwe
Praise the Lord!*

Praise the Lord in the heavens,
Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Praise God’s name.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation.
Oh my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration.
Let the amen sound from his temple again.
Gladly forever adore him.

†Call to Worship..... Ephesians 1:2–3, 3:20–21

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Leader: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

All: to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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**—All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! CORONATION, HYMN #296
Sung by all

†Invocation

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

Response

Leader: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

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

We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, Defender, and Redeemer.
Our natures are corrupt and sinful;
we are prone to fall away from you,
sluggish to do good, and swift to do evil.
Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us,
defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts.
We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us
to cast upon you.
We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another
as much to folly and anger as to love and good works.
We have been cold in our love to you,
weak in our desires toward you,
unsteady in our walking with you,
and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you.
We beseech you--Forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake,
and be at peace with us in him who died to make peace
and lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Adapted from Mathew Henry

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace1 Peter 2:24–25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might
die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have
been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now
returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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.

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.	Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
<i>Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died; draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.</i>	<i>Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died; draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.</i>

Women’s Retreat Video

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.

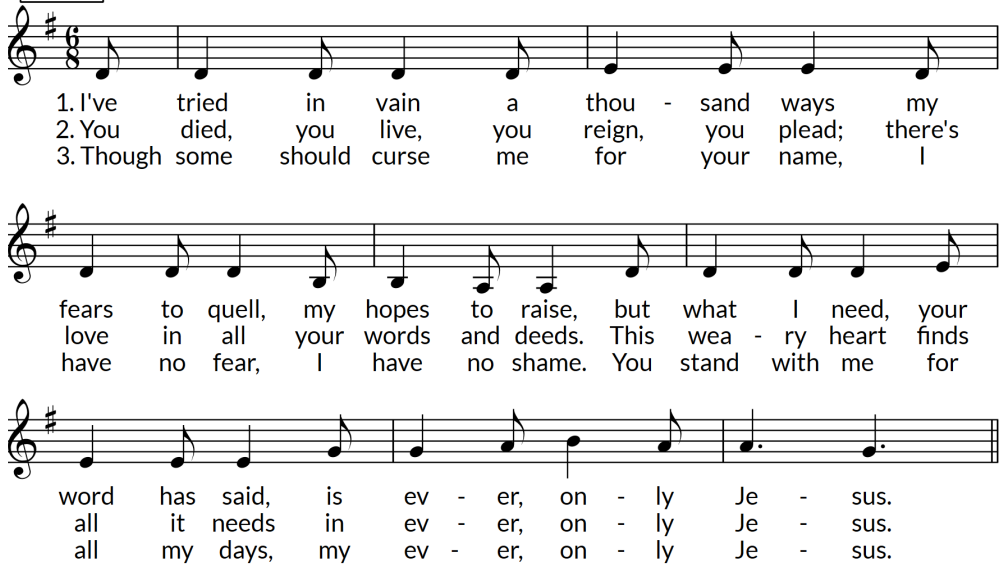
Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 a.m. Pre-K through 3rd grade exit.
- 11 a.m. Pre-K and kindergarten exit.

†Hymn of Preparation—I Want to Know You

Sung by all

Verse

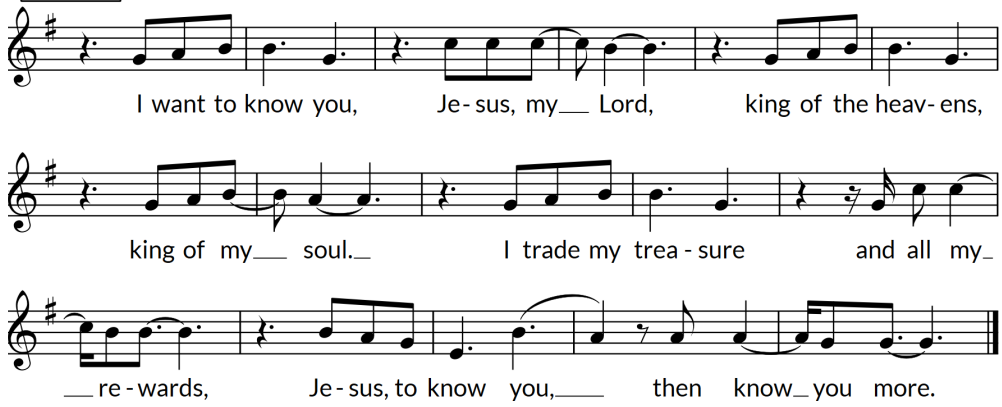


1. I've tried in vain a thou - sand ways my
2. You died, you live, you reign, you plead; there's
3. Though some should curse me for your name, I

fears to quell, my hopes to raise, but what I need, your
love in all your words and deeds. This wea - ry heart finds
have no fear, I have no shame. You stand with me for

word has said, is ev - er, on - ly Je - sus.
all it needs in ev - er, on - ly Je - sus.
all my days, my ev - er, on - ly Je - sus.

Chorus



I want to know you, Je - sus, my__ Lord, king of the heav - ens,
king of my__ soul.__ I trade my trea - sure and all my_
__re - wards, Je - sus, to know you, __ then know you more.

M. Farren | J. Robinson | R. Thompson

New Testament Lesson John 15:1-6
page 1071 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

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

1. Context

2. Characters

3. Command

†Hymn of Response—Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting.....TRANQUILITY, HYMN #188
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude— Toccata on Rise Up, O Church of God!..... R. Hebble

We encourage you to join us again for corporate worship this evening at 6 p.m.!

Psalm 92 reminds us that it is good to declare God’s steadfast love in the morning, and his faithfulness by night. Bookending the Lord’s Day in morning and evening worship offers numerous benefits. It helps guard the entire day for spiritual refreshment and rest. Additionally, those who prioritize evening worship receive double the means of grace, joy and spiritual nourishment, including God’s Word, prayer, praise, fellowship, and feasting at the Lord’s table.