

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 25, 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.



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- Let us know you are a guest
- Find out more about First Pres
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Prelude—Offertoire T. Dubois
Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. D. Miller

*Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!*

Psalm 117

***Preparation for Worship—God of Our Fathers**..... arr. M. McDonald
Chancel Choir
See Hymn #710 to reflect on the lyrics

†Call to Worship..... from John 1:1, 14, 16

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was 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.

All: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Leader: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth!

All: For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***†Hymn of Praise—When Morning Gilds the Skies** **LAUDES DOMINI, HYMN #167**
Sung by all *Stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5, 6*

†Invocation

†Confession of Faith.....Colossians 1:15–20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

*† 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—Forgive Us, O Lord, to Thee We Cry..... CANONBURY

(please kneel if able to do so)

Sung by all



1. For - give us, Lord! to thee we cry;
2. For - give thou us, as we for - give
3. For - give us, for our guilt is great,
4. For - give us, O thou bleed - ing Lamb!



For - give us through thy match - less grace,
the ills we suf - fer from our foes;
Our wretch - ed souls no mer - it claim;
Thou ris - en, thou ex - alt - ed Lord!



On thee a - lone our souls re - ly;
Re - store us, Lord, and bid us live;
For sov - 'reign mer - cy still we wait,
Thou great High Priest! our souls re - deem,



Be thou our strength and right - eous - ness.
Oh! let us in thine arms re - pose.
And ask but in the Sav - ior's name.
and speak the par - don seal - ing word.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Isaiah 30:15, 18

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

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..... DUKE STREET

Praise God from whom all__ bless - ings__ flow;
praise him, all creat - ures here be - low;
praise him a - bove__ ye__ heav'n - ly__ host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The word "doxology," coined in the 17th century, is a combination of the words "glory" and "word." A doxology is a "word of glory," a hymn of praise to the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), who is one divine nature in three persons.

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—Yet Not I but through Christ in Me

Sung by all



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
4. With ev - ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav-en now to give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and
side the Sav-ior, he will stay. I lab-or on in weak-ness and re-
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re-



free-dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I
joic-ing, for in my need, his pow-er is dis-played. To this I
par-don, and he was raised to o-ver-throw the grave. To this I
new me un-til I stand with joy be-fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on-ly Je - sus. For my life is whol-ly bound to
hold: my Shep-herd will de-fend me. Through the deep-est val-ley he will
hold: my sin has been de-feat-ed. Je - sus now, and ev-er, is my
hold: my hope is on-ly Je - sus. All the glo-ry ev-er-more to



his. _____ Oh how strange and di-vine, I can
lead. _____ Oh the night has been won, and I
plea. _____ Oh the chains are re-leased, I can
him. _____ When the race is com-plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shall o-ver-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lips shall re-peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

M. Farren | J. Robinson | R. Thompson

New Testament Lesson John 15:7-11
page 1071 in the pew Bible

Response
Leader: This is the Word of God.
All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Extraordinary Provision (v. 7)
2. Enduring Fruit (v. 8)
3. Extravagant Love (v. 9-11a)
4. Exuberant Joy (v. 11b)

†Hymn of Response—Jesus, Thou Joy of Every Heart QUEBEC, HYMN #646
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude— Toccata in G Major T. Dubois

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.