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

June 22, 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

*Preparation for Worship—Holy Forever......Wicham, Ingram, Johnson, Tomlin The Augusta King's Harpists, guest musicians

A thousand generations falling down in worship To sing the song of ages to the Lamb And all who've gone before us and all who will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry holy All creation cries holy You are lifted high, holy

Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed Sing the song forever to the Lamb If you walk in freedom

and if you bear his name Sing the song forever to the Lamb We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry holy All creation cries holy You are lifted high, holy Holy forever

Hear Your people sing holy To the King of kings, holy You will always be holy Holy forever

†Call to Worshipfrom Ephesians 3:14-18

Come and kneel before the Father, from whom every Leader:

family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

All: From his glorious riches he may strengthen us with power through his Spirit so that Christ may dwell

in our hearts through faith.

And being rooted and established in love, together Leader:

with all the Lord's holy people,

may we grasp how wide and long and high and All:

deep is the love of Christ

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.

Sung by all

†The Confession of FaithThe Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Although it was not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

*suffered separation from God

**universal

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Through Christ I pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Gracefrom Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be vour 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.



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:

• Pre-K and Kindergarten exit. 1st through 3rd grades remain in the service.

†Hymn of Preparation—There Is a Redeemer











done. and leav - ing Your Spir-it 'til the work on_earth is done.

M. Green

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Ser	mon—The Advocate Has Come	Dr. Ken I	McHeard	
		John :	16:4b-15	
	1. The Advocate Advances the King	gdom (vv. 4-7)		
	2. The Advocate Acts Forensically (/vv 8-11)		
	2. The havocate hets i orensteany			
	3. The Advocate is The Authentic C	Guide (vv. 12-15)		
†Ну	mn of Response —Gracious Spirit [Owell with MeREDHEAD, H	уми #335	
		Sung by all		
†Be	nediction			
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Res	sponse to Benediction—The Blessi	ngC. Carne	s, K. Jobe	
	Lord bless you and keep you	May his presence go before you		
Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you		And behind you and beside you All around you and within you		
The Lord turn his face toward you		He is with you.		
	d give you peace. Amen.	rio is with you.		
		In the morning, in the evening		
May his favor be upon you		In your coming and your going		
And a thousand generations		In your weeping and rejoicing		
And your family and your children And their children.		He is for you.		
And	i their children.			
Pos	stlude—Toccata-Sortie		.A. Larriu	
	We encourage you to init up again for any sure to work this			
	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.