

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

July 6, 2025

8:30 & 11 a.m.

Welcome!

We are so glad you are worshipping 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
- Request prayer

Prelude—Partita on Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right..... J. Pachelbel
See Hymn #108 to reflect on the lyrics

***Preparation for Worship**—The Lord’s Prayer A. H. Malotte
Owen Wilkerson, vocalist

†Call to WorshipPsalm 33:1-5

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord you righteous;

All: it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

Leader: Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

All: Sing to the Lord a new song;

Leader: play skillfully and shout for joy.

All: For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

All: the earth is full of his unfailing love.

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**—Rejoice, the Lord Is King..... DARWALL, HYMN #310
Sung by all Stanzas #1, 2, 3, 5

†Invocation

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

Q. 26. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

First published in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has been used by Christians around the world ever since. The Catechism summarizes the major teachings of Holy Scripture in one hundred and twenty-nine memorable questions and answers.

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Q. 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God’s providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. 28. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

Psalter Lesson Psalm 16
page 535 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you!

Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.

Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us

until it has worked in us your holy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Romans 4:25–5:2

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of 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.

†Response—Praise Him! Praise Him!..... JOYFUL SONG, HYMN #173
Sung by all

Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er!
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For our sins he suf-fered and bled and died;____
Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!____

He our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.____
crown him! crown him! Proph-et and Priest and King!____

Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
Christ is com - ing! O - ver the world vic - to - rious,

love un - bound - ed, won-der - ful, deep, and strong:____
pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:____

Refrain

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel-lent great - ness;
praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

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.

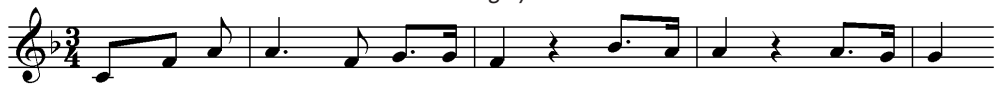
Having been reminded that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in response to God's grace, we gladly extend the peace of the gospel to one another.

Dismissal of Children:

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

†Hymn of Preparation—Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Sung by all



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un-to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"



What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to Him be-long.
Where is His grace and good-ness known? In the great Re-deem-er's blood.
And what re-ward will hea-ven bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with-in His hand? What comes, a-part from His com-mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y trial?
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de-stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.—
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un-to the shore, the rock of Christ?
And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.

Refrain



O sing ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O sing hal-le-



lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

K. Getty | M. Boswell | J. Kauflin | M. Merker | M. Papa

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—Great Sorrow; Greater JoyDr. John Franks

1. Context: Questions and Confusion

2. Great Sorrow

3. Greater Joy

†Hymn of Response—Be Still, My SoulFINLANDIA, HYMN #689

Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata in Seven J. Rutter

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.