

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 13, 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.



Scan the QR code to:

- Let us know you are a guest
- Find out more about First Pres
- Request prayer

Prelude—Jesus Loves Mearr. N. Luboff
Brad Cunningham, guest organist

***Preparation for Worship**

Andy Reid, piano

†Call to WorshipPsalm 145:8-13, 18, 21

Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

All: **All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,**

Leader: so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: **My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

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—Crown Him with Many Crowns**..... DIADEMATA, HYMN #295
Sung by all

†Invocation

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

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

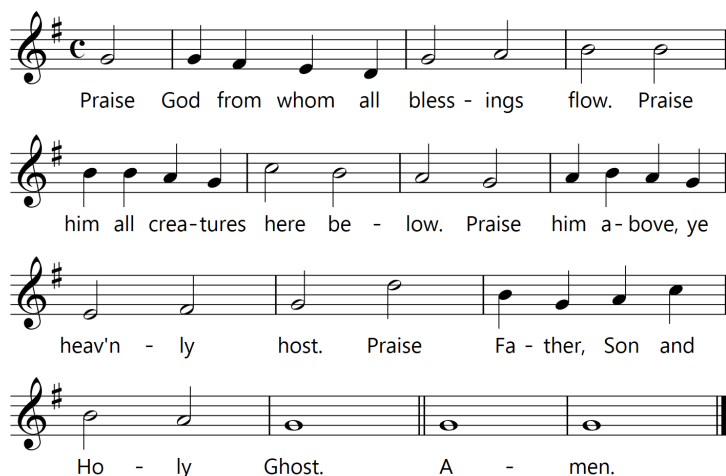
The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

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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.

†Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH



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.

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

**O Lord, if you kept a record of sins, who could stand?
 You are always faithful, but we are not a faithful people.
 Our lives display little holiness;
 we often resemble the ways of the world more than the ways of Jesus.
 Forgive us for our arrogant hearts and deceptive speech,
 our misplaced affections and love of the world.
 Forgive us for our anger, selfishness, gossip, and lack of respect for others.
 Forgive us for being anxious and not trusting you.
 Forgive us for not forgiving those who offend us.
 With you Father there is forgiveness, so that we can serve you with reverence.
 You have poured out your promised Holy Spirit upon us;
 may he transform us more and more into the likeness of our risen Savior.
 In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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—Rock of Ages
Sung by all

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.**

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—He Will Hold Me Fast
Sung by all

Verse



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my foot be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

(small notes for 3rd verse)



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Chorus



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

A. Habershon | M. Merker

New Testament LessonJohn 16:25-33
page 1073 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. The Unclear will Be Clear

2. The Father’s Love

3. The Father’s Presence

†Hymn of Response—Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus! IN BABILONE, HYMN #176

Sung by all Stanzas 1–2 before the Lord’s Supper

Stanzas 3–4 after the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper

(In keeping with Paul’s instructions in 1 Corinthians 11, our elders will gladly admit a child to the Lord’s Supper when he or she is able to express an age-appropriate confession of faith in Jesus Christ and understanding of the purpose and meaning of Communion. When parents believe their child is ready to be admitted to the Lord’s Table, they are encouraged to contact their parish elders to schedule an interview for their child.)

†Benediction

Postlude—Sortie in F MajorP. Fey

Brad Cunningham, guest organist

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.