

# First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

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*COMMENDING THE GREATNESS OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST  
TO ALL PEOPLES AND ALL GENERATIONS*



## The Lord's Day Morning Worship

July 27, 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**—Toccata in E Minor ..... J. Pachelbel  
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee.....J. S. Bach  
*See Hymn #670 to reflect on the lyrics*

**\*Preparation for Worship**—Cry No More ..... D. Forrest  
*Melissa Schultz, vocalist*

In the shadow where linger, in this darkness we call home,  
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan,  
All is not in vain, Beloved, our travail is not unknown.

Though we have not faith to seek Him,  
Christ Himself will draw us near,  
Deep, abiding rays of mercy  
Cast their light on only fear.  
Cry no more, ye poor and weary,  
Our redeeming Lord is here.

*Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;  
Love Incarnate, hold your children 'til the storm of life is past.*

Sure defender, never failing, radiant Savior, Holy Friend,  
Gift of glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!  
Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end!

*Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;  
Love Incarnate, hold your children 'til the storm of life is past.*

**†Call to Worship** .....Hebrews 10:19-22

**Leader:** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

**All:** **by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain,**

**Leader:** that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

**All:** **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

*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.*

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Leader:** Let us worship God!

**\*†Hymn of Praise**—Praise to the Lord the Almighty .....LOBE DEN HERREN, HYMN #53  
*Sung by all* *Stanzas #1, 3, 4, 5*

**†Invocation**

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

Q. 29      Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

A.          **Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.**

Q. 31      Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A.          **Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

*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.*

Response—Arise, My Soul, Arise ..... CHODAN

*Sung by all*



1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off thy guilt - ty fears: the  
2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede, his



bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears: Be -  
all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to \_\_\_\_\_ plead; His



fore the Throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the Throne my Sure - ty  
blood a - toned for ev' - ry race, his blood a - toned for ev' - ry



stands. My name is writ - ten on his  
race, Amd sprin - kles now the throne of



hands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.  
grace, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.

D. Forrest

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

**Forgive our sins, O Lord.  
Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,  
The sins of our soul and the sins of our body,  
Our secret and our whispering sins,  
Our presumptuous and our careless sins,  
The sins we have done to please ourselves,  
and the sins we have done to please others.  
Forgive them, O Lord, because of your great goodness.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

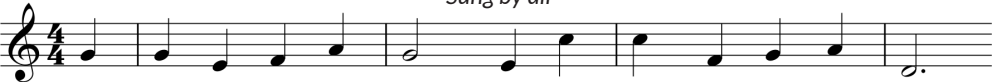
Assurance of Pardoning Grace ..... Isaiah 30:15, 18

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.*

Response—How Blest Is He Whose Trespass ..... LANCASHIRE

*Sung by all*



1. How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,  
2. While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,  
3. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in num - ber shall a - bound,



Whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.  
Thy hand has heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;  
But those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round.



Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin.\_\_\_\_  
But when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,\_\_\_\_  
Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice;\_\_\_\_



Who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.  
When I con-fessed trans-gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.  
Be glad in God, ye right - eous, re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

Children’s Ministry 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

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.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Dismissal of Children:

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

†Hymn of Preparation—I’ll Not Be Shaken

Sung by all



1. For God a - lone I wait in si - lence. My soul is still be - fore the  
2. Put not your hope in gain of rich - es; seek not your rest in emp - ty  
3. Pour out your heart to God our ref - uge and trust in Him to hear you

Lord. He is my rock and my sal - va - tion, my for - tress  
wealth. The rich are weak the poor are might - y who turn to  
cry. No oth - er hope will nev - er fail you, no oth - er

strong; I trust in Him. I'll not be shak - en, I'll not be shak - en, for all my  
God a - lone for help.  
love will not run dry.

hope is in His love. From God a - lone comes my sal -

va - tion; I'll wait and trust His stead - fast love.

W. Kimbrough

New Testament Lesson ..... John 17:6-12  
page 1073 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Eternally Known Of

2. Effectively Prayed For

3. Earnestly Protected By

†Hymn of Response—Be Still My Soul .....FINLANDIA, HYMN #689

Sung by allStanzas #1, 2, 4

†Benediction

Postlude—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty .....M. Drischner

*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.