

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

August 3, 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*
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Prelude—Three Settings of *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* J. C. Kittel
I Was Glad C. H. Parry, arr. J. Scott

Reflection for Prelude

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

***Preparation for Worship**—If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee.....G. Neumark
Fabio Mann and Joshua Elder, trumpet

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days:
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the Rock that naught can move.*

*What can these anxious cares avail thee,
these never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help, if thou bewail thee
o'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
the heavier for our bitterness.*

*Only be still, and wait his leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Father's pleasure*

*and all deserving love hath sent;
nor doubt our inmost wants are known
to him who chose us for his own.*

*All are alike before the Highest;
'tis easy to our God, we know,
to raise thee up though low thou liest,
to make the rich man poor and low;
true wonders still by him are wrought
who setteth up and brings to naught.*

*Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his Word - though undeserving,
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook at need
the soul that trusted him indeed.*

†Call to Worship.....Psalm 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.

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

†Invocation

†The Confession of Faith..... from Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 7, 20

Christian, what do you believe about the nature and work of God?

We believe that God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

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.

We believe that from all eternity and merely because it pleased him, God chose some to have everlasting life. These he freed from sin and misery by a covenant of grace and brought them to salvation by a redeemer.

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Old Testament Lesson Proverbs 3:1-23

page 627 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

God, be merciful to me,
on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou,
blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace
and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just,
speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust
by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning GraceJames 4:8–10

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

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—God, Be Merciful to Me..... REDHEAD, HYMN #486
Sung by all Stanzas #5, 6

Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee,
let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation’s joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me
and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.

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 Pre-K through 3rd grades exit. 4th and 5th grades remain in the service.
- 11 a.m. Pre-K through K exit. 1st through 5th grades remain in the service.

†**Hymn of Preparation—O Church, Arise**

Sung by all

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our Cap -
2. Our call to war- to love the cap-tive soul, but to rage a-against the cap -
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer-cy meet, as the Son of God is strick-
4. So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give__ grace for ev - 'ry hur -
tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the
tor; and with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will
en; then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the
dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a
strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of Truth,
fight with faith and val - or. When faced with trials on ev - ry side,
Con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the stone is rolled a - way
ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the way,
we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger
cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died- an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

K. Getty | S. Townend

New Testament Lesson**John 17:13-19**
page 1073 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Completed Joy

2. Constant Protection

3. Consecrated by the Truth

†Hymn of Response—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....EIN FESTE BURG, HYMN #92

Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Rigaudon.....A. Campra

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.