

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 17, 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—Prelude on *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* C. H. Parry

***Preparation for Worship**—The King of Love My Shepherd Is D. Forrest
Andrew Verdin, vocalist

†Call to Worship Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

Leader: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

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**—Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE, HYMN #30
Sung by all *Stanzas #1, 2, 3, 4, 7*

†Invocation

†The Confession of Faith The 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.

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*

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.**

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

Response

Leader: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

The Sacrament of Baptism

8:30 a.m.Hudson Lee Long

son of Melissa and Elijah Long

11 a.m.Riley Grace Norton

daughter of Anna and Wesley Norton

Response—Jesus Loves Me

Sung by all

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak, but he is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus, loves me,
The Bible tells me so.*

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

Gracious Lord,
You are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
We do not want to disobey you or dishonor you.
Therefore, we ask you to deliver us from tolerating the things that you hate.
Forgive us for being proud, for being dishonest, and for pursuing or permitting
harm to others. We repent of our scheming hearts that devise wicked plans.
It is so easy for us to pursue evil and give in to temptation.
When pressed, we easily misrepresent the truth.
We create disunity in our church, homes and community because we are self-
seeking and arrogant. Our hearts are so easily deceived.
We pray that you would grant us repentance leading to a knowledge of the
truth; in your mercy, forgive our wickedness, rebellion, and sin.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way
and the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

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.

†Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sung by all

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-
low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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—On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand
Sung by all



1. On Jor-dan's storm- y banks I stand, and cast a wish - ful_ eye
2. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath can reach that health - ful_ shore;
3. When shall I reach_ that hap - py place, and be for - ev - er_ blessed?



to Can - aan's fair_ and hap - py land, where my pos - sess - ions_ lie.
Sick - ness, sor - row, pain_ and death, are felt and feared no_ more.
When shall I see_ my Fa - ther's face, and in His bos - om_ rest?

Chorus



I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Prom-ised Land_



I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Prom-ised Land_

S. Stennett | C. Miner

Old Testament Lesson *Exodus 3:1-15*
page 54 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Divine Intervention (vv. 1-5)

2. New Beginnings (vv. 6-10)

3. Deeper Discovery (vv. 11-15)

†Hymn of Response—Guide Me, O Thou Great JehovahCWM RHONDDA, HYMN #598
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Festival Toccata on ST. ANNE..... F. Swan

We encourage you to join us for our Bible Study Kickoff
this evening at 6 p.m.