

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 24, 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.



Scan the QR code to:

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

Prelude—Voluntary Op. 5, No. 8.....J. Stanley
Toccata on *Jesus Shall Reign*.....J. Raney

***Preparation for Worship**—Rejoice, the Lord Is King arr. J. Rutter
Chancel Choir
See Hymn #310 to reflect on the text.

†Call to Worship..... Psalm 47

Leader:	Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!	<i>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.</i>
All:	God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.	
Leader:	Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.	
All:	God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.	
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
All:	And with your spirit.	
Leader:	Let us worship God!	

***†Hymn of Praise**—Praise to the Lord, the AlmightyLOBE DEN HERREN, HYMN #53
Sung by all Stanzas #1, 2, 5

†Invocation

†The Confession of Faith..... The Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 14. How does God carry out his decrees?

A. God carries out his decrees in the works of creation and providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will.

Q. 18. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful acts of preserving and governing all his creatures, ordering them and all their actions to his own glory.

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

†Response—This Is My Father's World

Sung by all

This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears,
This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get
all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.
This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

New Testament Lesson..... 1 John 2:3-6, 15-17
page 1210 in the pew Bible
Luke 12:13-21
page 1035 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

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

**Good and gracious Father,
we have heard the way of kingdom living, and we confess that we fall short.
You see our sin and stumbling, our rebellion and neglect of your law.
Jesus, Lord of Mercy, you paid the penalty of our sins upon the cross.
Forgive us, we pray, for so quickly and persistently taking them up again.
As our sin was nailed to the cross with you, so may we live for you, now.
As we turn from our iniquity and mortify our lusts, take away our love of
sinning, even as you have taken away our guilt and condemnation for sinning.
Holy Spirit, cleanse us, restore us, cause us to seek first the kingdom of God,
and give us a passion for works of new obedience to your Word.
With confidence in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Gracefrom 1 Corinthians 6:9-11;19-20

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?... And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God... Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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, My Soul, the King of Heaven..... LAUDA ANIMA
Sung by all

Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.

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—Behold Our God

Sung by all

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re -
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all His won - drous
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to

1. joyce. 2. 3. CHORUS deeds? Be - hold our God seat - ed on His
reign!

throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our

1. King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore ____ Him!

2. BRIDGE Him! Men: You will reign for - ev - er. You will reign for -
Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. ____ Let Your

ev - er. ____ You will reign for -
glo - ry fill the earth. ____ Let Your

D.S. ev - er. ____ You will reign for - ev - er. ____ Be -
glo - ry fill the earth. ____ Let Your glo - ry fill...

Baird | S. Altrogge

Old Testament LessonEsther 1
page 483 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. The Kingdom of Man

2. The Kingdom of God

†Hymn of Response—Jesus Shall Reign.....DUKE STREET, HYMN #441

Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Introduction and ToccataG. Frescobaldi (G. Cassadó)

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.