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

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*Preparation	for Worship—Rejoice, the Lord Is King Chancel Choir See Hymn #310 to reflect on the text.	arr. J. Rutter
†Call to Wor	ship	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!	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
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.	with us, and we respond to him.
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 Pra	aise—Praise to the Lord, the AlmightyLOBE DEN I Sung by all	Herren, Hymn #53 Stanzas #1, 2, 5
†Invocation		
†The Confes	sion of FaithThe Westminster	· Larger Catechism
Q. 14. Ho	ow does God carry out his decrees?	
	arries out his decrees in the works of creation and provents to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and immendial.	
Q. 18. W	hat are God's works of providence?	
	works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powers and governing all his creatures, ordering them and a	

to his own glory.





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)

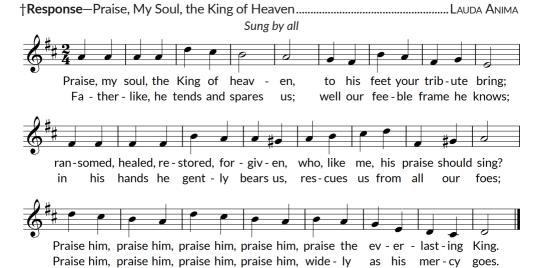
Good and gracious Father,

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.

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.



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

†Passing of The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

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.

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



Baird | S. Altrogge

Old Testament Lesson Esther 1 page 483 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

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Pos	tlude—Introduction and ToccataG. Frescobaldi (G. Cas	sadó
	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.	