

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

September 14, 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 and Fugue in F Major V. Lübeck
Toccata on *To God Be the Glory* J. Raney

***Preparation for Worship**—Praise the Lord..... G. F. Handel
Chancel Choir

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth.
Sing alleluia. Praise his name forevermore.

Shout, sing, and dance and celebrate.
Rejoice; let all within us praise his name.

Shout, sing, and dance and celebrate.
Sing alleluia. Praise his name forevermore.

†Call to Worship from Revelation 19

Leader: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to
our God, for his judgments are true and just;

**All: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear
him, small and great.**

Leader: Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

All: Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory!

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.

***†Hymn of Praise**—To God Be the Glory **TO GOD BE THE GLORY, HYMN #55**
Sung by all

†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.

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.**

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*

*† 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.

Oliver Nash Zhang
son of Christine and Steven Zhang

Lydia Grace Peed
daughter of Mackenzie and Clate Peed

Anderson Edward Cook
son of Kelly and Zach Cook

Jonah Elliott Holder
son of Kennedy and Austin Holder

Covenant Prayer for Children..... 11a.m.

Response—Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,	<i>Sung by all</i> Yes, Jesus loves me,
For the Bible tells me so.	Yes, Jesus loves me,
Little ones to him belong;	Yes, Jesus, loves me,
They are weak, but he is strong.	The Bible tells me so.

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

Gracious Heavenly Father,
We do not fully value all that is ours through the redeeming work
of your Son our Savior.
As a result, we have neither desired nor sought what is good in your sight.
Our hearts are dull and disobedient. Our wills are weak and wayward.
Our minds are dense and deceived.
We have conformed to the world and adopted the values of the world.
We have not prioritized your kingdom, nor obeyed your call to bring the gospel
to our neighbors or to the nations.
Because of this, the name of Jesus is not honored in our community
or in our world.
Forgive us we pray and make us grateful, loving followers of our Savior, Jesus
Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

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 WINCHESTER NEW
Sung by all

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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—King of Saints

Sung by all



1. Je - sus Christ, God's ho - ly Lamb, we will laud Thy love-ly
2. Right-eous are Thy ways and true; end-less hon - ors are Thy



Name; we were saved by God's de - cree, and all our debt was paid by
due; grace and glo - ry in Thee shine; match-less mer - cy, love div-

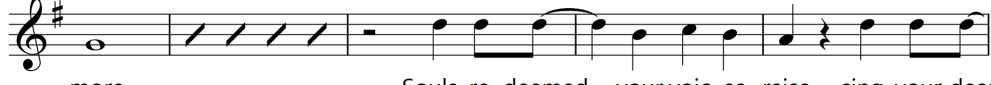


Thee. Thou has washed us in Thy blood, made us kings and priests to
ine. We for Whom Thou once was slain, we Thy ran - somed sin - ner



God; take this trib - ute of the poor; we can't give less, we can't give
train, in this one re - quest a - gree, "Spir - it make us more like

Chorus



more.
Thee." Souls re-deemed your voic-es raise, sing your dear



Re - deem - er's praise; wor - thy Thou of love and



laud, King of saints, in - car - nate God.

J. Hart | C. Wells

Old Testament Lesson..... Esther 3:5-15
page 484 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Hatred (vv. 5-7)
2. Authority (vv. 8-11)

3. Declaration (vv. 12-15)

†Hymn of Response—This Is My Father’s World.....TERRA BEATA

Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Prelude and Fugue in C Major.....G. Böhm

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.