# 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 28, 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—Partita on Praise, My Soul, the King of HeavenR. Hobby				
*Preparation	for Worship—Grace Chancel Choir See Hymn #460 to reflect on the lyrics.	M. Hayes		
†Call to Worshipfrom Colossians 3:1-4				
Leader:	Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above,	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.		
All:	where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.			
Leader:	Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God			
All:	When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.			
Leader:	The Lord be with you.			
All:	And with your spirit.			
Leader:	Let us worship God!			
*†Hymn of Pra	nise—Praise, My Soul, the King of HeavenLAUD Sung by all	DA ANIMA, HYMN #76 Stanzas #1, 2, 4, 5		

†The Confession of Faith ......The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 54 What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

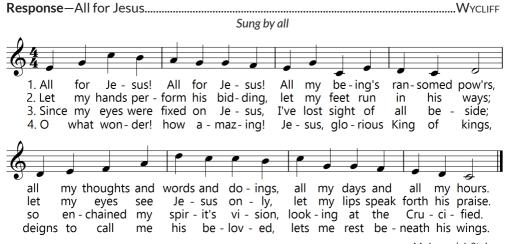
A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

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.

Q. 55 What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.

Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.



M. James | J. Stainer

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

Loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our idolatry and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare

before your eyes and ours.

Forgive us for remaining silent and for shrinking back in fear when we should be speaking up for righteousness and truth.

We regret the times we have denied our Eternal Savior because we were afraid of men.

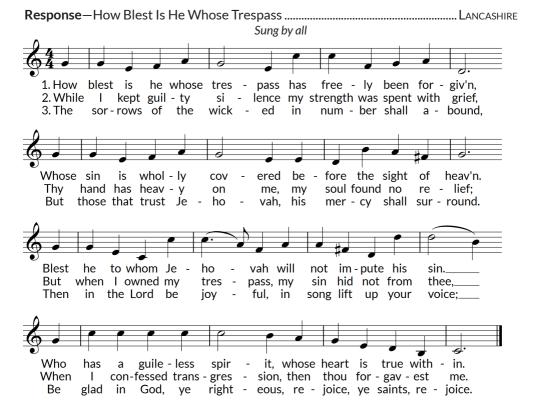
We regret the times we have gone along with the crowd because we were afraid of what standing for Christ would cost us.

We humble ourselves before you and ask that you cover us in the blood of Christ and grant us courage to proudly identify ourselves as followers of Jesus. Renew us in the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,

for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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

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

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.



Old Testament Lesson ...... Esther 4:5-14 page 486 in the pew Bible

## Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Serm	ion— Discerning Divine Providence	Dr. John Franks 14-Esther 4:5
1.	Problem	
2.	Solution	
3.	Question	
4.	Application	
†Hym	nn of Response—Be Thou My Vision Sung by all	. Slane, Hymn #642
+Bone	ediction	
Deni	Ediction	
Postl	ude—Toccata on Amazing Grace	C. Pardini
	We encourage you to join us again for corporate worship this evening	
	Psalm 92 reminds us that it is good to declare God's steadfast love in and his faithfulness by night. Bookending the Lord's Day in morning worship offers numerous benefits. It helps guard the entire day refreshment and rest. Additionally, those who prioritize evening wo	g and evening / for spiritual
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double the means of grace, joy and spiritual nourishment, including God's Word, prayer, praise, fellowship, and feasting at the Lord's table.