

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 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—Partita on *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*.....R. Hobby

***Preparation for Worship**—GraceM. Hayes

Chancel Choir
See Hymn #460 to reflect on the lyrics.

†Call to Worshipfrom Colossians 3:1–4

Leader: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above,

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!

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**—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven..... **LAUDA ANIMA, HYMN #76**
Sung by all **Stanzas #1, 2, 4, 5**

†Invocation

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

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.

Response—All for Jesus.....WYCLIFF

Sung by all



1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - somed pow'rs,
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
3. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
4. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,



all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

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.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace 1 John 4:9–10

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.

Response—How Blest Is He Whose Trespass LANCASHIRE
Sung by all

1. How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,
2. While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,
3. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in num - ber shall a - bound,

Whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.
Thy hand has heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;
But those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round.

Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin.____
But when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,____
Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice;____

Who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
When I con-fessed trans - gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.
Be glad in God, ye right - eous, re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

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—Take My Life and Let It Be

Sung by all

1. Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
2. Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for,
3. Take my will and make it thine, it shall no long-
to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days let
my king. Take my lips and let them be filled
er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it
them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands and let them move
with mes - sa - ges from thee. Take my sil - ver and my gold,
shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at the im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and let
not a mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect
at thy feet its trea - sure store. Take my - self and I
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
will be ev - er, on - ly all for thee.
Here am I, all of me.
Take my life, it's all for thee.

F. Havergal | H. Malan | C. Tomlin | L. Giglio

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.

1. Problem

2. Solution

3. Question

4. Application

†Hymn of Response—Be Thou My VisionSLANE, HYMN #642

Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata on *Amazing Grace*C. Pardini

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.