# First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

COMMENDING THE GREATNESS OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST TO ALL PEOPLES AND ALL GENERATIONS



### All Saints' Day

Today we observe All Saints' Day. Scripture reveals that there is spiritual and everlasting oneness in the true Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, a oneness that transcends death. Thus, the Church is comprised of the elect of God—those already in heaven, those on earth who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and those who are yet to come to saving faith. We remember those of First Presbyterian Church who have died since All Saints' Day 2024.

Renée Baldowski	November 30, 2024
Bruce Long	January 16, 2025
Renée Smith	January 18, 2025
Jeffrey Lee	January 27, 2025
Clyde Meadows	March 12, 2025
Martha Killian	March 26, 2025
Alex MacDonell, III	April 13, 2025
Clifford Henning	June 3, 2025
June Richardson	June 3, 2025
Mabel Finley	June 22, 2025
Mary Brown	October 12, 2025

### November 2, 2025

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the Glory of God from the wedding of Louisa Shepherd and Forest Weir on November 1, 2025.

Canterbury Choir

Sing thankful songs for God's great gift of Jesus Christ, the Son; Who came to earth to teach the way for God's work to be done.

Give ear and heart to know God's will; the Holy Spirit's power Will guide and keep us in his care through ev'ry day and hour.

Live now as followers of God's way, with loving words and deeds, That all may come to know the truth, and by its power be freed.

Praise God the Maker of us all, and Jesus Christ the Son: Let ev'ry tongue sing out in joy, Christ Jesus is our song.

†Call to Worship......from Hebrews 12:1-2; 28-29

graciously invites us into

his presence to worship him in spirit and in truth, and we eagerly respond

in faith. This begins

to him.

a dialogue which will

continue to the end of the service as God initiates with us, and we respond

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a

cloud of witnesses,

All: let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which

clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Leader: looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our

faith, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that

cannot be shaken,

All: let us offer to God acceptable worship, with

reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*†**Hymn of Praise**—For All the Saints.......Sine Nomine, Hymn #358

Sung by all

†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

#### Response

Leader: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

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

Father and Creator, may your Spirit speak in me that I may speak to you. I am undeserving, but I look to your tender mercy.
I am full of infirmities, wants, sins; you are full of grace.
I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my willful sin; all my powers of body and soul are defiled:
a fountain of pollution is deep within my nature.
Help me in all my doings to put down sin and to humble pride.
Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life, from everything that is natural to fallen man.

Enable me to never lose sight of the glory of Christ. Amen.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

#### **Personal Confession of Sin**

Assurance of Pardoning Grace......John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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.

......Old Hundredth bless - ings Praise Praise God from whom all flow. all crea-tures be Praise him a- bove, ye heav'n Praise here low. host. Fa - ther, Son and Но ly Ghost. Α men

#### 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—Jesus, I Come (Out of My Bondage)



Old Testament Lesson ..... Esther 6:5-7:10 page 487 in the pew Bible

#### Response

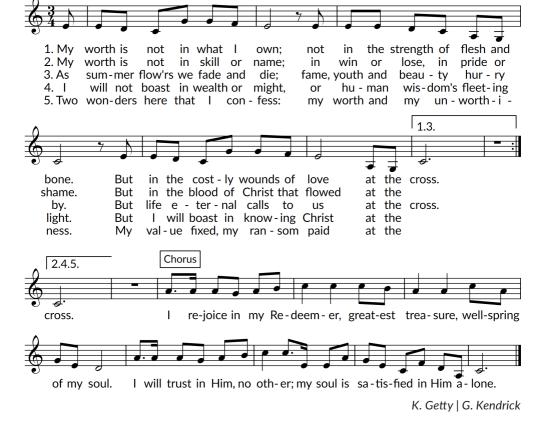
Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Lifts the Lowly

2. Protects the Persecuted

## †Hymn of Response—My Worth Is Not in What I Own Sung by all



†Benediction