

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

November 9, 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

*The sanctuary flowers are given today to the Glory of God
from the wedding of Joy Hedges and Cameron Chou on November 8, 2025
in loving honor and memory of their grandparents:
Carol & John Leuffgen, Louise & James Vickey, Nancy & Philip Hedges,
Jean & Frank Chou, and Woon-Leng & Enoch Tsai.*

Prelude—Trumpet Tune G. Young
Rejoice Greatly G. F. Handel
Erin Montgomery, flute

***Preparation for Worship**—Great Is Thy Faithfulness..... arr. J. Schrader
Chancel Choir
See Hymn #32 to reflect on the lyrics

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

†Call to Worship..... from Psalm 18

Leader: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my
stronghold.

All: **I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and I have been saved from my enemies.**

Leader: The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!
Exalted be God my Savior!

All: **Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the
nations; I will sing the praises of your name.**

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—Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY
Sung by all



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, op'-ning to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o-cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign-ing o'er us, broth-er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow -'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
joy - ful mu - sic lifts us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

H. Van Dyke | L. van Beethoven

†Invocation

Psalter Lesson Psalm 59:1-10
page 564 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: The grass withers, and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

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

**O God, the dreadful consequences of our sins are all around us, and we groan.
Our unfaithfulness incites your enemies and those who do not call on you
to mock you and your church.
Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, even as you have atoned for our sins, for your name's sake!
We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace 2 Samuel 22:2-3

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior.”

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—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA
Sung by all



Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.

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—Come, People of the Risen King

Sung by all



1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the



praise; Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of
night; Come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the
faith; Come, those with full or emp - ty hands, find the rich - es of His



grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to
fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er
grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing, shore to shore we hear them



Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er chil dren in.
cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
call, the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our — God is all in all."

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one



voice, O, church of Christ, re - joice! church of Christ, re - joice!

K. Getty | K. Getty | S. Townend

Old Testament Lesson Esther 8:1-17
page 488 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. Reversal (vv. 1-2)
2. Revoking (vv. 3-8)
3. Re-do (vv. 9-14, cf 3:7-14)
4. Rejoice! (vv. 15-17)

†Hymn of Response—O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON, #164
Sung by all

The Lord’s Supper

(In keeping with Paul’s instructions in 1 Corinthians 11, our elders will gladly admit a child to the Lord’s Supper when he or she is able to express an age-appropriate confession of faith in Jesus Christ and understanding of the purpose and meaning of Communion. When parents believe their child is ready to be admitted to the Lord’s Table, they are encouraged to contact their parish elders to schedule an interview for their child.)

†Doxology STUTTGART
Sung by all



Hon - or, glo - ry, might and mer - it be to God and God a - lone!



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, One in Three and Three in One. A - men.

†Benediction

Postlude— Improvisation on HYMN TO JOYR. Elliott

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, and fellowship.