

# First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

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



## The Lord's Day Morning Worship

November 16, 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

**\*Preparation for Worship**—Great Day! .....arr. H. Helvey  
*Chancel Choir; Melissa Schultz, soloist*

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching;  
Great day! God's going to build up Zion's walls!  
Great day! Great day, the righteous marching;  
Great day! God's going to build up Zion's walls!

Chariot rode on the mountain top,  
God's going to build up Zion's walls!  
My God spoke and the chariot did stop,  
God's goin' to build up Zion's walls!

This is the day of jubilee,  
God's going to build up Zion's walls!  
The Lord has set his people free,  
God's going to build up Zion's walls!

We want no cowards in our band,  
God's going to build up Zion's walls!  
We call for valiant-hearted men,  
God's going to build up Zion's walls!

Goin't 'take my breastplate, sword and shield,  
God's going to build up Zion's walls!  
And march out boldly in the field,  
God's going to build up Zion's walls!

**†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.*

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

\*†Hymn of Praise—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! ..... CORONATION, HYMN #296  
Sung by all Stanzas #1, 3, 5, 6

†Invocation

New Testament Lesson ..... Ephesians 6:10–18  
page 1163 in the pew Bible

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..... Ezra Christopher Williams  
son of Sarah and Chris Williams

11 a.m. .... Oliver Lawrence Albanese  
Hazel Rebecca Albanese  
Camille Teresa Albanese  
Theodore Montgomery Albanese  
children of Caroline and Zach Albanese

Response—Jesus Loves Me

*Sung by all*

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

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

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death  
and proved your matchless sovereignty.  
Yet we confess that we often remain captive to our mistrust and fear.  
In our suffering, we have not believed your promises or rested in your holiness.  
We have complained in our hearts about our family,  
about our friends, about our health,  
about our occupations, about your church, and about our trials.  
We have doubted your perfect reign, infinite wisdom, fatherly goodness,  
and eternal love.  
We have sought our security in things that perish,  
rather than in you, the Everlasting God.  
Help us to humble ourselves and trust in your power.  
Even if we do not understand your ways, give us grace to trust your heart.  
Conquer, cleanse, heal, and forgive us, through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace ..... Colossians 2:13–15

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

*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—Doxology ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Sung by all*

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

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.

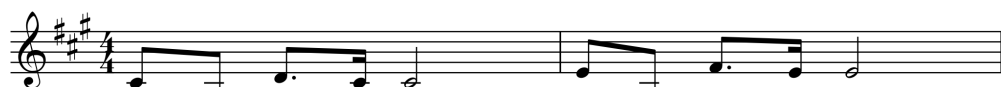
*Having been reminded that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in response to God’s grace, we gladly extend the peace of the gospel to one another.*

### 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—The Lord Almighty Reigns

*Sung by all*



1. There's an end - less song      wait - ing to be sung,  
2. When the bride of Christ,      on that day of days,  
3. We will join the feast,      rest from bat - tles won;  
4. Cer - tain of that day,      Christ we will pro-claim;



with the voice of ev - 'ry\_\_ tribe, the sound of ev - 'ry tongue.  
brings with joy un - to the\_\_ Lamb a  
tell with great re - joic - ing\_\_ all the  
oh, that more would share the\_\_ prize—sal-



mul - ti - tude of praise.      And like the roar of might - y seas and  
won-ders God has done.      And like the roar of might - y seas and  
va - tion in his name.      Then great - er will the an - them ring, a



rolls of thun - der, hear his peo - ple\_\_ sing: \_\_  
rolls of thun - der, all the church will\_\_ sing: \_\_  
might - y cho - rus ris - ing to the\_\_ King: \_\_



"Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, for the Lord Al-might - y reigns! Hal-le-



lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, for the Lord, our God, the Al - might-y reigns!"

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Old Testament Lesson ..... Esther 9:1-19  
page 489 in the pew Bible

### Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

1. The Day the Reverse Occured

2. The Future this Fortells

3. The Warning this Provides

4. The Hope this Assures

†Hymn of Response—Lead On, O King Eternal..... LANCASHIRE, HYMN #580  
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude— Variations on LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Vivace*..... D. Bédard

*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.