

Prelude—Savior of the Nations, ComeJ. S. Bach

Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O Heav'n and Earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

From the Father forth he came
And returned hence to the same.
Captive leading death and hell—
High the song of triumph swell!

Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

Toccata on VENI EMMANUELP. Long

***Preparation for Worship—Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.....arr. J. Cotter**

We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

†Call to Worship.....from Romans 15:8-13

Leader: Christ became a servant of his people in order to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm his promises, and in order that we might glorify God for his mercy.

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: **Therefore we praise you O God among the nations and sing to your name.**

Leader: Rejoice, you his people, praise the Lord and extol him.

All: **Jesus the root of Jesse has come. He rules over the nations and in him we have hope.**

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,

All: **so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

***†Hymn of Praise—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..... VENI EMMANUEL, HYMN #194**
Sung by all *Stanzas 1,2,4 & 5*

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

†Invocation

Advent Candle Lighting and Scripture Reading (Hope)

8:30 a.m.	The Evans Family (Sanctuary) <i>Will & Natalie Evans, children Ivy, Bennett & Anne Everett</i>
	The Leverett Family (St. Andrews Hall) <i>David & Barbara Leverett, children Luke, Hannah & Sadie</i>
11 a.m.	The Drinkard Family (Sanctuary) <i>Chris & Cary Drinkard, children Susanna, Marybeth, & Daniel</i>

†Response—O Little Town of Bethlehem.....St. LOUIS, HYMN #201
Sung by all *Stanzas 1 & 4*

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

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

**Glorious Lord Jesus Christ,
You have loved us and given yourself for us; you have
called us to a life of love in gratitude for your mercy.
We acknowledge with grief and sorrow
that we have failed to return your affections
and have often spurned your loving-kindness to us
and we do not love others well.
Please forgive us.
We are truly sorry for our ungrateful hearts.
We are sorry for our selfishness and our disregard for the needs of others.
We plead with you to heal us and to renew our love for you
and the people you have put in our lives.
Conform us to your image,
that we may glorify your wonderful Name. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace 1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

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—What Child Is This

Sung by all

Stanzas 1 & 3

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

†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.

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.

Giving As an Act of Worship

Additional Ways to Give

- Online via the app or QR code above
- Text “Give \$” followed by the gift amount to 706.550.6813
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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.

Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 a.m. Pre-K through 3rd grade exit.
- 11 a.m. Pre-K and kindergarten exit.

*| **Hymn of Preparation**—See Amid the Winter's Snow
Sung by all



1. See, a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
2. Lo, with-in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies:
3. Sac - red in-fant, all di - vine, what a ten-der love was thine,
4. Teach, O teach us ho - ly child, by thy face so meek and mild,



see the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom-ised from e - ter - nal years.
he who, throned in height sub-lime, sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
thus to come from high - est bliss down to such a world as this!
teach us to re - sem - ble thee, in thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain



Hail, thou ev - er - bless ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

Sermon—Hope With Us..... Dr. Ken McHeard
Matthew 1:18-25

1. Hope for the Vulnerable (v.18)

2. Hope for the Disillusioned (vv. 19-20, 24-25)

3. Hope for Us (vv. 21-23)

†Hymn of Response—Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus..... HYFRYDOL, HYMN #196
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata on HYFRYDOL..... D. Lasky

We invite you to join us for worship this evening at 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



The Lord's Day Morning Worship

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:
HOPE WITH US

November 30, 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.



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