Church Office
The church office is located across the street from the sanctuary in the McKnight Building, 615 Telfair Street.

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For more information on the mission, ministries and events at First Presbyterian Church, please visit firstpresaugusta.org.
Our Church Family

5. New Arrival
We congratulate Lauren and Byron Morris on the birth of their fourth child, Camila Isabel Morris, on January 11 in Augusta.

6. Thank You to Communion Volunteers
Contact: Jonathan Harper, jharper@firstpresaugusta.org
At First Presbyterian, we celebrate the Lord’s Supper together once a month. Many volunteers serve the congregation month after month to cut bread, bag wafers, pour grape juice, wash linens, polish silver, and more to make sure we have everything we need for this special part of our worship services. We want to thank everyone who has helped over the past year with this important ministry. If you would like information about how to join this team and experience the honor of serving in this way, please contact Jonathan Harper for more details.

Upcoming Events

7. Faith and Finance Classes Begin January 24
Thursdays, 6–8 p.m. | Murphy Hall
Cost: $20, Includes Materials and Dinners | Child Care Available
RSVP: Luke Niday, lniday@firstpresaugusta.org
Faith and Finance classes start January 24 to help those interested in exploring how their faith and their finances intersect. In this 10-week class, participants will learn to overcome financial obstacles, set savings goals, make spending plans, manage debt and loans, and more! Space is limited; email Luke Niday to reserve your spot.

8. Joint Adult Gathering, Sunday, February 3
9:45 a.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall
All adult classes are encouraged to attend a joint gathering at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 3, to receive an update on our church’s priorities for 2019.

Women’s Ministry

9. Lenten Tree Workshop, February 9
8:30 a.m.–noon | Murphy Hall | Cost $30 | No Child Care
Register by February 3: firstpresaugusta.org/upcoming-events
All ladies are invited to a workshop to craft a set of Lenten tree ornaments as a companion to “The Lenten Tree” family devotion book. The workshop will be February 9 from 8:30 a.m.–noon in Murphy Hall. The cost of $30 includes a copy of devotional book and all supplies needed to create the ornament set. Please register at www.firstpresaugusta.org under the Events tab. If you are not able to attend the workshop, you may choose the “kit only” option on the registration page to purchase the supplies to complete the ornaments on your own. Registration will be open through February 3.

Bible Studies

10. Register Now for Spring Bible Studies
Register for Studies: firstpresaugusta.org/small-group-Bible-studies
Registration is still underway for spring Bible Studies. Our spring Bible studies will focus on the book of Colossians with the theme, “Alive in Christ.” In this study we will discuss what it means to be rooted in Christ, established in the faith, and how that union empowers us not to be taken captive by philosophy, empty deceit, and human tradition. Register for a Bible study online today!

11. Getting to the Heart of Parenting Study Begins Today
Register and Learn more: firstpresaugusta.org/children
The Children’s Ministry is hosting a study on Sundays at 5 p.m. titled “Getting to the Heart of Parenting” with video by Paul Tripp beginning today. This is a small group discussion study on grace-based parenting led by two couples.

Youth Ministry

12. Middle School Winter Retreat, February 22–24
Cost: $100 | Register at firstpresaugusta.org/youth by February 15
Contact: Karen Crisler, kcrisler@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8849
The middle school winter retreat is just around the corner, February 22–24. Students and leaders will be traveling to Ridge Haven in Brevard, North Carolina, for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and time in the Word. Register now to reserve your space!

Music Ministry

13. Chancel Choir Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m.
Contact: Jonathan Harper, jharper@firstpresaugusta.org
The Chancel Choir (high school students and adults) has resumed rehearsals on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. in Room 114. The choir will be preparing to sing twice a month in the morning worship services. New members are welcome! Contact Jonathan Harper for details.

14. Musicians Wanted
Contact: Jonathan Harper, jharper@firstpresaugusta.org
The music ministry at First Presbyterian is a vibrant and growing ministry within the church. If you have a background in music and interest in glorifying God through sharing your gift, please contact Jonathan Harper to find out more about how you can participate.

15. Student Chapel Choir Rehearsals Resume January 27
Students in grades 6–12 are invited to join the Student Chapel Choir which rehearses Sundays at 5 p.m. in room 114. Contact Lee Myers, lmyers@firstpresaugusta.org, for more information.

Outreach

16. Teach English to Adult Internationals
Training on January 25 and 26 | Murphy Hall | Cost $45
Register/Contact: Beth Gore, beth.gore@mailer.com, or 706.840.2897
International Link invites you to attend an ESL (English as a Second Language) Certification Event on January 25 and 26. Registration is $45 and covers everything for this two-day course. Being an English teacher is a great way to meet friends from other countries and help the strangers in our midst become more acclimated to life in America. For more information and to register, contact Beth Gore.

17. Hope for Augusta and Christ Community Health
Host MLK Service Projects
January 21 | 9 a.m. | meet at Christ Community, 127 Telfair Street
First Pres members are invited to join with Hope for Augusta and Christ Community Health Services in Martin Luther King Day service projects. Participants should gather at Christ Community, 127 Telfair Street, at 9 a.m. for a short devotional and instructions. Projects will include community beautification and painting at Heritage Academy and Hornsby Elementary School. If possible, participants are asked to bring paint supplies and/or ladders for the school projects.

Westminster Schools of Augusta

18. Open House Events, January 22 & 24
6th-12th grades: Tuesday, January 22, 6 p.m.
PK3-5th grades: Thursday, January 24, 6 p.m.
Westminster Schools of Augusta, 3067 Wheeler Road
RSVP: wsanet/openhouse
Contact: Kristen Wolf, kwolf@wsanet.org or 706.731.5260, ext. 2254
Your family is invited to Open House to learn more about Westminster, take a campus tour, and hear from faculty, students, and parents. With programs for 3-year-olds through 12th grade, this Christ-centered community partners with families to inspire and equip students to grow and develop emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. Special financial assistance and tuition reduction benefits are available for First Pres members. School representatives are in the Welcome Center today to provide information and answer questions.

Generous Giving

19. Year-End Giving Update
We are pleased to report giving numbers exceeded our budget goal, and the church’s year-end net will be in the black for 2018. We give all thanks and praise to our gracious God for this blessing. Final giving numbers will be published in the near future. After the Session approves the 2019 budget, we will resume our weekly generous giving updates. Please continue to pray asking the Lord how he would have you participate in the growth and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness (Psalm 115:1).