Our Weekly Calendar

Today, May 19
8:30 & 11 a.m.  Morning Worship Service with Communion
9:45 a.m.  Adult Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m.  Children's Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m.  Inquirers Class, Room 102
5:15 p.m.  Germany Youth Mission Trip Meeting, The Depot
5:45 p.m.  1823 Vision Meeting, Baker House
6 p.m.  Communion, Eve Room
6:30 p.m.  Evening Service

Thursday, May 23
11:15 a.m.  Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
7 p.m.  Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114

Sunday, May 26
8:30 & 11 a.m.  Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m.  Adult Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m.  Children's Sunday School, various locations
5:15 p.m.  Missionary Prayer Hour, Eve Room (103)
5:45 p.m.  1823 Vision Meeting, Baker House
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Save the Date
Summer Sermon series begins: The Attributes of God....................... June 23
Ice Cream Social................................................................. June 30
50th Jubilee: Focus on Latin America............................................ July 7
McKnight Lectures Begin......................................................... July 14
Fall Bible Study Kickoff.......................................................... August 25

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

Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
1 – 4 p.m.

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

Today at First Presbyterian
1. Missionaries of the Week
Jami and Andrew Harris—Campus Outreach International: England
Jami and Andrew Harris have moved from serving with Campus Outreach in Manila to establishing a Campus Outreach ministry at a new location in England. Please pray they can get their son Dietrich set up with the necessary therapists in England. Pray for new relationships with the leaders in the local church as they try to plant CO in an organic way alongside the local church. Pray for the new Bible study that Andrew has started with college students and for them to know and follow Jesus.

2. Holy Communion
8:30 and 11 a.m. services. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered today in both morning services, and you will have an opportunity to help provide for deeds of mercy for church members and others by giving to the Diaconate Mercy Fund.

6 p.m. Communion service. For those unable to attend one of the morning services, another opportunity to partake in The Lord’s Supper will be offered at 6 p.m. in the Eve Room. This is a sweet gathering which is ideal for catechism teachers, nursery volunteers and others who are serving and cannot receive communion in the morning services.

3. Mercy Ministry Offering
The Diaconate Mercy Ministry was created to help serve and provide for others in the context of our local church family. Throughout the year, on communion Sundays, we collect money to help relieve the burdens and hearts of those in our fellowship with financial need. If you or anyone you know needs help from this ministry of the Deacons, please make your Parish Elder or Deacon aware of the need, or contact your class Elder or other class leader. All requests are handled with confidentiality and sensitivity.

4. New Church Artwork
The new photos hung around the church represent the life of our church both past and present. Many of the photos of the church and congregation have been enlarged and enhanced from our archives. The architectural designs are photos taken of Robert Mills’ original proposal for the “Augusta Church.” The wooden organ pipes came from the update to our sanctuary and organ. The photos in the Commons were taken by staff member Rachel Hyatt to represent the importance we place on the sacraments of baptism and holy communion, and the fact that the preaching and teaching of the Word is always at the center of everything we do. These photographs will be on permanent display for the congregation and community to enjoy. Descriptive summaries of the photos will be placed next to the photos in the coming weeks.

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Our Church Family

5. New Arrival
We congratulate Emma and Jordan Paynter on the birth of their second child, Grayham Eric Paynter, on May 9.

6. Sympathy
Christian sympathy is expressed to Kay and Mike Harris and family on the death of Mike’s father, John Phillip Harris Sr., on May 3, in Rock Hill, South Carolina; and to the family and friends of Ethel Sell, a faithful member of First Presbyterian, who went to be with the Lord on May 14, in Tennessee at the age of 92.

7. A New Season at the Presbyterian Peninsula
First Presbyterian is blessed with the use of lake property we refer to as the Presbyterian Peninsula. The property is available year-round for church members and their guests, and for non-member groups with approval from the Diaconne Peninsula Team. The property is gated, but we are not changing the locks this season, so last year’s key works. Members over age 21 who don’t have a key may purchase one at the church office for $30. All proceeds go toward maintaining the property. To learn more about Presbyterian Peninsula, visit firstpresaugusta.org/pres-pen.

Adult Discipleship

8. Building Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ, May 12–June 16
9:45 a.m. | Murphy Hall
You are invited to attend a five-week elective class hosted by Lead Pastor Mike Hearon and Women’s Director Vanessa Hawkins, with Outreach Pastor Luke Niday, Pastoral Intern Chris Williams, and Ruling Elder Julian Battle providing teaching. This class will help us as we continue our journey toward becoming a multi-cultural congregation. Those who ordinarily attend MCO and Young Professionals classes will be participating, but the class is open to anyone interested in helping First Pres progress in our goal to become a church unified in our diversity.

Children’s Ministry

9. Session Immunization Recommendations
The Session strongly recommends that all children and adults be immunized according to standard medical practice. Everyone is aware of the current measles outbreaks in our country and around the world. These outbreaks result from lack of immunization. The CDC reports over 700 cases of measles in 2019 in 22 states (including Georgia). Please review our immunization policy in full at firstpresaugusta.org/immunization.

10. Summer Kickoff at the Lake, May 31
4–8 p.m. | Presbyterian Peninsula, 6143 Ridge Road, Appling
Contact: Leslie Bittner, lhbittner@firstpresaugusta.org
Families with young children are invited to attend the Children’s Ministry’s Summer Kickoff at the Lake from 4–8 p.m. on Friday, May 31, at the Presbyterian Peninsula. Families will swim, play games, and hear a short message by Moe Montenegro. This family event would be the perfect opportunity to introduce friends and neighbors to First Presbyterian. There is no charge for the event, and a hot dog supper will be served. Families whose names begin with A-L are asked to take a family-sized bag of chips, and those with last names beginning with M-Z are asked to take a dessert.

11. Catechist, June 24–27
10 a.m.–3 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall Cost: $80
Register online: firstpresaugusta.org/children | Registration Deadline: June 9
During Catechism Camp, children currently in kindergarten through fourth grade will review and recite the Westminster Shorter Catechism through high-energy activities followed by afternoons of fun-filled reward. This year’s theme is “True Story: You’ve Got a Friend in Jesus.” The cost of $80 allows the Children’s Ministry to hire qualified teachers and offsets the cost of afternoon activities. Register and pay online while space and time permit!

College

12. Welcome Home All College Students!
All college students in town this summer are encouraged to connect and grow with the 1823 Class (18-23-year-old college students or college-aged adults) through any or all of these opportunities:

- 1823 Sunday School—Our summer series is covering the topic of humility as we look at what God has to say about true greatness. The class meets in Room 209.
- 1823 Vision Meetings—This time of prayer, equipping, and vision casting will meet before evening services at 5:45 p.m. in the FPC Baker House starting today.
- 1823 Co-ed Bible Study—Any college students or college-aged adults are welcome to attend a study devoted to community and working through the Gospel of Mark. This study meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1402 Arsenal Avenue, Apt B, Augusta, 30904. Email Alan Martin, alan.martin@campusoutreach.org, for more information about these opportunities.

Upcoming Events

13. Missionary Prayer Hour, May 26
11:15 a.m. | 109 Room
Please plan to attend the Missionary Prayer Hour next Sunday, May 26 as we have the privilege of hearing from Moe Montenegro. He and his wife, Git, are missionaries in Thailand with Campus Outreach. Join us as we have the opportunity to pray for and with these missionaries, for those sent out by us, and for those in very hard places.

14. Youth Missions Spaghetti Lunch and Cake Auction, June 2
11:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall | Cost: $5 in advance/$6 at the door
Purchase plates online: firstpresaugusta.org
The Youth Ministry will hold its annual spaghetti lunch and cake auction on June 2 to help fund the high school mission trip to Germany this summer. Seatings for the lunch will be at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in St. Andrew’s Hall. Tickets for the lunch and auction are $5 in advance at firstpresaugusta.org/youth or $6 at the door. Come enjoy a great lunch in the company of friends and support youth summer missions!

Hope for Augusta

15. Urban Leadership Project Volunteers Needed for Summer Contact: Candyn Turman, candyn@hopeforaugusta.org
Hope for Augusta’s Urban Leadership Project (grades 6-12) needs volunteers this summer during the month of June. ULP needs teachers for art, music, basketball, science or those willing to lead a small group. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Candyn Turman.

16. Volunteers Needed for College for Kids, June 3–28 Contact: Stephen Pittman, stephen@hopeforaugusta.org
College for Kids is Hope for Augusta’s educational day camp for K-5th grade students. Children participate in Bible, math, and language arts classes in the mornings and fun elective classes in the afternoons. College for Kids meets at Heritage Academy, June 3-28, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m. HFA needs volunteers to help with the following:

- Interact with kids on the playground and basketball court from 8–8:40 a.m.;
- Work with students in reading or math in a small group or one-on-one setting in the mornings (9 a.m.–noon);
- Help with electives (2nd-5th grade) or fun activities (K-1st grades) from 1–2:15 p.m.;
- Help transport students to and from activities (times vary).

Generous Giving

17. Financial Update
Ministry gifts for the week of May 12.........................................................................................$102,403
Year-to-Date budget goal..............................................................................................................$1,633,130
Total ministry gifts......................................................................................................................$1,573,435
Budget/giving position................................................................................................................($59,695)