**Generous Giving**

18. Financial Update

- Ministry gifts for the week of August 25: $48,767
- Year-to-Date budget goal: $2,922,444
- Total ministry gifts: $2,694,656
- Budget/giving position: ($227,788)

**Our Weekly Calendar**

**Today, September 1**
- 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
- 2 p.m.: Labor Day Picnic, Presbyterian Peninsula
- 6 p.m.: Vespers, Presbyterian Peninsula
- 6:30 p.m.: No Evening Service at the church

**Monday, September 2**
- All day: Church offices closed in observance of Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 3**
- 6 p.m.: HFA Urban Leadership Project, The Depot
- 3:30 p.m.: Communion at Brandon Wilde

**Wednesday, September 4**
- 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study, St. Andrew’s Hall
- 7:30 p.m.: High Life (grades 9-12) begins, The Depot

**Thursday, September 5**
- 11:15 a.m.: Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
- 6 p.m.: HFA New Town, Heritage Academy
- 6 p.m.: Faith & Finance, Murphy Hall
- 6:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Kickoff Dinner, St. Andrew’s Hall
- 7 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
- 7 p.m.: ESL Classes Kickoff, Room 209

**Sunday, September 8**
- 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.: Nursery Parent Focus Group, Room 210
- 9:45 a.m.: Inquirers Class Begins, Room 102
- 9:45 a.m.: Be You | Be Used, Room 209
- 5 p.m.: Officers Training, Murphy Hall
- 5 p.m.: Women’s Bible Study, Room 201
- 5 p.m.: 1823 Sunday School, Baker House
- 6 p.m.: Communion, Eve Room
- 6:30 p.m.: Evening Service

**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.

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

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**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

**Today at First Presbyterian**

1. **Missionaries of the Week**
Kristen and Nathan Henson—Mission to the World; Cusco, Peru
Nathan serves with MTW seeking to serve the medical needs of the people in Cusco, and Kristen is the director of Josephine House orphanage, which has a focus on caring for abandoned and abused children in the Cusco region. Pray for the new laser eye surgery project at the clinic to be able to serve the poor and help sustain the ministry. Pray for the children at the Josephine House orphanage to be placed in loving families where they can come to know Christ. Pray that the Lord would provide hope and sustenance to the Hensons.

2. **Young Professionals Class Merges with MCO, Open to 20s & 30s**
Beginning Today | 9:45 a.m. | Murphy Hall
The Young Professionals Class is expanding beginning today to merge with the former Medical Campus Outreach Class. The class is also open to others in their 20s and 30s, whether single or married. Class leaders are Chris Williams and Kirk Sauers.

3. **Labor Day Family Picnic, Today**
2 p.m. | Presbyterian Peninsula, 6143 Ridge Road, Appling
Join us this evening for this First Pres family favorite event and enjoy a trip down the water slide, take a cool dip in the lake, meet new people and spend some quality time with your family and friends! You are welcome to take your own picnic meal to the lake. Please take coolers, chairs and picnic blankets. A lifeguard will be on duty beginning at 2 p.m. for the swim area only.
- 2–5:45 p.m.: Swimming, Games, and Fellowship
- 2–5:30 p.m.: Water Slides
- 5–5:45 p.m.: Dinner, Served in the Pavilion
- 6–6:45 p.m.: Vespers, with Worship and Homily by Rev. Mike Hearon

4. **Join Us at the Lake for Worship Tonight**
There will not be an evening worship service at the church tonight. Instead, please join us at the lake for fellowship followed by vespers led by Rev. Mike Hearon at 6 p.m.

**Our Church Family**

5. **Sympathy**
Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Anne Edeburn, a First Presbyterian member of over 32 years, who went to be with the Lord on August 17; and to Karen and Patrick Otis and family on the death of Karen’s mother, Mary Lee Mackay on August 26; and to Valerie and Neil Herriman and family on the death of Valerie’s mother, Wilene Sykes, on August 28.
Upcoming Events

6. Holy Communion, September 8
8:30 and 11 a.m. services. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered next Sunday 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 Diakonie 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.

7. Interested in Joining? Inquirers Classes Begin September 8
Sundays, 9-45 a.m. | Session Room, Room 102 To Attend, Contact: Jess Romer, jromer@firstpresaugusta.org, 706.262.8855
If you are interested in making First Presbyterian your church home, or are interested simply in knowing more about our church, you are encouraged to attend an Inquirers Class. The next class begins September 8 and will continue for the following three Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision, and opportunities to serve in the church.

8. Be You | Be Used Begins September 8
9:45 a.m. | Reese Hall West, Room 200
Contacts: Luke Niday, lriday@firstpresaugusta.org, or Vanessa Hawkins, vhwkins@firstpresaugusta.org
In this two-week class we will look at our Divine Design (how God has uniquely designed us), our Development (learned skills and experiences) as well as Deployment opportunities that will help each of us serve the kingdom of God in a way that best fits our gifts, passions, and longings. The class is open to anyone age 18 or older. Please email Luke Niday or Vanessa Hawkins to request the assessment packet required for class.

9. LILY Moms: Life in the Little Years—Meetings Begin September 10
Register Online or in the Commons September 8
Cost: $75/year or $37.50/semester
For more information and registration forms: firstpresaugusta.org/lily-moms
Contact: Courtney Owens, lilymomsaugusta@gmail.com
LILY Moms is a welcoming, faith-based group seeking to relationally support and equip moms of children from birth through kindergarten as they navigate motherhood in their various roles and identities as women. All moms living life in the little years are welcome. Meetings are approached from a biblical, Christian perspective.

Children’s Ministry

10. Children’s Ministry Focus Groups, September 8, 15, 22
9:45 a.m. | Room 210, Reese Hall East
The Children’s Ministry would like to hear from you! Parents of children in nursery, preschool, and elementary classes are invited to spend time with the coordinator and director of their children’s Sunday morning classes. It is an open dialog where information is provided and discussion is encouraged. These focus groups will meet on the following dates:
• Nursery (6 weeks old–2 years old): September 8
• Preschool (3 years old–kindergarten): September 15
• Elementary (first–fifth grade): September 22

Youth Ministry

11. High Life Kickoff, September 4
7:30 p.m. | The Depot
High Life, a group gathering for high school students, will kick off on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. in The Depot. High school students will fellowship together and dig into the Word of God as the new semester begins.

Service Opportunities

12. The Sacristy Guild
Contact: Jonathan Harper, jharper@firstpresaugusta.org
The Sacristy Guild has been established to help with a wide range of duties to prepare for weekly worship at First Presbyterian. The guild will be comprised of several teams of volunteers from all age groups who utilize a broad range of skills to help care for the sanctuary and the special elements used in worship. There are a variety of ways to help, like setting up for or cleaning up after communion, maintaining the paraments and vestments, polishing silver, and helping to clean or make repairs to the sanctuary. Please contact Jonathan Harper for more information and to volunteer.

13. Minister to Shut-Ins—Vases Needed
Each Monday, the Sunday sanctuary flowers are made into several smaller arrangements and taken to members in the hospital and to shut-ins. Volunteers help redistribute the flowers into smaller vases and deliver them as a reminder of God’s care and ours as their church family. The ministry is in need of smaller vases. Please consider donating any extras you may have, and dropping them by the big kitchen.

Women’s Ministry

14. "What’s Your Story?" Women’s Conference; September 13-14
Friday: 6:30–8:45 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall
Register Online by September 9: firstpresaugusta.org | Cost: $25
Contact: Vanessa Hawkins, vhwkins@firstpresaugusta.org
All women (18 and over) are invited to attend the FPC Women’s Conference: "What’s Your Story?,” on Friday, September 13, and Saturday, September 14. The speaker, Christy Gambrell, will challenge participants to engage their own unique stories through the lens of God’s Word with their heads and hearts. Christy is both a trained theologian and counselor, gifted with rich wisdom and depth of truth. There will be refreshments on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch provided Saturday. Invite a friend to join you, and register today! Nursing babies are welcome.

Music Ministry

15. There’s Never Been a Better Time to Join a Choir! Rehearsals Resume in September
Music Contact: Jonathan Harper, jharper@firstpresaugusta.org
Come experience the joy of singing and meet our new music director, Dr. Leigh Fleury! Now is a great time to join one of the choirs at First Presbyterian. Details are listed below:
• Chancel Choir (Adult and Youth): Rehearsals each Thursday at 7 p.m. beginning September 5, room 114. A kickoff dinner will precede the first rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew’s Hall.
• Youth Choir (Grades 6–12): Rehearsals each Sunday at 5 p.m., beginning September 8, room 114.
• Canterbury Choir (Grades 2–6): Rehearsals each Sunday at 5 p.m. beginning September 8, room 112.
Contact: Melissa Schultz, mschultz@firstpresaugusta.org

Hope for Augusta

16. Hope Ballet—Registration Open for FPC Children Classes Meet on Mondays | Harmony Hall | $15/mo.
Contact: Luke Niday, lriday@firstpresaugusta.org
Space is still available for students who would like to participate in Hope Ballet. Hope Ballet is pleased to partner with Columbia County Ballet under the leadership of Ron Jones; classes are taught by CCB instructors. Hope Ballet students include children from Hope for Augusta and Heritage Academy. Contact Luke Niday for more information and to register.

17. Violins Needed for New HFA Program
Contact: Stephen Pittman, stephen@firstpresaugusta.org
Hope for Augusta is seeking donations of violins in good working condition for a new violin club HFA is hosting at Walton Oaks. Please contact Stephen Pittman if you have a violin to donate or would like to volunteer with this program.