Our Weekly Calendar

Today, 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

Monday, September 9
3:30 p.m. Hope Ballet, Harmony Hall
7 p.m. Upward Bound (grades 6-8), Westminster Lower Gym

Tuesday, September 10
10 a.m. LILY Mems, St. Andrew’s Hall
6 p.m. HFA Urban Leadership Project, The Depot

Wednesday, September 11
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study, St. Andrew’s Hall
7:30 p.m. High Life (grades 9-12) Small Groups, various locations

Thursday, September 12
11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
6 p.m. HFA New Town, Heritage Academy
6 p.m. Faith & Finance, Murphy Hall
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
7 p.m. ESL Classes Kickoff, Room 209

Friday, September 13
6:30 p.m. What’s Your Story? Women’s Conference

Saturday, September 14
8:30 a.m. What’s Your Story? Women’s Conference

Sunday, September 15
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
9:45 a.m. Preschool Parent Focus Group, Room 210
9:45 a.m. Inquirers Class, 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
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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

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Today at First Presbyterian
1. Missionaries of the Week
Ann and Steve Lutz—SIM, Southeast United States
Ann and Steve serve with SIM-USA where they work to encourage, mentor, and mobilize others into cross-cultural ministry. Pray for Steve as he travels to North Greenville University to recruit and connect with students at a conference. Pray that God will continue to use them in this ministry as they help others discern their callings. Pray for SIM missionaries who are in violent areas in the world, especially Africa and China, to be safe and for God to lead them in what to do long term.

2. Holy Communion, Today
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 Fund
The Diaconate Mercy Ministry was created to help serve and provide for others in the context of our local church family. Throughout the year, 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. Interested in Joining? Inquirers Classes Begin Today
Sundays, 9:45 a.m. | Session Room, Room 102
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 today 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.

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Our Church Family

5. New Arrival
We congratulate Nicole and Christopher Jackson on the birth of their first child, James Christopher Jackson, on August 27.

6. Sympathy
Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Donnan Heppert on the death of her stepfather, Bob Hasek, on August 30 in Kingsport, Tennessee.

7. Welcome, Dr. Leigh Fleury, Director of Music Ministries
We thank God for calling Dr. Leigh Fleury to our staff as Director of Music Ministries beginning this week. Leigh has a Master of Music degree in organ performance and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati’s College-Conservatory of Music. Most recently, he served at Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Clinton, South Carolina, but he has 30 years experience serving in both large and small churches. Leigh is married to Tacy, and they have three children: Grayson (13), Clara (11), and Marianne (9). Tacy is a voice teacher and gifted singer as well. Please give a warm welcome to the Fleury family!

Upcoming Events

8. LILY Moms: Life in the Little Years—Meetings Begin September 10
Register Online or in the Commons Today
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

9. 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 dialogue where information is provided and discussion is encouraged. These focus groups will meet on the following dates:
• Nursery (6 weeks old–2 years old): Today
• Preschool (3 years old–kindergarten): September 15
• Elementary (first–fifth grade): September 22

Women’s Ministry

10. “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, vhwahkins@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 Friday evening and breakfast and lunch provided Saturday. Invite a friend to join you, and register today! Nursing babies are welcome.

Discipleship

11. Young Professionals Class Merges with MCO, Open to 20s & 30s
9:45 a.m. | Murphy Hall
The Young Professionals Class has expanded 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, George Lazari, and Kirk Sowers.

12. Young Married Class Re-Launch
The Young Married Class is having a launch gathering during Sunday School today. The class will spend time in fellowship and discuss current changes and the shared vision for this important community. This is a new chapter for the YMC community; all young, married couples are invited to participate!

Music Ministry

13. 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. in room 114.
• Youth Choir (Grades 6–12): Rehearsals each Sunday at 5 p.m., beginning today, room 114.
• Canterbury Choir (Grades 2–6): Rehearsals each Sunday at 5 p.m. beginning today, room 112. Contact: Melissa Schultz, mschultz@firstpresaugusta.org

Service Opportunities

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Disaster Response Team
Contact: Billy English, wkonglish@knology.net
Our Disaster Response Ministry has had many opportunities over the past few years to serve those affected by natural disasters. The impact is often severe, with tremendous financial, emotional, and spiritual burdens on the families affected. Our teams have been able to serve not only to help clean up and repair after these events, but also to share the gospel and the love of Christ with the victims of these disasters. Men and women of all skill levels are needed to mobilize for potential efforts in the future. If you are interested in serving on a team, please contact Billy English.

Hope for Augusta

17. Violins Needed for New HFA Program
Contact: Stephen Pittman, stephen@hopeforaugusta.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.

Generous Giving

18. Financial Update
Ministry gifts for the week of September 1………………$64,724
Year-to-Date budget goal……………………………$3,008,398
Total ministry gifts……………………………………$2,759,381
Budget/giving position……………………………………($249,017)