Our Weekly Calendar

Today, November 3
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 location
5 p.m.  Officer Training, Murphy Hall
5 p.m.  Women’s Bible Study, Room 201
5 p.m.  Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 112
5 p.m.  Student Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
5:30 p.m.  1823 Sunday School, Baker House
6:30 p.m.  Evening Service

Monday, November 4
3:30 p.m.  Hope Ballet, Harmony Hall
7 p.m.  Upward Bound, Westminster Lower School Gym

Tuesday, November 5
6 p.m.  HFA Urban Leadership Project, The Depot

Wednesday, November 6
9:30 a.m.  Women’s Bible Study, St. Andrew’s Hall
7:30 p.m.  High Life, The Depot

Thursday, November 7
11:15 a.m.  Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
6 p.m.  HFA New Town, Heritage Academy
7 p.m.  ESL Classes, Room 209
7 p.m.  Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114

Friday, November 8
5 p.m.  Upward Bound Fall Retreat, Presbyterian Peninsula

Sunday, November 10
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 location
9:45 a.m.  Welcome Team Training, Room 102
5 p.m.  Officer Training, Murphy Hall
5 p.m.  Women’s Bible Study, Room 201
5 p.m.  Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 112
5 p.m.  Student Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
5:30 p.m.  1823 Sunday School, Baker House
6 p.m.  Communion, Eve Room
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Church Office
The church office is located across the street from the sanctuary in the McKnight Building, 615 Telfair Street.

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Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
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Announcements
Sunday, November 3, 2019

Today at First Presbyterian

1. Missionaries of the Week
Hope for Augusta—Augusta, Georgia
Hope for Augusta’s mission is bringing the hope of the gospel to the students of downtown Augusta through education programs, personal relationships, and Bible-centered teaching. Pray that the gospel would continue to transform the lives of the students they minister to through these programs. Pray that the Lord would continue to bless the relationships they have with school administration, teachers, and students at Hornsby K-8. Please pray for the Prayer and Praise night they will be hosting on November 21 for HFA families. Pray that Hope for Augusta children and families that do not know Christ would hear and respond to the gospel.

2. International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
Learn More: persecution.com or opendoorsusa.org and christianresponse.org
Today, please take a moment to pause and pray for those being persecuted around the world for their faith in Jesus Christ. According to opendoors.com, over 245 million Christians live in places where they experience high levels of persecution. Between October 31, 2017, and November 1, 2018, 4,136 Christians were killed for their faith, and 2,625 believers were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced, or imprisoned. During this same time, 1,266 churches and other Christian buildings were attacked. Every month, 105 churches are attacked, burned, or vandalized, and every day, 11 Christians are killed for their faith.

Please pray that persecuted Christians will:
• Sense God’s presence
• Know we are praying for them
• Experience God’s comfort
• See God open doors to evangelism
• Boldly share the gospel
• Mature in their faith
• Be granted wisdom in covert ministry work
• Remain joyful amid suffering
• Forgive and love their persecutors
• Be rooted in God’s Word

9:45 a.m. | Room 201
Would you like to get to know the Old Testament better? This 17-week class, open to all, will help you understand how the books of the Old Testament fit and flow together.

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Practice Peace
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Pray for all persecuted Christians.

· Be rooted in God’s Word
· Forgive and love their persecutors
· Remain joyful amid suffering
· Toledo, Spain.

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Upcoming Events

4. Holy Communion, November 10
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 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.

5. Welcome Team Training, November 10
Contact: Jess Romer, jromer@firstpresaugusta.org
The Welcome Team is looking for more volunteers. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to attend training for the Welcome Team at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 10, in the Session Room, #102. Middle School students and older are welcome to attend the training and join the team.

6. Orphan Sunday, November 10
On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for the orphan. We are a people called to defend the fatherless, care for the child that has no family, and visit orphans in their distress. Each November, thousands of events will echo across America and around the globe, all sharing a single goal: that God’s great love for the orphan will resonate in our lives as well. Orphan Sunday is your opportunity to see what our church is doing in orphan care, adoption, and foster care. Ask God how he might be leading you and your family to be involved.

7. An Evening with C.S. Lewis/Wardrobes & Rings, November 15–16
The Logos Theatre, 80 School Street, Taylor, SC
Purchase Tickets: thelogostheatre.com | Cost: $25-$38 (depending on seat)
The C.S. Lewis Institute in Greenville, South Carolina, invites you to join them for two events in November. The first is “An Evening with C.S. Lewis” featuring British actor, David Payne, in a one-man stage play about C.S. Lewis’s life on November 15 at 7 p.m. The second is “Lewis & Tolkien: Of Wardrobes and Rings” a two-man play that focuses on the friendship between C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, on November 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available now through the Logos Theatre’s online box office at thelogostheatre.com.

8. Deck the Halls Christmas Decorating Party, November 26
6:30–8 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall
RSVP for nursery by November 24: firstpresaugusta.org
Join us for a time of fellowship and decorating! We will meet in St. Andrew’s Hall for hot chocolate and cookies and then disperse to decorate the church campus for Christmas. Families, small groups, and individuals are all welcome. Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under (online pre-registration is required for child care).

Our Church Family

9. Update on Search for Additional Pastor
The search for the next member of our regular preaching team is still underway and progressing steadily. Please continue to pray for the next man to partner with our other pastors in leading our church.

10. Name Tags
Contact: Patty Hood, phood@firstpresaugusta.org
As our membership and staff continue to grow, it is especially helpful to use name tags to strengthen the feeling of community within our church. Please wear the name tag you received when you joined the church. If you need a replacement name tag, please contact Patty Hood in the church office. Replacement tags cost $5.

11. Please Keep us Informed
Contact: churchoffice@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8900
Please remember to let the church staff know of the important events in your lives. Many times people assume that the staff and other members know about the birth of a new baby, a wedding in the family, a serious illness, an upcoming hospitalization or the loss of a loved one, when that is not the case. We would rather hear about these events several times from several people than miss an important event.

Children’s Ministry

12. Children’s Love Gift Offering
This year, in preparation for the Love Gift Dinner, we are encouraging First Pres children to partner with Hand in Hand, our ministry to families who have been touched by disability. We will be purchasing a Soft-Touch Sit, which is an adaptive seating system that provides support for children who need assistance in sitting up on their own. Parents, please look for opportunities for your kids to earn money they can use for their offering. On November 3, the children will decorate their banks in Sunday School and then take them home. The banks will be collected in the children’s lobby beginning at 5:30 p.m. on December 8, prior to the Love Gift dinner.

13. Helpful Tips for Parents of Young Children
Nurseries are provided for infants and toddlers during the worship services and Sunday School. We provide a Mother/Infant Room (# 160) located in the Ebenezer Building behind the sanctuary. The Telfair Room (# 100) is designated as the Family Room, and it is a great place for parents with restless children to be able to listen to the sermon and also train our youngest worshippers how to participate in the services. Both rooms are equipped with live video feed of the worship services. Ushers are available to direct you.

Youth Ministry

14. Register Now: Middle School Campout, November 8-9
Cost: $35 | Register online at firstpresaugusta.org/youth
Contact: Beth Renfrow, 706.262.8849 or brenfrow@firstpresaugusta.org
All middle school students are invited to attend the Fall Campout at the Presbyterian Peninsula, November 8-9. The cost will include all meals, activities, and a t-shirt.

Women’s Ministry

15. Ladies Night Out—Dinners for Eight, November 14
7-9 p.m. | Contact: Carrie Brigham, LNO@firstpresaugusta.org
RSVP by November 4 at firstpresaugusta.org/women
All ladies of First Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in Dinner for Eight from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, at various homes throughout the CSRA. Come meet a new friend and connect with others you haven’t seen in a while.

Service Opportunities

16. Disaster Response Team
Contact: Billy English, benglish@thologist.com
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.

Generous Giving

17. Financial Update
Ministry gifts for the week of October 27 ................................. $49,170
Year-to-Date budget goal ........................... $3,696,032
Total ministry gifts .............................. $3,397,739
Budget/giving position ........................................ (298,293)

Save the Date

Love Gift Dinner ................................................................. December 8
Evansong Services ......................................................... December 15