

Our Weekly Calendar

Today

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Services
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, various locations
9:45 p.m. Inquirers Class, Session Room (Room 102)
5 p.m. Children's Ministry Parenting Study, Room 209
6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 21

9 a.m. HFA & CCHSA Service Projects, 127 Telfair Street

Wednesday, January 23

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study, St. Andrew's Hall

Thursday, January 24

11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
6 p.m. New Town, Heritage Academy
6 p.m. Faith & Finance Class, Murphy Hall
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
7 p.m. ESL Classes, The Commons

Friday, January 25

6 p.m. ESL Teacher Training, Murphy Hall

Saturday, January 26

8:45 a.m. ESL Teacher Training, Murphy Hall

Sunday, January 27

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Services
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, various locations
9:45 p.m. Inquirers Class, Session Room
5 p.m. Children's Ministry Parenting Study, Room 209
5 p.m. Student Chapel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
5 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Rooms 200 & 201
5:15 p.m. Missionary Prayer Hour, Eve Room
6 p.m. Young Professionals Prayer, Baker House
6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sanctuary

Save the Date

Bible & Missionary Conference.....February 24–March 3

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, January 20, 2019

Today at First Presbyterian

1. Missionaries of the Week

J and G—In Harm's Way; Asia

Today we pray for missionaries supported by the church who develop micro-business opportunities for individuals to enter areas that are closed to gospel ministry. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as they continue to counsel and meet with people working in sensitive areas. Pray for safety for new workers as they church plant and translate the Word. Pray for them as they mentor new workers and disciple them on the mission field.

2. January Series: "A House of Prayer for All People"

In our annual January series on Gospel Priorities, we are pleased to welcome some highly regarded guest preachers. Today, the guest preacher in our morning and evening services will be Rev. David Cho, executive pastor of Citylife Presbyterian Church in Boston, Massachusetts. On January 27, Rev. Hearon will preach on "What It Means to Be a House of Prayer for All People." Please make it a personal priority to attend these services as we consider as a church our gospel priorities for 2019.

3. Interested in Joining? Inquirers Classes Begin Today

Sundays, 9:45 a.m. | Session Room

Contact: Jess Romer, jromer@firstpresaugusta.org or 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 today and will continue for the next three Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision, and opportunities to serve in the church.

4. Congregational Meeting, Tonight

Following the 6:30 p.m. service

The Session has called a congregational meeting after the evening service tonight to elect church officers.

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

Contact: Jess Romer, jromer@firstpresaugusta.org

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.gore4@gmail.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 make 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: wsa.net/openhouse

Contact: Kristen Wolf, kwolf@wsa.net 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).