

Our Weekly Calendar

Today

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Services
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, various locations
9:45 a.m. Inquirers Class, Session Room
5 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 112
5 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 201
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship
7:30 p.m. Reception and tours for Hand in Hand, St. Andrew's Hall

Monday, April 23

3:30 p.m. Hope Ballet, Harmony Hall
7 p.m. Upward Bound (grades 6-8) Westminster Schools of Augusta, 3067 Wheeler Rd., Augusta 30909

Tuesday, April 24

10 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers, St. Andrew's Hall
6 p.m. Officers Dinner and Meetings, St. Andrew's Hall

Wednesday, April 25

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

Thursday, April 26

11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 29

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5 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 112
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6:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Save the Date

Catequest Camp.....June 25-28
McKnight Lectures.....July 1-29

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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Announcements

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Today at First Presbyterian

1. Missionaries of the Week

In Harm's Way; Asia

Today we pray for missionaries supported by our church who develop micro-business opportunities for individuals to enter areas that are "closed" to gospel ministry. Please pray for wisdom and strength as they continue to counsel and meet with many people working in very hard areas. Pray for the safety of missionaries in their region and that doors will remain open for gospel work to continue.

2. 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 four Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision, and opportunities to serve in the church.

3. Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed!

Sign-up Tables in the Commons and on the Plaza

Contact: Elizabeth Barone, ebarone@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8832

Members of First Presbyterian are asked to commit to serving in the privileged work of passing on the love God has shared with us to the next generation. Our beautiful new Children's Ministry Building is filled with children coming to hear about God's work through the ages in the lives of his people. We need everyone to step up to serve and love these precious little ones well. Please join us for as little as one hour per month. Please sign up today at the tables in the Commons, or contact Elizabeth Barone.

4. Missionary Prayer Hour

5:15 p.m. | The Eve Room

Please plan to attend the Missionary Prayer Hour this afternoon at 5:15 p.m. in the Eve Room as we pray for missionaries serving around the world, including those sent out by us and those in very hard places.

5. Hand in Hand Dedication

Tonight we will celebrate all the Lord has done through our Hand in Hand ministry for families touched by disability. Hand in Hand will be featured during the testimony time tonight, and there will be a reception in St. Andrew's Hall following the evening service. Tours will be conducted of the beautiful, sensory-friendly Hand in Hand Room. We praise God for the vital role the Hand in Hand ministry plays in the mission and vision of First Presbyterian Church.

Our Church Family

6. Officer Nominations

The Session has initiated the nomination process for the offices of Deacon and Ruling Elder for the class of 2022. The congregation is asked to nominate candidates to serve in these offices who have been members for at least two years and who meet the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:1-13. Nomination forms are available on tables in the sanctuary vestibules. It is not necessary to confirm with the individual being nominated. You may place the nomination form in the offering plate or in the box in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your prayerful participation in the life of God's church. Nominations will be closed after April 30.

7. Please Submit Graduate Information

Contact: Rachel Hyatt, rhyatt@firstpresaugusta.org

On Sunday, May 20, we plan to have a special time of recognition for our 2018 graduates of high school, college, and graduate school. We will be printing a list of the graduates, and members are asked to submit the names, schools and degrees of graduates in their families to Rachel Hyatt no later than Friday, May 11.

8. Sanctuary Flowers for 2018

Contact: Christine Hammond, chammond@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8849

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary or make a donation toward placing flowers in 2018, please contact Christine Hammond to reserve a date. Flowers may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Upcoming Events

9. National Day of Prayer, May 3

Our elders and pastors are encouraging our church family to participate in the May 3 National Day of Prayer. On that day, we will gather to pray for our nation, world missions, and local church ministries. We will also pray for God's leading and provision during this season of transition in our church. We encourage each person to set apart May 3 for personal fasting and prayer. Additionally, there will be the following opportunities to gather for corporate prayer:

- **6:30-7:30 a.m.**
Prayer in Murphy Hall, First Presbyterian Church.
- **Noon**
Prayer Service, Sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church.
- **5:30-6:30 p.m.**
Prayer gathering at the home of Margie and Gene Betts, 3120 Donald Road, Augusta, 30909

Youth Ministry

10. Youth Staff Update

We praise God for the work he has done through Cameron Anderson during his internship over the past two years. Cameron's work will have a lasting positive influence in the lives of our students, particularly middle school boys. Cameron and his wife, Jeanna, will be leaving us in early May as Cameron begins a new chapter of ministry at Ridgehaven as director of operations.

11. The Edge Conference for Middle School Students, June 18-22

Cost: \$375 | Registration deadline: April 26

Register online: firstpresaugusta.org/youth

The goal of The Edge is to communicate the truth of the gospel clearly and create amazing memories for students with Christ at the center of those memories. The Edge also seeks to create Christ-centered relationships between students and between students and leaders. Transportation, lodging, conference materials, and all camp meals are included in the price of registration.

12. High School Folly Beach Discipleship Trip, June 4-June 8

Cost: \$260 | Registration deadline: May 31

Register online: firstpresaugusta.org/youth

All high school students are invited to attend the Folly Beach Discipleship Trip to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Transportation, lodging, and most meals are included in the cost of registration. This trip is always a favorite!

Women's Ministry

13. Ladies T.E.A., May 8

7-9 p.m. | 13 Rockbrook Road, Augusta

RSVP/Contact: Kathy Schafer, kcs1121@comcast.net or 706.533.4994

All women are invited to a Ladies T.E.A. (Teaching, Encouragement, and Agape) at the home of Kathy Schafer on Tuesday, May 8. This month's speaker is Anne Campbell Prichard, who will be speaking on the "breastplate of righteousness." Anne attended First Presbyterian of Augusta in the early 1970s and became a Christian while attending one of our ladies Bible studies. She continues to be amazed at the depth and breadth of God's love and guidance. Invite a friend to join you for a relaxing evening of teaching, encouragement and agape! Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Men's Ministry

14. Men Together, May 12

A Conversation with Men On Sexual Integrity

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 2540 William Few Pkwy., Evans

8:30-10 a.m. | Light breakfast and coffee served | No charge; no RSVP needed

Contact: Mike Phillips, mphillips@firstpresaugusta.org

First Presbyterian and Redeemer Church in Evans are partnering to continue a conversation involving men and sexual integrity with the goal of strengthening our communities of men. If you are a man living in isolation, enduring temptation and failure alone, please attend this gathering. If you are a man living authentically, thriving in the health and vitality of your relationships and would like to know how to be a spiritual friend to those who struggle, please attend this gathering. All are welcome.

International Link

15. Volunteer Training, Saturday, April 28

8:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. | National Hills Baptist Church, 2725 Washington Rd.

Cost: \$5/person | Lunch and materials provided

Contact: John Steketee, john@theinternationallink.com or 706.284.3028

Register: internationallink.org/partner

Those who are interested in working with internationals are encouraged to attend Volunteer Training from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 28, at National Hills Baptist Church. Through volunteering with visiting internationals, you can help them improve their English skills, adapt to our culture, and overcome loneliness. In the process, you may have the opportunity to learn about other cultures, experience personal growth, develop lasting friendships, and participate in discussions about faith that can lead to decisions for Christ. Contact John Steketee for more information. Register online at internationallink.org/partner.

Generous Giving

16. Financial Update

Ministry gifts for the week of April 15.....	\$100,085
Year-to-Date budget goal.....	\$1,227,303
Total ministry gifts.....	\$1,161,378
Budget/giving position.....	(\$65,925)

17. Building GeneroCity2 Financial Update

Gifts to Building GeneroCity2 in 2018.....	\$88,477
Total gifts to Building GeneroCity2.....	\$5,597,319
Building GeneroCity2 giving completed.....	86.11%