Today, November 17

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 18
3:30 p.m.  Hope Ballet, Harmony Hall
7 p.m.  Upward Bound, Westminster Lower School Gym

Tuesday, November 19
10 a.m.  LILY Moms, St. Andrew’s Hall
6 p.m.  Officers Dinner and Meeting, St. Andrew’s Hall

Wednesday, November 20
9:30 a.m.  Women’s Bible Study, St. Andrew’s Hall
7 p.m.  High Life Small Groups, various locations

Thursday, November 21
11:15 a.m.  Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
6 p.m.  HFA Prayer and Praise Night, Harmony Hall
7 p.m.  ESL Classes, Room 209
7 p.m.  Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114

Sunday, November 24
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.  Women’s Bible Study, Room 201
5 p.m.  Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 112
5 p.m.  Student Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
5:15 p.m.  Missionary Prayer Hour, Eve Room
5:30 p.m.  1823 Sunday School, Baker House
6:30 p.m.  Evening Thanksgiving Service

Save the Date
Evensong Services.........................................................December 15
Christmas Eve Service..................................................December 24

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

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

Our Church Family
3. Sympathy
Christian sympathy is extended to Patti and Don Daughty and family on the death of Patti’s father, Wilfred C. Hunt, on November 9 in Augusta.

4. Congratulations to Dr. Hearon!
We congratulate our lead pastor, Dr. Michael Hearon, on the completion of his Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in California. The focus of his studies involved analyzing the transference of vision and values to emerging generations, with an emphasis on the challenges added in sociologically diverse contexts. We give thanks to God for Mike and for allowing him to persevere in completing his studies, even in the midst of transitioning to his new role as our lead pastor.

5. 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.

Today at First Presbyterian
1. Missionaries of the Week
Westminster Schools of Augusta—Augusta, GA
Westminster is an independent day school, with grades kindergarten through twelfth grade, that seeks to glorify God by equipping students to live extraordinary lives for Jesus Christ. Pray that Westminster will continue to be a mission-driven school that brings glory to God by preparing students for college and life. Pray that God continues to bless Westminster with excellent faculty, protect the community from harm, and provide for the future of the school. Pray that students will come to understand the depths of the Lord’s love for them and be prompted to love the Lord and others well.

2. Survey of the Old Testament Continues Today
9:45 a.m. | Harmony Hall
Would you like to get to know the Old Testament better? Now running through December 15, this class, open to all, will help you understand how the books of the Old Testament fit and flow together.

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Upcoming Events

6. Missionary Prayer Hour, November 24
5:15 p.m. | Eve Room
Please plan to attend the Missionary Prayer Hour next Sunday 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 missionaries serving in very hard places.

7. Vision Meeting for Cross-Cultural Discipleship, December 4
7 p.m. | Harmony Hall | Nursery Available by Reservation
RSVP for nursery: Kelly Tabb, ktabb@firstpresaugusta.org
Please prayerfully consider attending the vision meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, in Harmony Hall, as we consider how to advance our mission to grow cross-cultural disciples and engage our community with gospel ministry opportunities. Mike Hearon and Chris Williams will lead the meeting and Dr. Carl Ellis, our Pastoral Advisor for Strategic Ministry, will join us by video. Kirk Sauers will help lead a discussion about building more diverse worship experiences. Nursery is available by reservation only to Kelly Tabb.

Celebrate the Season With Us!

10. 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).

11. Christmas Love Gift Dinner, December 8
Restoring People Through Mercy
Dinner, 6 p.m. | Program, 6:30 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall
Cost for Dinner: $5/person, middle school and older; Family Maximum: $20
Purchase dinners in advance online: firstpresaugusta.org
The annual Christmas Love Gift Dinner will be Sunday, December 8, at 6 p.m. in St. Andrew’s Hall. This dinner is a time for us to celebrate the gift of Christ’s mercy to us and extend his mercy to those in need. The offering collected during the Love Gift Dinner will continue to fund the Mercy Ministry. After dinner we will sing Christmas carols and observe the ways mercy has been extended with a brief presentation from the Diacone demonstrating ways they are seeking to restore people in our own church and in the surrounding community.

The dinner will be catered for $5/person, middle school students and older, with a family maximum of $20. Please pre-register for all dinners (adult and children) online. Dinner is free for elementary school-aged children in pre-K through fifth grade, who will have dinner in Harmony Hall and will then go to their classrooms for Christmas parties. Nursery-aged children (infants—younger 4 year olds) should be fed before arrival.

12. Advent Concert & Carols in the Commons, December 10
6:30–8 p.m. | Harmony Hall
Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, for a family-friendly evening of music in Harmony Hall. Musicians from First Presbyterian and the community, The Telfair Collective, will be performing a concert of original Advent music. Children are welcome; child care is not provided. Following the short concert, everyone is invited to sing Carols in the Commons. Coffee, cocoa, and hot apple cider will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share.

13. 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 Sitter, 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. 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.

14. Children’s Love Gift Dinner, December 8
Pre-K-Fifth Grade | 6 p.m. | Harmony Hall
The children will be celebrating the Love Gift dinner together in Harmony Hall on December 8. Nursery age children (6 wks—younger 4 year olds) should be fed in advance and taken to their normal Sunday evening classroom beginning at 5:40 p.m. Parents will check their school-aged children in Pre-K through fifth grade at the children’s lobby and drop them off at Harmony Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. They will enjoy a kid-friendly dinner together and singing carols, then go to their normal Sunday classrooms for Christmas decorating and games. Parents should pick up their children from their classrooms.

Discipleship

8. Resources Available on the Effects of Divorce
We recently offered a three-Sunday seminar on Redeeming the Effects of Divorce on Children. Resources from those sessions are available on our website for anyone who missed the class. You may also want to share the link with others who could benefit from the content. Visit the home page of our website and click on the link to the class, or go to firstpresaugusta.org/resource/effects-of-divorce.

Service Opportunities

9. Christ Community Toy Drive, Now through December 13.
Donation Bins in the Commons
Christ Community Health services is accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for children through age 12 for their special Christmas shop. Please consider donating to share the love of Christ with a child this Christmas. Donation bins will be in the Commons, Welcome Center, and Children’s Lobby to receive your donations by December 13.

Generous Giving

15. Check Your Giving Statement
We are humbled as we think of the generosity of the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Augusta. Thank you for being a vital part of the church’s ministries! As year end approaches, please take this opportunity to check your giving statement through our church website by clicking the “Give” button and entering your login information. If you haven’t created an online account, please follow the instructions at this link now: firstpresaugusta.ministryplatform.com/portal/login.aspx. Creating an account will only enable you to check your giving statement, but also schedule or change your gifts, modify payment information, view your online donations, and learn about church events. Once your account is created, please view your donation statement and confirm that your information is correct. If you have any questions or corrections, call Pam Turley, 706.262.8821.

16. Financial Update
Ministry gifts for the week of November 10......................................$101,065
Year-to-Date budget goal..........................................................$3,867,940
Total ministry gifts.................................................................$3,601,901
Budget/giving position..................................................................($266,039)