Epiphany Sunday
Worship Services
January 6, 2019
8:30 and 11 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.
Welcome

We are very glad to have you worshiping our gracious God with us today.

To Our Guests,
We especially welcome you today! More information about our church is available on our website at firstpresaugusta.org. You can also visit our welcome desk in the Welcome Center, located directly behind the sanctuary.

Spiritual Care
If you would like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus Christ or you have any spiritual need or question, please use one of the prayer cards in the pew rack to contact our pastors. Our church elders are also available to speak with you. An elder and his wife will be standing next to the pastor following the service to talk or pray with you.

Children's Check-in
We are committed to the highest level of protection possible for the children placed in our care on Sundays and at all church events. For this reason, we require parents of newborns through fifth grade children to check in their children before they go to the nursery, Sunday School, Catechism, Children's Church, or any other children's activity. Kiosks are available in the Narthex and in the Children's Lobby. The process is quick and easy, and volunteers are available to assist you.

Children's Worship
We offer a specially designed program for children in pre-K through fourth grade during the morning services. Leaders will escort children from the sanctuary to their classrooms during the hymn of preparation. Parents are welcome to accompany them to observe where to pick them up after the service. Children in pre-K through second grade remain in their classrooms until they are picked up by a parent.

Nursery
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. It is a great place for parents with restless children to be able to listen to the sermon and also train our youngest worshipers how to participate in the services. Both rooms are equipped with live video feed of the worship services. Ushers are available to direct you.

Additional Seating
Please see ushers for overflow seating.

Flowers
The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God from the wedding of Laura Butler and Sean Thomas.

As stewards of God’s resources, we try not to print an excess of bulletins.
We invite you to bring this bulletin with you when you return for the evening service.
The Morning Services

Gospel Priorities

The Prelude—The God of Abraham Praise ........................................... arr. Gordon Young

Hyangbin Choi, organ

Welcome and Announcements.............................................................. Rev. Mike Hearon

The Meditation—In Christ Alone......................................................... arr. Lloyd Larson

Fabio Mann, trumpet

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

†The Call to Worship ................................................................. from Isaiah 61 and Psalm 66

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;

Give to him glorious praise!

Come and see what God has done:

He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us worship God!

*Ushers may seat worshipers at this time.  † Indicates the congregation standing.
*†The Hymn of Praise—Shout, For the Blessed Jesus Reigns..........................Truro

(All Verses)

1. Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant
lands his triumphs spread; and sinners, freed from
endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

2. He calls his chosen from afar, they all at
Zion’s gates arrive; those who were dead in
sin before by sovereign grace are made alive.

3. Gentiles and Jews his laws obey; nations re-
omote their offerings bring, and unconstrained their
homage pay to their exalted God and King.

4. O may his holy church increase, his Word and
Spirit still prevail, while angels celestial low, and all above! In lofty songs ex-
brate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

5. Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all be-
alt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

Benjamin Beddome, 1769 | Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

†The Invocation (Please lift hands)
†The Confession of Faith ........................................................................................................... from Philippians 2:6-11

What do the Scriptures say concerning Jesus Christ, who being eternally God the Son, became man for us?

Though Jesus was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*†Gloria Patri .......................................................................................................................... Greatorex

| Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen. |

The New Testament Lesson .................................................................................................. Matthew 2:1-12

page 1497 in the pew Bible

The Response

The grass withers and the flowers fall,

But the Word of our God stands forever.

† Indicates the congregation standing.  § Please kneel if able to do so.
The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardoning Grace 

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. You, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, are worthy to receive all glory and honor and power. Yet we, your unworthy creatures, have exchanged the glory of God for the worship of idols. We claim to be wise, but we are fools. Father, purify our hearts, thoughts, words, and actions by your Holy Spirit that we might rightly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

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**The Offering**

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**The Offertory**—Amazing Grace...............................................................Newton

*Fabio Mann, trumpet*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we first begun.

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‡Children in pre-k through fourth grade exit for Catechism classes at this time.

**Online giving is available at firstpresaugusta.org.**
*†The Hymn of Preparation—Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray.................GERMANY
(Verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

1. Lord of the Sabbath, hear us pray, in this your house, on this day; and own, as grateful
your day; and own, as grateful
flow each day the same, whose kind compassionate
flow each day the same, whose kind compassionate
no ble rest a bove; to that our laboring
no ble rest a bove; to that our laboring
mortal troubled free; no sighs shall mingle
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2. Now met to pray and bless your name, whose mercies sacrifice, the songs which from your temple rise.

3. Your earthly Sab baths, Lord, we love, but there's a never cease, we seek instruction, pardon, peace.
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4. In your blest king dom we shall be from every sacrifice, the songs which from your temple rise.

5. No rude alarms of raging foes;

6. O long-expected day, begin,

Philip Doddridge, 1737 | Alt. Thomas Colterill, 1819, and others | William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

The Response
This is the Word of God,
Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—Pray On! ............................................................................. Dr. Carl Ellis

The Silent Prayers of God’s People
Sermons are available on the church website at firstpresaugusta.org/resources/sermons.
†The Hymn of Response—How Great Thou Art............................... O Store Gud

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

1. O Lord my God! When in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
   all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
   thun-der, thy pow’r through-out the un-i-verse dis-played,
   soul, my Sav-i-or God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der And hear the
   birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from loft-y moun-tain
   gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze; Then sings my
   bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my sin;

3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, Sent him to
   That on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
   ra-tion And there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion And take me
   home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-
   then sings my
   soul, my Sav-i-or God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

Carl Boberg, 1859-1940 | Translation: Stuart K. Hine, 1899 | Swedish Folk Melody

†The Benediction (Please lift hands) (Please be seated following the benediction)

The Postlude—March of the Three Kings ....................................................... Bizet

Hyangbin Choi, organ
Prelude—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Shorter Catechism:
Q. 93 What are the sacraments of the New Testament?

A. The sacraments of the New Testament are baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

†Call to Worship and Invocation ......................................................... Rev. John Franks
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
Kirk Sauers, Evening Worship Leader

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is
King of creation!

in me adore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so
all that hath life and breath, come now with

health and salvation!
gently sustainteth.
praises before him.

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been

Let the Amen sound from his people again

All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and salvation!
gently sustainseth.
praises before him.

Join me in glad adoration.
granted in what he ordaineth?
gladly for e'er we adore him.

Based on Psalm 103. Words by Joachim Neander, 1680. Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990.
More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

Now thee alone I seek; give what is best:

This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;

This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee.

This all my prayer shall be:

This still its prayer shall be:

More love to thee, more love to thee.

Words: Elizabeth Prentiss, 1869 | Music: William Doane, 1868
†Song—What a Beautiful Name It Is

You were__ the Word at the_ begin - ing one with
You did - n't want heav - en with - out__ us so Je - sus,

God the Lord Most High
you brought heav - en down
Your hid - den glo - ry in cre - a - tion now re - vealed in you, our Christ

What a beau - ti - ful name it is__ what a beau - ti - ful name it is__
what a beau - ti - ful name it is__ the name of Je - sus Christ, my king

what a beau - ti - ful name it is__ the name of Je - sus Christ my king

nothing com - pares to this
nothing com - pares to this

what a beau - ti - ful name it is__ the name of Je - sus.
what a beau - ti - ful name it is__ the name of Je - sus.
Bridge

Death could not hold you the veil tore before you you silence the boast of sin and grave the heavens are roaring now and forever God, you reign yours is the kingdom the praise of your glory for you are raised to life again yours is the glory, yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is what a powerful name it is the name of Jesus Christ my king What a powerful name it is nothing can stand against what a powerful name it is the name of Jesus.

Words and Music: Ben Feilding and Brooke Ligertwood | ©2016 Hillsong Music Publishing
Evening Prayers

Offering

Offertory—Only You, Lord............................................................................................................. Sauers

What fortune I find in the Love of greatest price
What riches hide in the Savior
My longings all filled in the grace you freely give
Eternal, lavished forever

There is only one treasure that can overflow
There is only one treasure that will make me whole

Only you, Lord, my reward
My hope and my delight
Only you, God satisfy
Your glory I will prize
Here’s my everything I give my life
For only you, Lord, only you

I’ve tasted your truth, I know that you are good
You are the living water
No silver, no gold, nothing found in the world
Can fill fill me, there is no other

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†Song—He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;
He’ll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast.

For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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We will not be burned by the fire; he
In the dark of night before the dawn, my
Ev’ry vow we’ve broken and betrayed; you
is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the
soul be not afraid. For the promised morning, O how
are the faithful one, and from the garden to the
flood, upheld, protected, gathered up.
long? O God of Jacob be my strength.
grave bind us together, bring shalom.

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored. "He has
done great things," we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

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†The Benediction (Please lift hands)
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