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 the desk in our Welcome Center, located behind the sanctuary. Additional seating is available in St. Andrew’s Hall. Ushers are available to direct you.

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.

Family Room
The Telfair Room (#100) is a great place for parents with restless children to watch live feed of the sermon while training young children how to participate in corporate worship. Ushers are available to direct you.

Flowers
The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God.

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

Luke: Following the Leader

The Prelude—Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear.................................Flor Peeters

*Welcome and Announcements.......................................................... Rev. John Franks

The Meditation—Rise Up, O Men of God........................................... arr. Jennings

Men's Ensemble
Mark Bischoff, Director

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
The church for you doth wait
Her strength unequal to her task
Rise up and make her great!

Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod
As brothers of the Son of Man
Rise up, O men of God!

†The Call to Worship .................................................................from Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to the LORD. He will revive us; he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.

Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to know him.

As surely as the sun rises, he will appear;

He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

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—How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

(All Verses)

1. How sweet and awesome is the place
2. While all our hearts and all our songs
3. “Why was I made to hear your voice,
4. ’Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ within the doors, while everlasting
join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with
and enter while there’s room, when thousands make a
that sweetly drew us in; else we had still re-

love displays the choicest of her stores.
thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?
wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”
fused to taste, and perished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
   constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
   and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
   that all the chosen race
   may, with one voice and heart and soul,
   sing your redeeming grace.

Isaac Watts, 1707 | Old Irish hymn melody
†The Invocation (Please lift hands)

†The Confession of Faith ............................................................ The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. * The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Although it was not written by the apostles, the Apostles’ Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

*suffered separation from God
**universal

*†Gloria Patri ................................................................. St. Peter

All glory to the Father be, the Spirit and the Son;

all love and praise eternally to God the Three-in-One.

† Indicates the congregation standing. § Please kneel if able to do so.
The Psalter Lesson.................................................................................................................. Psalm 1  
page 843 in the pew Bible

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Response

The grass withers and the flowers fall,

But the Word of our God stands forever.

§ The Personal Confession of Sin

§ The Corporate Confession of Sin

Beloved Savior, we, your chosen people, have received blessing upon blessing from your gracious hand. In your great love, you created us and gave yourself for us. You have provided for us, protected us, and preserved us. What more could you possibly do for us? Shamefully, we do not regard your deeds and we fail to acknowledge your mighty works. We should be producing fruits of righteousness in response to your love, but we live self-centered lives of overindulgence. We call evil good and good evil. We do the works of darkness, instead of walking in the light of your truth. We are wise in our own eyes, we are foolish and arrogant. We do not practice justice and mercy. We reject your Law and despise your holy Word. Lord of Hosts, you are exalted in your righteousness and holy in your justice. We deserve your wrath and judgment. Please forgive us. Remember your covenant with us and do not treat us as our sins deserve. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardoning Grace ...................................................................................... 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

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†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 Offering

The Offertory—Father of Light .........................................................Boersma/Courtney

Men’s Ensemble

All praise to the name of the Father of Light
One who listens and hears when I call.
Every step he ordains, I shall walk without fear,
In his light I'll not stumble or fall.

What can mortal man do while I’m safe in his hand?
He is God, on his Word I rely.
In the midst of my fear, I will trust in his name;
For I know he will hear when I cry.

He knows all of my feelings, the depths of despair,
All the limits my soul can endure.
I will trust in his name, I have nothing to lose;
For in him all my hopes are secure.

God alone can deliver a soul from its death,
Lift a life from a wasteland of need.
God alone can replenish with blessings untold,
Until into his light we are freed.

Based on Psalm 56:3, 4, 13 | Words: Susan Bentall Boersma | Music: Craig Courtney | ©2008 Beckenhorst Press

‡The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

‡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—Weary of Earth, and Laden With My Sin .......... Toulon

(Verses 1, 4, 5, 6)

1. Weary of earth and laden with my sin
2. So while I am, how dare I hope to stand
3. The while I fain would tread the heav’n-ly way
4. It is the voice of Je-sus that I hear
5. O great ab-solver grant my soul may wear
6. Yea, thou wilt an-swer for me, right-eous Lord

I look at heav’n and long to enter in
In the pure glo-ry of that ho-ly land?
Evil is ever with me day by day
His are the hands stretched out to draw me near
the low-liest garb of pen-ti-nence and prayer
Thine all the mer-its, mine the great re-ward

But there no evil thing may find a home
Before the white-ness of that throne ap-pear?
yet on mine ears the gra-cious tidings fall
and his the blood that can for all a-tone
That in the Fa- ther's court my glor-i-ous dress
Thine the sharp thorns and mine the gold-en crown

and yet I hear a voice that bids me "come."
Yet there are hands stretched out to draw me near.
"Re- pent, con-fess, thou shalt be loosed from all."
and set me fault-less there be fore the throne.
May be the gar-ment of thy right-tious - ness.
mine the life won, and thine the life laid down.

Words: S.J. Stone, 1866 | Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

page 1621 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God,

Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—The Kingdom of God, Part 1: Entering the Kingdom.....Rev. Mike Hearon

1. Entrance

   a. Gracious

   b. Narrow

   c. Urgent

2. Evidence

   a. Desire

   b. Relationship

   c. Values

1 John 5:13 “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

The Silent Prayers of God’s People

Sermons are available on the church website at firstpresaugusta.org/resources/sermons.
†The Hymn of Response—Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling..........................THOMPSON
VS 1, 2, 4

See, on the por-tals He’s wait-ing and watch-ing, Watch-ing for you and for me.
Why should we lin-ger and heed not His mer-cies, Mer-cies for you and for me?
Shad-ows are gath-er-ing, death-beds are com-ing, Com-ing for you and for me.
Though we have sinned He has mer-cy and par-don, Par-don for you and for me.

Chorus

Come home, come home, Ye who are wea-ry come home;

Ear-nest-ly, ten-der-ly, Je-sus is call-ing, Call-ing, O sin-ner, come home!

Words & Music: Will L. Thompson

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

The Postlude—Great Fugue in G Minor........................................J.S. Bach

Mark Dickens, organist
Prelude—Jesus Is Better

†Call to Worship and Invocation .................................................. Rev. John Barrett
†Song—His Mercy Is More

Kirk Sauers, Evening Worship Leader

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? OurMaker,
What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What all
What riches of kindness he lavished on us. His all
wise, all knowing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
Father so tender is calling us home? He
blood was the payment, his life was the cost. We


in to a sea without bottom or shore, our
welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor, our
stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford, our
sins, they are many his mercy is

more Praise the Lord his mercy is more.


Stronger than darkness, new every morn. Our
sins, they are many, his mercy is more

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†Song—Jesus There’s No One Like You

There is no song we could sing to honor the weight of your glory,
There is no sinner beyond the infinite stretch of your mercy,
there are no words we could speak to capture the depth of your beauty,

How can we thank you enough for how you have loved us completely,

Jesus there’s no one like you, Jesus, we love you, ever adore you,
no one like you, Jesus, we love you, ever adore you, Lord.

All we have, all we need, all we want is you,

want is you.

Jesus, there’s

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Reception of New Members

Evening Prayers

Offering

Offertory—Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me.......... Robinson, Farren, Thompson

*Ellen Hoover*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
†Song—Jesus Is Better

(Children in pre-k through fourth grade exit at this time)

There is no other so sure and steady
Your kindly rule has shattered and broken

my hope is held in your hand.
the curse of sin’s tyranny.
When castles crumble

and breath is fleeting,
up on this rock I will stand,
‘neath heaven’s shadow;
your crimson blood covers me,

up on this rock I will stand.
your crimson blood covers me.

Glory, glory, we have no other king but Jesus, Lord of all.

We raise the anthem.
Our loudest praises ring.

We crown him Lord of all.

Bridge

In all my sorrows Jesus is better,
Than any comfort Jesus is better,
And our souls declaring Jesus is better,

make my heart believe.
In ev’ry victory
make my heart believe.
More than all riches

make my heart believe.
And our song eternal:

Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
Sermon—Contentment In Christ................................................................. Rev. John Franks
Philippians 4:10-13
page 1830 in the pew Bible

1. Secure In Christ

2. Satisfied In Christ

3. Strengthened In Christ
†Song—It Is Well

When peace like a river attendeth my way
My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
And Lord haste the day, When the faith shall be sight
When sorrows like sea-billows roll
My sin, not in part, but the whole
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
What -ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
The trump shall resound, And the Lord shall descend,
"It is well, it is well with my soul"
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Even so, it is well with my soul!

It is well (It is well) with my soul.
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Words by Horatio Spafford, 1873. Music by Philip Bliss, 1876.
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