Worship Services

March 31, 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 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.

Our Denomination
We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination “true to the Scriptures, the reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.” Learn more about the PCA at pcanet.org.

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—Rise, O Children of Salvation ......................................................... Bliss

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

The Meditation—O Sing Ye Hallelujah: Psalm 147 ................................................. Wilbur

Chancel Choir
Mark Bischoff, director

O sing ye hallelujah!
’Tis good our God to praise
’Tis pleasant and becoming
To him, our songs to raise
He builds the walls of Zion
He seeks her wandering sons
He binds their wounds and comforts
The broken hearted ones

His statutes and his judgements
He makes his people know
To them as to no others
His grace he loves to show
For matchless grace and mercy
Your grateful praises bring
To give him thanks forever
And hallelujah sing

No human power delights him
No earthly pomp or pride
He loves the meek who fear him
And in his love confide
Then praise thy God, O Zion
His gracious aid confess
He gives thee peace and plenty
His gifts thy children bless

†The Call to Worship .................................................................................. from Psalm 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! Your children take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of your house and drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

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—Safely Through Another Week..........................SABBATH

(All Verses)

1. Safely through another week God has brought us on our way;
2. While we pray for pardoning grace, through the dear Redeemer’s name,
3. Here we come thy name to praise, let us feel thy presence near;
4. May thy gospel’s joyful sound conquer sinners, comfort saints;

let us now a blessing seek, waiting in his courts today;
show thy reconciling face; take away our sin and shame;
may thy glory meet our eyes, while we in thy house appear;
may the fruits of grace abound, bring relief for all complaints:

day of all the week the best, emblem of eternal rest,
from our worldly cares set free, may we rest this day in thee,
here afford us, Lord, a taste of our everlasting feast,
thus may all our Sabbaths prove, till we join the church above,

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John Newton, 1774 | Lowell Mason, 1824

†The Invocation (Please lift hands)
The Old Testament Lesson ........................................................................................................... Isaiah 25

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The Response

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
But the Word of our God stands forever.

Covenant Prayer for Children (8:30 a.m.)

The Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.) ................................................................. Britton Anne Beman
daughter of Susan and Henry Beman

Leah Claire Belcher
daughter of Chrissie and John Belcher

Harper Emile Brantley
daughter of Lucy-Marie and Chadwick Brantley

Elsie Mindell Williams
daughter of Mary Hester Hill Williams and Andrew Williams

The Response—Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer.................................................. AZMON

(Sung by all)
Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,
We now devote to thee;
Let them thy cov’nant mercies share,
And thy salvation see.

Such helpless babes thou didst embrace,
While dwelling here below;
To us and ours, O God of grace,
The same compassion show.

In early days their hearts secure,
From worldly snares, we pray;
O let them to the end endure
In every righteous way.

† Indicates the congregation standing.  § Please kneel if able to do so.
§The Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Heavenly Father, in humility we come before your righteous throne to confess that we have not feared you and we have strayed far from you. You have delivered us from bondage to sin and richly blessed us, but we have exchanged our glorious God for worthless idols. We have forsaken you, the spring of living water, and have dug our own cisterns, broken cisterns, that cannot hold water. We have refused to serve you, and with rebellious hearts, have turned our backs to you instead of our faces. We have loved the world and succumbed to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. We are guilty. The heavens should be appalled at this and shudder with great horror. We have brought trouble upon ourselves and our gods cannot save us. We cannot cleanse ourselves, and our hearts condemn us. We now cast ourselves upon your mercy; we desire to return to Christ and to drink from the water of life. We ask you to forgive us and transform us by your grace. Amen.

from Jeremiah 2

The Assurance of Pardoning Grace ........................................ Lamentations 3:22-23

Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

†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.

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The Offertory—Wade In the Water .................................................. Hogan

Chancel Choir

Wade in the water,
Wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water,
God’s gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white
The leader looks like an Israelite
See that band all dressed in red
Well it looked like the band that Moses led.

Traditional Spiritual arranged by Moses Hogan | © 1997 Hal Leonard Corporation

*‡ 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—Our Great God

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega | ©2002 Thankyou Music

1. Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious
   Lord we are weak and frail,
   Let every creature in the sea and

2. Helpless in the storm. Your boundless love, surrounding us with your
   Every flying bird, let every mountain,

3. Failing, in grace and mercy shown. Bright angels, hold us in your arms. Our
   Every field and valley of the earth; Let

4. Seraphim in endless flight around your glorious
   Cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our
   All the moons and all the stars in all the

5. Throne; They raise their voices day and night in
   Harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee worse
   Sing praises to the living God who

6. Praise forever you alone. Hallelujah! glory be to our great God.
   Hallelujah! glory be to our great God.

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The Response

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

Sermon—The Kingdom of God, Part 4: Hospitality .................Rev. Mike Hearon

1. Citizens of God’s Kingdom (15-24)
   
   a. Visible
   
   b. Value
   
   c. View

2. Members of God’s Family (12-14)

   a. Why He Would
   
   b. What He’s Done
   
   c. Who We Are

The Silent Prayers of God’s People

Sermons are available on the church website at firstpresaugusta.org/resources/sermons.
†The Hymn of Response—How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place ...........St. COLUMBA

(Verses 1-4)

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

The Postlude—Allegro from Concerto in D Minor..........................Bach/Vivaldi

Mark Dickens, organist
The Evening Service

Titus: Gospel Thinking for Gospel Living

Prelude—Instrumental .............................................. Charles Smith and Beth Carson

The Shorter Catechism:

Q. 102 For what do we pray in the second request?

A. In the second request (your kingdom come) we pray that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed, that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, with ourselves and others brought into and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may come quickly.

†Call to Worship and Invocation .......................................................... Dr. Mike Phillips
†Song—Be Thou My Vision
Kirk Sauers, Evening Worship Leader

Be thou my_ Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my_ Wis - dom, and thou my true word;
Rich - es I__ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
High King of_ heav-en, my vic - to - ry won,

nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;
I ev - er with you and thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun.

Thou my_ best_ thought, by day or by night,
Thou my_ great_ fa - ther, I thy true son,
Thou and__ thou_ on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of__ my_ own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy__ pres - ence my Light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and__ I with thee one.
high King of heav-en, my__ Treas - ure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O__ Rul - er of all.

Words: Irish 8th Century
Tune: Traditional Irish
†Song—O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free;
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
Love of every love the best:
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
How he loveth ever more,
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
In its fullness over me.
Changing ne'er, ne'er more;
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Underneath me, all around me,
How he watcheth o'er his loved ones,
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Is the current of thy love;
'Died to call them all his own;
'Tis a heaven of heav'n's to me;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
How for them he intercedeth,
And it lifts me up to glory,
To thy glorious rest above.
Watch o'er them from the throne.
For it lifts me up to thee.

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875. Music by Thomas John Williams, 1890.
†Song—A Thousand Generations

Children of Jacob
give thanks to the Lord
Rejoice in the promise the
Rescued of Egypt
Sing for the way
He broke the bondage of

promise of old
The weak he remembers, the lost he restores
Israel’s chains
Burdened by darkness, call on his name

Coming of heaven forever is yours.
He who delivered will deliver again

Chorus
He will remember his covenant love
for a thousand generations
We will remember the works he has done
for a thousand generations for a thousand generations.

Bridge
He is the Lord our God,
He is the Lord our God
his promise endures forever and ever
Flowers will fade away
Children from age to age

Nations will rise and fall
his word will endure forever and ever

Lasting through it all
his love will endure for he is the Lord

Repeat 3x
Evening Prayers

Offering

Offertory—Abide With Me...........................................................................................................Instrumental

Charles Smith, tin whistle, and Beth Carson, violin

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord. Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

—Psalm 27
†Song—I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

(Children in Pre-K through second grade exit at this time)

Out of the depths I cry to you, in
Wear you to count my sinful ways, how
So put your hope in God alone, take
His steadfast love has made a way, and
darkest places I will call. Incline your ear to me a-
could I come before your throne? Yet full forgiveness meets my
courage in his pow’r to save, completely and forever
God himself has paid the price, that all who trust in him to-
new, and hear my cry for mercy,
gaze, I stand redeemed by grace a-
won by Christ emerging from the
day find healing in his sacri-
Lord.
1. I will wait for you, I will wait for you, on your
lone.
2. I will wait for will I will wait for you, through the
grace.
3. I will wait for you, I will wait for you, on your
lone.
4. I will wait for will I will wait for you, through the
grace.

word I will rely. I will wait for you, surely
storm and through the night. I will wait for you, surely
wait for you, ’til my soul is satisfied.
wait for you, for your love my de-light.
Sermon—The Church’s Elders: Living Proof of Gospel Truth.............Rev. Andy Lee

_Titus 1:5-9_

*page 1857 in the pew Bible*

1. The Pattern of Church Leadership: Elders (5)

2. The Pattern of the Elder’s Life (6-8)
   a. In the Home (6)
   b. As a Person: the Negatives (7)
   c. As a Person: the Positives (8)

3. The Pattern of the Elder’s Work (9)
   a. Holding Personally (9a)
   b. Encouraging Others (9b)
   c. Refuting Opposition (9c)
†Song—Is He Worthy?


†The Benediction (Please lift hands)

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blessing and honor and glory? Is he worthy of this? He is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, he is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, he has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son. Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy? He is.
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