Worship Services

May 5, 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**—Christ Hath Burst His Prison!.................................Gilbert Martin

*Welcome and Announcements*.......................................................Rev. John Barrett

**The Meditation**—You’re Worthy of My Praise ..............................arr. Lloyd Larson

Jeremy Wells, solo

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I will worship
With all of my heart,
I will praise you
With all of my strength.

I will seek you
All of my days,
And I will follow
All of your ways.

I will give you all my worship,
I will give you all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will lift up
My eyes to your throne;
And I will trust you,
Trust you alone.

O worship the King,
All glorious above,
O gratefully sing
His power and his love;

Our shield and defender,
The ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor
And girded with praise.

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†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—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling..........................BEECHER

(All Verses)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down:

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast;

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;

4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:

fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:

let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:

suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.

let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

take away the love of sinning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart.

End of faith, as its Begin - ning, set our hearts at liberty.

pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1747 | John Zundel, 1870; alt 1990
†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 ................................................................. 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 Personal Confession of Sin

† Indicates the congregation standing. § Please kneel if able to do so.
The Assurance of Pardoning Grace .......................... 1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

†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.

† Indicates the congregation standing.  § Please kneel if able to do so.
The Offertory—Crown Him, the Risen King! ..................................
arr. Lloyd Larson

Jeremy Wells, solo

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
“Christ is risen!” O praise him, alleluia!

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks,
And sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail;
He rules over earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are
To our Jesus given.

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem
Drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless
King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save;

His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

All creatures of our God and King,
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, Charles Wesley, Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring | Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, Darwall’s 148th, and Diademata
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*‡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—Come, Thou Fount

(All Verses)

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
3. O to grace how great a debt or daily I’m constrained to be;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Robert Robinson, 1758 | Asahel Nettleton, 1825

The Response

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

Sermon—Lost in Foolishness............................................................ Rev. Mike Hearon

1. Running

   a. Autonomous

   b. Reckless

   c. Loss of Control

2. Returning

   a. Awakening

   b. Appeal

   c. Advocate

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

(Verses 1, 2, 4)

1. Soft-ly and ten-der-ly Je-sus is call-ing, Call-ing for you and for me;
2. Why should we tar-ry when Je-sus is plead-ing, Plead-ing for you and for me?
3. Time is now fleet-ing, the mo-men-tents are pass-ing, Pass-ing from you and from me;
4. Oh! for the won-der-ful love He has prom-ised, Prom-ised for you and for me;

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-ering, 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 and Music: Will L. Thompson

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

The Postlude—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ........................................Joel Raney

Mark Dickens, organist
Prelude—Onward Christian.................................................................Mo Leverett

†Welcome and Call to Worship......................................................Rev. John Barrett

†Invocation........................................................................................Mr. Sylvester Brown
  Ruling Elder
†Song—Come, Thou Almighty King (Open Our Hearts)

Kirk Sauers, Evening Worship Leader

Come, thou al - might y King, help us thy name to sing.
Come, thou in - car nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword.
Come, ho - ly com - for - ter, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
To thee, great one in three, e - ter - nal prais es be

Help us to praise; Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous
Our prayers at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless,
in this glad hour. Thou, who al - might - y art,
hence ev - er more; Thy sov - ereign ma - je - sty

o'er all vic - to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of
and give thy word suc - cess, Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de -
now rule in ev' - ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of
may we in glo - ry see and to e - ter - ni - ty, love and a -

REFRAIN

Days. Fath - er, now call us out of our wan-d'ring, Je - sus, now come and
scend. pow'r.
dore.

cast out our fear Spir - it now preach the Son to our deaf - ness and

o - pen - our hearts o - pen our hearts.

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†Song—Rescuer

There is good news for the captive There is good news for the one who walked away
He is beauty for the blind man He is friendship for the one who walked away
riches for the poor He is friendship for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter He is pasture for the weary
rest for those who strive for the good Lord has come to seek and and save
Oh, the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Chorus
He's our Rescuer, he's our Rescuer, we are free from sin forevermore.
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds! We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.

Bridge
So come and be chainless. There is redemption come and be fearless.
here at the foot of Calvary.

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Evening Prayers

Offering

Offertory—Come Sing to the Lord ................................................................. Cooper

Canterbury Choir
Melissa Schultz, director

Come sing to the Lord,
Make a joyful sound to the Rock of our Salvation.
Come to him with thanks,
Make a joyful sound to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is great,
He is lord of Lords and the King of all the nations!
Earth is in his hands,
Mountains, sea, and land he made so praise his name!

Come kneel down and praise,
Kneel before the Lord our King and our Maker.
For he is our God,
He is Shepherd of our souls and we are his!

Adapted from Psalm 95:1-7 | Music: Lowell Cooper | © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

(Children in Pre-K through second grade exit following the offertory)
The Ordination and Installation of Luke Niday as Assistant Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

The Questions for Ordination .......................................................Rev. Mike Hearon

1. **Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?**

2. **Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?**

3. **Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?**

4. **Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?**

5. **Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?**

6. **Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?**

7. **Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and as a minister of the gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?**
The Questions to the Session .................................................................Rev. Mike Hearon

1. Do you, the Session of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Luke Niday as Assistant Pastor?

2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?

3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

The Prayer and Laying on of the Hands of the Commission .......... Rev. Logan Almy

The Pronouncement of Installation ......................................................Rev. Mike Hearon

I now pronounce and declare that Luke Niday has been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Assistant Pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Charge to the Minister and Session .............................................Rev. Mike Hearon
1. Call

a. Shaped by Grace

b. Entrusted with the Message of Grace

2. Cultivate

a. Teach about the God of Grace

b. Teach Grace for All

c. Teach Grace for Each
†Song—Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse,
Take my voice and let me sing always, only,
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in
of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beau-
for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with mes-
long-er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy

cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau-
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roy-al throne, it shall be thy roy-al throne.

†The Benediction (Please lift hands) .................................................... Rev. Luke Niday
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