Worship Services

August 18, 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 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 by Heritage Academy with gratitude for the generous support of First Presbyterian Church.
The Meditation—Be Thou My Vision ............................................... Arr. Brenda Portman

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

†The Call to Worship ........................................................................ from Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

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—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven ............... Lauda Anima

(Verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

†The Invocation (Please lift hands)

From Psalm 103 | Henry F. Lyle, 1834 | John Goss, 1869
The Old Testament Lesson

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

But it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers.

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.)

daughter of Virginia and Brandon Hagopian

James Matthew Mandarino
son of Cindy and Jason Mandarino

† Indicates the congregation standing. § Please kneel if able to do so.
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.

† 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 Offering

The Offertory—Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus...........................................arr. Gary Ianier

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There’s light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of his glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow him there: Over us sin no more hath dominion For more than conquerors we are!

His Word shall not fail you—he promised; Believe him and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!


*‡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—Amazing Grace**

*(All Verses)*

1. Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
3. Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
   I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
6. 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've first begun.

Stanza 1-5, John Newton, 1779 | Stanza 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790 | Traditional American melody
page 1630 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon—Fixing Our Eyes on the Unseen...........................................Rev. Mike Hearon

1. Dull

   a. Meism (Mark 10: 35-45)

   b. Legalism (Matthew 15:14)

   c. Materialism (Revelation 3: 14-22)

   d. Antagonism (1 John 2:10)

2. Desperate

   a. Conditions

   b. Cry

3. Deliverance

   a. Responsive

   b. Refinement

   c. Receiving

   d. Rejoicing

The Silent Prayers of God’s People

Sermons are available on the church website at firstpresaugusta.org/resources/sermons.
†The Hymn of Response—All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above ... MIT FREUDEN ZART

(Verses 1, 2, 4)

1. All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of wonders, power, and love, the God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who sleeps; within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is falling. For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, every sorrow stills. To God all praise and glory! just and all is right. To God all praise and glory! thank our God with me. To God all praise and glory! own, his chosen band. To God all praise and glory!

2. What God’s almighty pow’r hath made his gracious mercy keep-ing; by morn-ing dawn or even-ing shade his watch-ful eye ne’er calling! For death he gave me life in deed and kept my feet from a-tion; he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation. With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who sleeps; within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is falling. For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, every sorrow stills. To God all praise and glory!

3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my a-tion, the God of al-might-y pow’r, and love, the God of our sal-

4. The Lord for-saketh not his flock, his cho-sen gen-

†The Benediction (Please lift hands)

The Postlude—All Hail the Power .............................................. arr. Dan Marvin

Andy Lee, piano; Fabio Mann, trumpet
Call to Worship and Invocation

†The Evening Service

The God You Can Know—God Is Just

Prelude

The Shorter Catechism:

Q. 4 What is God?

A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

†Call to Worship and Invocation ....................................................... Rev. John Barrett
†Song—God, Be Merciful to Me

Kirk Sauers, Evening Worship Leader

God, be merciful to me,
My transgressions I confess,
Broken, humbled to the dust

On thy grace I rest my plea;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
By thy wrath and judgment just,

Plenteous in compassion thou,
I have sinned against thy grace
Let my contrite heart rejoice

Blot out my transgressions now;
And provoked thee to thy face;
And in gladness hear thy voice;

Wash me, make me pure within,
I confess thy judgment just,
From my sins O hide thy face,

Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
Speechless, I thy mercy trust.
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Words: *The Psalter*, 1912. Music by Christopher Miner © 1997 Christopher Miner Music
†Song—"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,

just to take him at his word,
just to trust his cleansing blood,
just from sin and self to cease,

just to rest upon his promise,
just in simple faith to plunge me,
just from Jesus simply taking,

just to know "Thus saith the Lord."
'nneath the healing cleansing flood.
life and rest and joy and peace.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've proved him
o'er and o'er; Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,

Oh for grace, to trust him more!

Oh my love, you have grown so cold to the world outside,
Oh my child, I will be your light in your secret side,
Soon, O soon when the trumpet sounds, ev'ry knee will bend,

pain, to the house next door. She who has been
in the dark of night. No enemy, no

lived much, has so much to give, mercy is the
conqueror will steal your life from me, I am your sal-

world, where the servant is the King, oppression will be

fragnce of the broken. Just ice will roll down,

vation, and your victory.

over, and the slave set free.

__ oh justice will roll down, from high upon those moun-

tains with a mighty river sound, it will roll down, __

it will roll down.__

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Evening Prayers

Offering

Offertory—Wholehearted Thanksgiving (Psalm 9).................................Doane

(Sung by all)
Wholehearted thanksgiving to thee I will bring
In praise of thy marvelous deeds I will sing
In thee I will joy and exultingly cry
Thy name I will praise, O Jehovah most high

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to Jehovah, declare ye his fame
And give him all honor, for just is his name

Thou, Lord art a refuge for all the oppressed
All trust thee who know thee, and trusting are blest
For never, O Lord, did thy mercy forsake
The soul that has sought of thy grace to partake

Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell
Of him who has chosen in Zion to dwell
Of him to whom justice and vengeance belong
Who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong.

Tune: To God Be The Glory | Doane, Crosby
†Song—My Savior Left His Throne Above

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

My Savior left his throne above, exchanged his wealth for poverty; He took my hate, and gave his love, all
He felt the storms of human pain, he felt temptation's whelming seas, He felt the tears of sorrow's rain, all
He kept the Father's every word; the Law he followed perfectly; So all God's pleasure he secured, all
When Jesus left his heavenly home, his face was set on Calvary, The steepest hill he climbed alone, all

this and more he did for me. Because he chose the lowly way, and this and more he felt for me. Because he knows my every strife, and this and more he earned for me. Because his righteous life is mine, and this and more he did for me. Because he died once for all time and

bowed before his Father's will, I can with all assurance say, "My is acquainted with my grief, I can't be shaken in this life: The all his merits now I own, I am a child of God on high I bore the curse of death and hell, final forgiveness here is mine; So

God is near and loves me still My God is near and loves me still." Friend of sinners walks with me, the Friend of sinners walks with me. am adopted, loved, and known, I am adopted, loved, and known. it is finished, all is well; yes, it is finished, all is well.

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1. God is Just

2. God is the Justifier
†Song—The Power of the Cross

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
O, to see the pain written on your face,  
Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  

Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head.  

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  

Nailed to a cross of wood.  
Crowning your blood-stained brow.  
"Finished!" the victory cry.  

This the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  

Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

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### August Greeters

- **8:30 a.m.** Mike Merwin, Ron Skenes, Ken Lanclos, Ashley Paulk, Bruce Van Peursem
- **11 a.m.** Mike Merwin, Matt Pantsari, Ken Lanclos, Billy English, Chip Fisher
- **6:30 p.m.** Bruce Van Peursem, Matt Pantsari, Dale Martin, Billy English, Chip Fisher

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