

# First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



## VISION & VALUES

*Every Member  
Commending the Greatness of God  
Through Service*

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8:30 & 11 a.m.

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COMMENDING THE GREATNESS OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST  
TO ALL PEOPLES AND ALL GENERATIONS

**Prelude—**Prelude and Fugue in D Major ..... D. Buxtehude

**\*Preparation for Worship—**All of These ..... C. Curry

*Tacy Fleury, soprano; Michelle Mills, violin; Doug Wheeler, percussion*

<i>How vast his grace!</i>	<i>How just his ways!</i>	<i>We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.</i>
<i>How great his faithfulness!</i>	<i>How good his discipline!</i>	
<i>How deep his love!</i>	<i>How pure his truth!</i>	
<i>How rich his mercy!</i>	<i>How kind his goodness!</i>	
<i>How high his thoughts!</i>	<i>How calm his peace!</i>	
<i>How sure his wisdom!</i>	<i>How long his patience!</i>	
<i>And all of these, he gives to me.</i>	<i>And all of these, he gives to me.</i>	
<i>So I will praise him with ev'ry breath, For he has rescued me from certain death. And now this life I live, I live in him. O let his glory shine while mine grows dim.</i>	<i>How broad his pow'r! How grand his majesty! How true his reign! How bright his glory! How strong his might! How clear his triumph! And all of these, he gives to me.</i>	

**†Call to Worship** ..... Psalm 66:1–5

<b>Leader:</b> Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!	<i>The one true God graciously invites us into his presence to worship him in spirit and in truth, and we eagerly respond in faith. This begins a dialogue which will continue to the end of the service as God initiates with us, and we respond to him.</i>
<b>All:</b> <b>Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power!”</b>	
<b>Leader:</b> All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name.”	
<b>All:</b> <b>Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man’s behalf!</b>	
<b>Leader:</b> The Lord be with you.	
<b>All:</b> <b>And with your spirit.</b>	
<b>Leader:</b> Let us worship God!	

**\*†Hymn of Praise—**O Worship the King..... LYONS, HYMN #2  
*Sung by all* *Stanzas #1, 2, 5*

**†Invocation**

† Indicates the congregation standing. \*Ushers may seat worshipers at this time.

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

*The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.*  
  
*\*universal*

**And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Doxology ..... OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise him all crea - tures  
here be - low. Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*The word "doxology," coined in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, is a combination of the words "glory" and "word." A doxology is a "word of glory," a hymn of praise to the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), who is one divine nature in three persons.*

Corporate Confession of Sin (please kneel if able to do so)

**Merciful Heavenly Father, in humility we come before your righteous throne to confess that we have not feared you and we have strayed from you. You have delivered us from bondage to sin and showered us with blessing, 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 given in to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. The heavens should be appalled at this and shudder with great horror. Our hearts condemn us and casting 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.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace ..... Isaiah 30:15, 18

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

*Having confessed our sins, the minister declares a gospel promise assuring that God forgives us because Christ has fully atoned for all the sins of those who truly repent. Divine mercy frees us from our guilt and shame.*

*Sung by all*

†Response—Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary’s mount out poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God’s grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.  
Grace, grace, God’s grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Financial Update

†Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

**All:**        **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.**

Passing of The Peace

**Leader:**    The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:**        **And also with you.**

*Having been reminded that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in response to God’s grace, we gladly extend the peace of the gospel to one another.*



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With grateful hearts for God’s extravagant mercy and blessing, we joyfully present our offerings to the Lord for the ministry of our church and community.

Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 & 11 a.m. Pre-K through 4th grade exit.

Hymn of Preparation—His Mercy Is More  
Sung by all

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
(2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
(3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. Our  
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

**Chorus**

sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is

more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

(Repeat Chorus) Ending

1. 2. 3.  
sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. 2. What more. Praise the more.  
3. What

M. Papa | M. Boswell

New Testament Lesson .....Romans 12:1-8  
page 1126 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

**Sermon**—Acceptable Service: Every Member Finding Their Place ..... Dr. Michael Hearon

1. Service as Worship (v. 1)

2. Service as Consecration (v. 2)

3. Service as Participation (vv. 3–8)

**†Hymn of Response**—Take My Life, and Let it Be ..... HENDON, HYMN #585  
*Sung by all                      Stanzas 1–2 before the Lord’s Supper*  
*Stanzavs 5–6 after the Lord’s Supper*

**The Lord’s Supper**

**†Benediction**

**Postlude**—Fugue in C Major (Gigue)..... D. Buxtehude

*We invite you to join us for Spring Bible Study Kickoff this evening at 6 p.m.*