

First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



2024 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Pursuing All People

March 3, 2024

8:30 & 11 a.m.

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

Prelude—Voluntary on CRUCIFER.....C. Callahan
Fanfare Prelude on ITALIAN HYMN.....T Rumsey
Brass, Organ, and Percussion

***Preparation for Worship**—With a Voice of Singing M. Shaw
Chancel Choir, Brass, and Percussion

We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

With a voice of singing declare ye this and
let it be heard, alleluia.
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

†Call to WorshipPsalm 67:1-3

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make
his face shine upon us

All: that your ways may be known on earth,

Leader: your salvation among all nations.

**All: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the
peoples praise you.**

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.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***†Hymn of Praise**—Lift High the Cross.....CRUCIFER, HYMN #263
Sung by all Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

†Invocation

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

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and

a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives. "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord. "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the Lord, "from this time forth and forevermore."

Response *Sung by all*

**Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me**

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

**Dear Heavenly Father,
we bow ourselves before you and confess
that we have too often forgotten that we are your sons and daughters.**

**Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there is no God,
and we fall short of being credible witnesses to you.
We have denied you with silence, passivity, and cowardice.
We have betrayed you by our idolatry, disobedience, and selfishness.**

**Instead of following your ways, we have turned to our own ways.
Instead of honoring you, we have desired the applause of man.
For these things we ask your forgiveness and your enabling grace to change.
Transform us into courageous ambassadors for Christ.
Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may be your witnesses in a lost world.**

**Remind us that we are your servants regardless of whom we are with, where we are, or what we are doing. Draw us ever closer to you and embolden us to take up our cross daily to follow you.
For the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning GraceTitus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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.

† Response to Assurance of Pardoning Grace—All for Jesus.....WYCLIFF
Sung by all

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
All my being’s ransomed pow’rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings,
all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding,
let my feet run in his ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only,
let my lips speak forth his praise.

O what wonder! How amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings,
deigns to call me his beloved,
lets me rest beneath his wings.

Missions Conference Video

Missions TestimonyRev. John Fender, Global Outreach Pastor

†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.

Giving As an Act of Worship

Additional Ways to Give

- Online via the app or QR code below
- Text “Give \$” followed by the gift amount to 706.550.6813
- Mail checks to 615 Telfair Street, Augusta, Georgia, 30901

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.



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- Request prayer

Passing of The Peace

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.

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

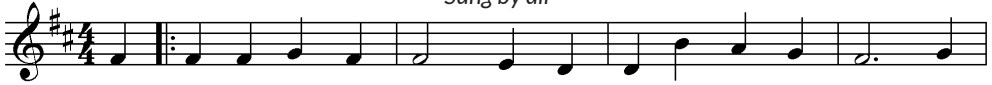
All: And also with you.

Dismissal of Children:

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

†Hymn of Preparation—Facing a Task Unfinished

Sung by all



Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our knees. A
oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered sway; where
bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those who
Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit who in - spired, Sav -



need that, un - di - min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease. We,
for - ces that de - fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to - day. With
gave their lives pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and rose. Ours
iour, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un - tired. From



who re - joice to know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy throne the
none to heed their cry - ing for life, and love, and light, un -
is the same com - mis - sion, the same glad mess - age ours; fired
cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth



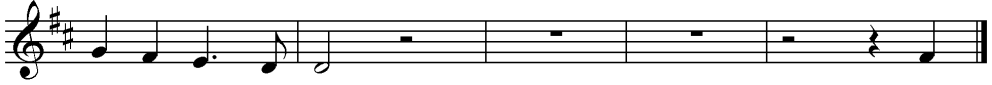
so - lemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.
num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the
by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our
on Thine er - rands send us to la - bour for Thy



2. Where night. We go to all the world, with king - dom hope un -
powers. sake.
sake.



furled. No oth - er name has power to save but



Je - sus Christ the Lord. 3. We
4. O

New Testament Lesson..... Luke 19:1-10
page 1043 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—Jesus on Mission For Us and With UsRev. Dan Iverson
"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"
 Luke 19:10

1. Lost People and Peoples (Luke 19:1-4)
2. Jesus, Savior for Sinners (Luke 19:5-10; Matthew 1:21; Luke 15:1-32)
3. On Mission with Jesus (Luke 19:10; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)
4. Personal Practical Application

†Hymn of Response—Christ for the World We SingITALIAN HYMN, HYMN #447
Sung by all *All Verses*

†Benediction

Postlude—Lift High the Cross..... arr. C. Hamlin

*We invite you to join us for worship this evening at 6 p.m.
for the conclusion of our 2024 Missions Conference
followed by the Global Missions Cafe.*