

First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT *PEACE*

December 8, 2024

8:30 & 11 a.m.

Welcome!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today! We'd like to get to know you better, so please visit the Welcome Desk located in the Commons.



Scan the QR code to:

- Let us know you are a guest
- Find out more about First Pres
- Request prayer

Prelude—Variations on Joy to the World J. Weber

***Preparation for Worship—**People, Look East.....C. Steel
Chancel Choir

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

†Call to WorshipIsaiah 9:2, 6-7

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

All: on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

All: He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom,

Leader: establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

All: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

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.

***†Hymn of Praise—**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN, HYMN #203
Sung by all

†Invocation

Advent Candle Lighting and Scripture Reading (Peace)

8:30 a.m.

The Duggan Family (Sanctuary)
Michael & Marsha; Cole, Charley

The Diehl Family (St. Andrews Hall)
Adam & Whitney; Jo

11 a.m.

The Pendleton Family (Sanctuary)
Brooks & Heather; Samuel, Abigail, James

†Response—It Came Upon the Midnight ClearCAROL, HYMN #200
Sung by all stanzas 1 & 4

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: “Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King.” The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.	For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold, when with the ever-circling years come round the age of gold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.
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Corporate Confession of Sin (please kneel if able to do so)

Loving Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, you came to seek and to save the lost and release the captives.
We don’t realize how lost we once were, nor how enslaved we were to sin.
We were overwhelmed by the powers of darkness,
separated from your love, and awaiting the sting of death.
Yet because you loved us, you made yourself nothing to save us from our sins.
Forgive us for not receiving you,
the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
We have taken your sacrifice for granted,
and we have spurned your love, even though you are worthy of all of our love.
Still today, we run from the Word made Flesh into the paths of darkness.
We live for ourselves, instead of your glory.
We forget that you taught us to love one another.
We have failed to be witnesses to your great light.
We have not walked in the path of peace. Deliver us Emmanuel.
Come to our hearts, Lord Jesus, there is room in our hearts for you.
Amen.

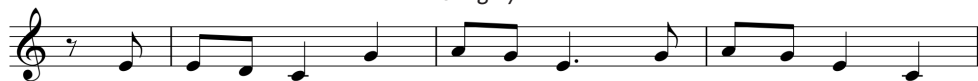
Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning GraceJeremiah 33:8-9

I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. Then it will bring me renown, joy, praise, and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for them and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for them.	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.
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†Response..... My Savior Left His Throne Above

Sung by all



1. My Sav - ior left his throne a - bove, ex - changed his wealth for
 2. He kept the Fath - er's ev - 'ry word; the Law he fol - lowed
 3. When Je - sus left his heav'n - ly home, his face was set on



pov - er - ty; He took my hate, and gave his love, all this and more he
 per - fect - ly; So all God's plea - sure he se - cured, all this and more he
 Cal - va - ry, The steep - est hill he climbed a - lone, all this and more he



did for me. Be - cause he chose the low - ly way, and bowed be - fore his
 earned for me. Be - cause his right - eous life is mine, and all his mer - its
 did for me. Be - cause he died once for all time, and bore the curse of



Fath - er's will, I can with all as - sur - ance say, "My God is near and
 now I own, I am a child of God on high; I am a - dop - ted,
 death and hell, Fi - nal for - give - ness here is mine; So it is fin - ished,



loves me still. My God is near and loves me still."
 loved, and known; I am a - dop - ted, loved, and known.
 all is well; Yes, it is fin - ished, all is well.

†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.

Offering

Additional Ways to Give

- Online via the app or QR code above
- 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.

Passing of The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

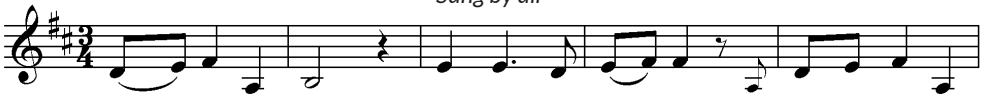
Having been reminded that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in response to God's grace, we gladly extend the peace of the gospel to one another.

Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 a.m. Pre-K through 3rd grade exit.
- 11 a.m. Pre-K and kindergarten exit.

*†Hymn of Preparation—Light of the World

Sung by all



1. Light__ of the world, treas-ure of heav-en, bril-liant like the
2. Light__ of the world, from the be-gin-ning the trag-e-dies of
3. Light__ of the world, crown in a man-ger, born__ for the
4. Light__ of the world soon will be com-ing. With fire__ in His



stars in the win-ter-y__ sky. Joy of the Fa-ther,
time were no match for Your love. From great heights of glo-ry,
cross, to__ suf-fer, to__ save. High King of heav-en,
eyes, He will ran-som His__ own. Through clouds He will lead__ us



reach through the dark-ness, shine a-cross the
You saw my sto-ry. God, You en-tered
death is the poor-er. We__ are the
straight in-to glo-ry. And there__ He shall



earth, send the shad-ows to__ flight.____ (to verse 2)
in and be-came one of__ us.____ (to Chorus)
rich-er by the price that He__ paid.____
reign for-ev-er-more.____

CHORUS



Sing hal-le-lu-jah, sing hal-le-lu-jah. Sing hal-le-lu-jah for the



things He has__ done! Come and a-dore__ Him, bow down be-



fore__ Him. Sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Light of the__ world.____

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Sermon—The Righteous King..... Dr. Ken McHeard

1. Shoot and Branch

2. Indwelt by the Holy Spirit

3. The Reign of the Righteous King

†Hymn of Response—Joy to the WorldANTIOCH, HYMN #195
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing G. Macchia

*We invite you to join us for our annual Love Gift Service and
Celebration this evening at 6 p.m.*