

First Presbyterian Church

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

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



The Lord's Day Morning Worship

January 5, 2025

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.



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- Let us know you are a guest
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- Request prayer

Prelude—Three Epiphany Preludes.....R. Hobby

- As With Gladness Men of Old (see hymn #226)
 - Brightest and Best (see hymn #206)
 - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
- Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.*

***Preparation for Worship—Behold That Stararr. M. Hayes**

Behold that star!	The wise men traveled from the East.
Behold that star up yonder,	It is the star of Bethlehem.
Behold that star!	To worship Him, the Prince of Peace.
It is the star of Bethlehem.	It is the star of Bethlehem.
There was no room found in the inn.	A song broke forth upon the night.
It is the star of Bethlehem.	It is the star of Bethlehem.
For Him who was born free from sin.	From angel hosts all robed in white.
It is the star of Bethlehem.	It is the star of Bethlehem.

†Call to Worship from Galatians 1:3-5; 4:4-7

Leader:	Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,	<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>
All:	who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age,	
Leader:	according to the will of our God and Father.	
All:	To him be the glory forever and ever!	
Leader:	When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,	
All:	To redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.	
Leader:	And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”	
All:	So we are no longer slaves, but sons and heirs through God!	
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
All:	And with your spirit.	
Leader :	Let us worship God!	

***†Hymn of Praise—O God Beyond All PraisingTHAXTED, HYMN #660**
Sung by all

†Invocation

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

†Confession of FaithThe Nicene Creed

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.

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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.

†Gloria Patri.....GREATOREX

Sung by all

Glo - ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

Old Testament Lesson.....Ezekiel 37:1-14

page 860 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

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

Eternal and Almighty Father, you are holy, holy, holy and the whole earth is full of your glory.
Bowing before you, we humbly acknowledge that we are full of sin and unworthy to stand in your presence.
We have lost our way by following the ways of the world, and we have neglected your way of mercy, justice, and truth.
We are a people of unclean lips, lips that do not praise you, nor honor you as we should;
we lie and we assault others with our speech instead of building them up.
We have taken your name in vain.
Our hearts are dull to your Word; we are slow to obey and indifferent to your commands.
Our ears are often closed off to the truth, and we refuse to listen to your indwelling Spirit.
Forgive all of our sins we pray, on account of Christ our Savior.
We need your cleansing touch to make us whole. Amen.

From Isaiah 6

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Titus 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—Jesus Paid it All.....All to Christ
Sung by all

Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.	And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, “Jesus died my soul to save,” My lips shall still repeat:
For nothing good have I Where-by thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.	

†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

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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.

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

†Hymn of Preparation—All I Have is Christ

Sung by all

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the
 would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might

way. The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the
 cost. You looked up - on my help-less state and led me to the
 see the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from

grave. I had no hope that You would own a reb - el to Your
 cross. And I be - held God's love dis-played. You suf-fered in my
 me. O Fa-ther, use my ran-somed life in an - y way You

will, and if You had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still.
 place. You bore the wrath re-served for me. Now all I know is
 choose, and let my song for - ev - er be, "My on - ly boast is

2. But as I grace. Hal - le - lu jah! All I have is
 You."

Christ. Hal - le - lu jah! Je - sus is my

life.

3. Now, Lord, I

life.

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Jordan Kauflin

New Testament Lesson.....John 11:53-12:11
 page 1067 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—A Lasting LegacyDr. Ken McHeard
John 11:53-12:11

1. A Place of Significance

2. A Practice of Honor

3. A Personal Testimony

†Hymn of Response—All to Jesus I SurrenderSURRENDER, HYMN #562
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Toccata (Baroque Suite)..... C. Penfield

We invite you to join us for worship this evening at 6 p.m.