



November 23, 2008

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.*

Welcome

But for me it is good to be near God. – Psalm 73:28

We have no greater privilege than to draw near to God. We come to him through the merit of Christ crucified. We come by the power of the Holy Spirit. And we come with God's promise that he will draw near to us (James 4:8).

If your faith has not yet come to rest in Christ, and if God is awakening in your heart a desire to take the next step, please use one of the prayer cards in the pew rack to contact the pastor or speak to him as you leave the sanctuary. A husband and wife team will also be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service to speak with anyone interested in exploring what it means to know Jesus Christ or to join this church.

May our gracious Lord draw near to you wonderfully in this service today.

The Theme: Stewardship

The Shorter Catechism in Modern English, Question 55:

Q: What does the third commandment forbid?

A: The third commandment forbids our treating as unholy or abusing anything God uses to make himself known.

LEADING THE SERVICES

Dr. George Robertson Senior Pastor
Rev. John Franks Associate Pastor
Mr. Jonathan McGuire Choir Director
Mr. Paul Roberts Director of Music Ministry, Organist

The Flute Prelude - Bread of Life Winston
Emily Bailey, Yoonmi Choi, David Haburchak, flute
(The congregation is invited to read John 6:1-15; page 1655 in the pew Bible)

† The Peace

THE MORNING SERVICES

November 23, 2008

8:30 and 11 a.m.

(† *Indicates the congregation standing*)

The Call to Worship

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, come, let us keep the feast. *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

The Introit - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

The Salutation Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God:

**it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:

be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us worship God.

† The Hymn - All People That On Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDRETH

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Psalm 100
 William Kethe, 1561

Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

† The Invocation

† The Confession of Faith from Revelation 4, 5, and 22

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come!

I believe in God the Father,
Who created all things:
For by his will they exist and were created.

I believe in God the Son,
Who was slain:
For with his blood he ransomed people for God
From every tribe and language and people and nation.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit:
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"
Even so come, Lord Jesus!

The Old Testament Lesson.....Psalm 96
page 934 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

(Please kneel)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Book of Common Worship, 1993

The Silent Prayers of God's People

Personal Confession

Church

Ministry

Civil Authority

Sick and Afflicted

The Assurance of Pardoning Grace

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. *Ezekiel 36:25-26*

† The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

(Please stand)

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 and Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory - Jesus, Lover of My Soul..... Brown

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into thy haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

† The Hymn of Preparation - For the Beauty of the Earth Dix
 (Children in K4 through 5th grade exit at this time)

For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 For each per - fect gift of Thine To our race so

of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth and friends a - bove,
 free - ly giv'n, Grac - es hu - man and di - vine,

O - ver and a - round us lies, Lord of all, to
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to
 Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, Lord of all, to

Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.
 Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.
 Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - men.

The New Testament LessonJohn 6:1-15
page 1655 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon - Don't Miss Out!Dr. George Robertson

I. Because Jesus is Compassionate, We Must Give Him Our Needs (1-6)

A. Saw the Need (2, 5, 6; Matthew 14:14; Mark 6:34)

B. Fulfilled the Passover (4)

II. Because Jesus Multiplies, We Must Give Him Our Smallness (7-9)

A. Smallness of Faith (7, 9; Matthew 14:15)

B. Smallness of Resources (8, 9)

III. Because Jesus Supplies, We Must Give in Response to Grace (10-15)

A. As Much as They Wanted (10-12)

B. Nothing Wasted (12, 13)

C. Goodness of God Misunderstood (14, 15)

*For an audio copy of this sermon, you may visit the Welcome Center
or the church website at www.firstpresaugusta.org.*

† The Hymn of Response - Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer.....St. ANNE

Great King of na - tions, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
 The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not a - way;
 Our fa - thers' sins were man - i - fold, and ours no less we own,

and hum - bly, with u - nit - ed cry, to you for mer - cy call.
 but hear us from your loft - y throne, and help us when we pray.
 yet won - drous - ly from age to age your good - ness has been shown.

John H. Gurney, 1838
 Mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
 Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
 Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

VISITOR INFORMATION

To Our Guests,

We especially welcome you today! Information about our church is available in our Welcome Center, located through the doorway to the right of the high pulpit. You can also visit our website at www.firstpresaugusta.org.

FALL 2008 ADULT EDUCATION COMMUNITIES (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Sunday School is provided for all ages. Specific classroom information can be found in the Welcome Center. The following adult classes are noted for this fall. All are encouraged to attend the class of their choosing.

Trinity (*For those with grandchildren and above*) - (Vasholz)

Covenanters (*For empty-nesters and those with grandchildren*) - "Reformed Worship" (Roberts)

Heralders (*For empty-nesters with children in college or married*) - "Minor Prophets" (Letchford)

Ambassadors (*For those with Middle/High School children*) - (Morris, Leverett, Tyrrell)

Sojourners (*For those with Elementary/Middler children*) - "Christian Foundations" (Wilson)

Builders (*For newly-weds or those with infants/small children*) - "The Gospel of Mark" (Miller, Jeffcoat, Linn, Price, Chou, Hanna)

Medical Campus Outreach (MCO) - *For those involved in the medical community* - "Idolatry" (Wilson, Stansfield)

Campus Outreach (CO) - "Evangelism" (Keuroglan)

Singles (*For singles ranging from early 20s to early 40s*) "Kingdom of Missions" (Sanders)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

A specially designed program is offered for children in pre-K through fifth grade during the morning services. A leader will escort children from the sanctuary to their rooms during the hymn of preparation. You are welcome to accompany them to observe and/or know where to pick them up after the service. Parents of children in pre-K through second grade are asked to pick up their children following Sunday School or the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

NURSERY

Nurseries are provided for infants and toddlers during the worship services and Sunday School.

MOTHER/INFANT ROOM

A Mother/Infant Room equipped with audio is located beside Nursery 1. Ushers are available to direct you.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in making First Presbyterian your church home, or are interested simply in knowing more about our church, please call the church office during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., at 706-823-2450.