

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) 2261 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia 30904

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE Wade in the Water David Gale

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP1

We hear the voice of the Lord who says, Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

We hear the voice of the Lord who speaks over us, When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

We attend to his words when he tells us, Whenever you pass through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

The Lord declares, You are precious in my sight and honored and I love you...so do not fear, for I am with you.

In the Holy Spirit, the Lord gathers us and our children from the east and from the west to be near him.

Let us worship the Lord!

\*HYMN 463 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

Rev. Boyd Lien

God of the waters, you call us to come close, to wade deep, to trust that we will rise from the waters renewed. We know your Spirit hovers over the waters of baptism just as in the beginning, calming and transforming the world. Help us to be willing to submerge ourselves in your Spirit, in your love, in the work of your Son. Drench us in hope for the world and one another. May yours waters connect us, sustain us, quench us, and carry us through the rivers and rapids, along the ways known and unknown that bring us to new life.

\*SILENCE

# \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

We still hear the echo of these words, You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased, and know our God has fulfilled his promise to send to the Messiah, the Christ, in whom we find our salvation and rebirth.

In Christ we are baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire. In him, we come to understand the meaning of mercy and grace. Thanks be to God!

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Of the Father's Love Begotten

John Erickson

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega. He the source, the ending He. Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
Overshadowed by the Spirit, bore the Savior of our race;
And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers and sages sang of old with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / DIMES FOR DINNER

Ms. Joy Maple

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**SERMON** 

# ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS CLASS OF 2027

Prayer of Ordination

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the strength to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and discipline. Hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. We ask all these things in your name. Amen.

\*HYMN 485 We Know That Christ Is Raised ENGELBERG

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Danish Amen

\*All who are able please stand

**Flowers**—The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joanne O'Bryan, in celebration of her recent birthday and with thanksgiving for all she does for her family, by Mary and Richard Lewis.

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<sup>1</sup> based on Isaiah 43:1-5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> inspired by Mark 1:4-11, Luke 3:21-22

# Sunday, January 12, 2025 Participating in Worship

Worship Leaders

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Dr. Wayne Lord Chancel Choir

Friendship Pad Pick-up Jerry Howington

> Acolyte James Bennett

#### Ushers

Larry Clarkson Bob Speaks
David Curley Baxter Bailey
Gary Lloyd Ann Overstreet

#### **STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, Pastor, ext. 303
Reverend Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, Associate Pastor, ext. 301
Reverend Boyd Lien, Parish Associate, ext. 314
Dr. Wayne Lord, Organist/Choirmaster, ext. 315
Mrs. Jenny Davison, Children's Music Assistant
Ms. Joy Maple, Director of Christian Education, ext. 305
vacant, Director of Children and Youth, ext. 304
vacant, Nursery Coordinator

Mrs. Anna Sanders, Director of Mother's Day Out and Preschool, ext. 309
Mrs. Dawn McCraith, Director of Operations, ext. 302
Mrs. Becky Godbee, Communications Liaison, ext. 300
Mrs. Jenn Harrison, Financial Assistant, ext. 307

Ms. Helen Moss, Custodian
Ms. Ramona Ballard, Custodian
Mr. Tyler Cashin, Audio/Visual Technician
Administrative Offices 706-722-3375

Mr. Leonard Jones, Facilities Manager

## **SESSION (ELDERS)**

Denise Rosenzweig, Clerk

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Bill Davison	Shell Berry	Dana Cook-Cheape
Jennifer Frantom	Indee Few	Benton Johnson
David Freeman	John Franklin	Richard Sasnett
Jean McKnight	Seth Harbin	Charlene Sizemore
Amanda Mills	Jed Howington	Bob Speaks
Richard Morgan	Cheryl Wilson	Carl Young

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Ross Tudor, Moderator

Class of 2025
Linda Boyd
Hubert Cooke
Judy Brigham
Jan Markle
Carla Owen
Gail Owens
Harry Snowdy

# Class of 2026 Jamie Driver Jerry Howington Sumner Markwalter Jones Miller Mary-Meghan Olmo Brannon Sell Sandra Wade Susan Wilson

# Class of 2027 Alice Bielewicz Mary Ann Franklin Tommy Jones Lillian Magruder Myra Naglich Patty Reece Patrick Wells Bette Wright



# **ACTIVE STEPHEN LEADERS**

Myra Naglich Mandy Boland Jones Miller

Text Myra for confidential inquiry / support: 706-631-0879

### **ACTIVE STEPHEN MINISTERS**

Jamie Driver Becky Godbee Joy Maple Barbara Miller Sonny Reece Carol Turner Indee Few Holly Harbin Kathryn McLeod Ann Overstreet Clay Stallworth Jenn Wilson



Hearing assistance. Hearing aid wearers with a "T" (telecoil) setting can now hear the service broadcast directly through their hearing aids. Others desiring hearing assistance may check out a portable receiver / headset.