

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

SOUNDING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE Like a River Glorious

INTROIT Together We Serve

Daniel Charles Damon

(b. 1955)

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.

Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

The river of God flows in all directions.

It gathers us from the east and west, north and south.

By the banks of the river of God all life flourishes.

Let us gather by the river and be restored!

From the sanctuary the water flows and carries the Word of life.

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Casto-Waters

God of river and ocean and stream, yours are the waters of creation, the waters of life. You have surrounded us with visible reminders of your grace ever-flowing, your Word reaching into deep wells and falling like manna from the sky. Daily we are surrounded by life giving waters, yet sometimes we insist on living in the desert, claiming your absence, crying out that we are parched. Yet even the desert teems with life, even in the wilderness you sustained your people. Lord, remind us we, too, contain your rivers and oceans, we are part of creation and our life flows back to you.

*SILENCE

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

The psalmist declares that those who follow the Lord in all their ways are *like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.* In Christ, we receive the fullness of these words in the forgiveness of our sins and the life everlasting.

Thanks be to God who is the giver of life! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Dixon Revell RMPC Basketball Ministry

(Following the Children's Moment, K-2nd graders are dismissed to Children's Church / Angel Choir.)

*HYMN 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 47:1-23

SERMON

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Dr. Casto-Waters

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Marty Wheeler Burnett

I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and rest; and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;

my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him, my Star, my sun;

and in that light of life I'll walk til pilgrim days are done.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Boyd Lien

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH1

We believe in one God, creator of all life, present in all time—past, present, and future. Lord of all people and storehouse of all memories and hopes. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word of grace, love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who takes brokenness and makes us whole again, who lifts our fainting spirits and gives us courage, who abides with us. We believe that we are called to live in community and proclaim the Good News from the sanctuary and out into the streets. We are called into a life of kinship and love in the boundless grace of the Trinity who endures beyond all time and chooses to be God with us forever.

*HYMN 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

OLD IRISH BLESSING

Flowers—The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of long-time members, Dr. J. Gray & Mrs. Rozelle (Rockie) Dinwiddie by their children, on the occasion tomorrow, of their 80th anniversary of marriage.

Please contact Mrs. Dianne Brown (706-799-8501) if you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services.

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^{*}All who are able please stand

¹ Original writer unknown, adapted

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Participating in Worship

Worship Leaders

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters Rev. Boyd Lien Mr. Dixon Revell

Musicians

Dr. Wayne Lord Mrs. Jenny Davison Chancel Choir Children's Choir Angel Choir Avery Park, Oboe

Friendship Pad Pick-up Nancy McCord

> Acolyte Hadley Allgood

Ushers

Elliott Woodward Tennant Houston John Robbins Ben Kay, IV Glen Owen Jennifer Pennington

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

BOARD OF DEACONS

Linda Boyd, Moderator

Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Linda Boyd	Jamie Driver
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Judy Brigham	Sumner Markwalter
Jan Markle	Jones Miller
Carla Owen	Mary-Meghan Olmo
Gail Owens	Brannon Sell
Harry Snowdy	Sandra Wade
•	Susan Wilson

Class of 2027 Alice Bielewicz Mary Anne 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
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Sonny Reece
Carol Turner

Indee Few
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Kathryn McLeod
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Clay Stallworth
Jenn Wilson



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