



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

*Hymn of Promise*

setting by John Ferguson  
(1941—2025)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator of brick and mortar, sky and star,

**You enable us to see that all things are possible through you.**

God, who labors over creation and continually watches over us,

**You inspire us to find our particular work in your Kingdom.**

Carpenter and Teacher, Son of God, who embodies a life of service,

**You show us how to be in the world and not of the world even in the routine of days.**

Guiding God who opens our eyes to our gifts and talents,

**You strengthen us to use the whole of our lives with joy in your name and to your glory.**

Let us worship the Lord!

### \*HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Holy One, you call us to be different from the world, but the world is seductive, and we need your strength to bolster our own. You hold before us an alternate way of life that carries with it different priorities, different loyalties, and different values. But we struggle to find our call and maintain our footing in the undertow of idolatry and the lure of work that leads down spiritually empty streets. Help us to continually embrace the qualities of life and work that you embody in Christ; service, love, compassion, teaching, guiding, and creating what is good and lasting. Forgive us when we lose sight of this calling, and when we misunderstand our role as your followers in this world.

### \*SILENCE

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON<sup>2</sup>

In all things, God is faithful to us. He is in all seasons and times, in our work and our play, in both routine and extraordinary moments. God is in the building up and the breaking down to make way so that he may do a new thing!

**Thanks be to God that in our work we can be faithful, and that in working with others our faith can be shared and made manifest to the glory of God. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 582

*Glory to God*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(K-2nd graders are now dismissed to Children's Church)

Ms. Joy Maple

### \*HYMN 250

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Casto-Waters

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

### SERMON

ANTHEM

*Be Thou My Vision*

Richard Shephard  
(1949—2021)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;  
Thou and thou only first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
High King of heaven, my victory won; may I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

OFFERTORY

*Aria Da Chiesa*

Georg Muffat  
(1635—1704)

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*HYMN 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing from *Royal Fireworks*

George F. Handel  
(1685—1759)

\*All who are able please stand

**Flowers**—The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nona Parker Rhodes by the Mel Rhodes family.

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<sup>1</sup> adapted from prayer by Gord Waldie

<sup>2</sup> response adapted from actsoffaith.org

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

## **Participating in Worship**

### ***Preaching***

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

### ***Worship Leaders***

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Ms. Joy Maple

### ***Musicians***

Dr. Wayne Lord

Chancel Choir

### ***Friendship Pad***

Jennifer Morgan

### ***Ushers***

William Harper

Brannon Sell

Michael Harper

Harry Welsh

Richard Welsh

Reab Berry, Jr

Harrison Harper

Bert Gary

### ***Audio/Visual Team***

Tyler Cashin

Max Vallotton

Blake Chambers

Jeff Futrelle

### **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. Lisa Smith, **Nursery Coordinator**

Miss Riley Taylor, **Children and Youth Ministry Assistant**

Mrs. Dawn McCraith, **Director of Operations**, ext. 302

Mrs. Becky Godbee, **Communications Liaison**, ext. 300

Mrs. Jenn Harrison, **Financial Assistant**, ext. 307

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Ms. Ramona Ballard, **Custodian**

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### **SESSION (ELDERS)**

Denise Rosenzweig, Clerk

#### **Class of 2025**

Bill Davison  
Jennifer Frantom  
David Freeman  
Jean McKnight  
Amanda Mills  
Richard Morgan

#### **Class of 2026**

Shell Berry  
Indee Few  
John Franklin  
Jed Howington  
Cheryl Wilson  
Bennett Yort

#### **Class of 2027**

Dana Cook-Cheape  
Benton Johnson  
Richard Sasnett  
Charlene Sizemore  
Bob Speaks  
Marc Wilson, III

### **ACTIVE STEPHEN LEADERS**

Myra Naglich  
Mandy Boland  
Jones Miller  
Paul Luthman

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### **ACTIVE STEPHEN MINISTERS**

Jamie Driver  
Becky Godbee  
Joy Maple  
Barbara Miller  
Sonny Reece

Indee Few  
Carol Turner  
Kathryn McLeod  
Ann Overstreet  
Clay Stallworth

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Linda Boyd, 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 Anne Franklin  
Tommy Jones  
Lillian Magruder  
Myra Naglich  
Patty Reece  
Patrick Wells  
Bette Wright



**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.