



*Comfort and Joy*

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

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Raymond Haan  
(b. 1938)

INTROIT

*We Light the Advent Candle*

Henry V. Gerike

We light the Advent candle and wait for Christ to come.  
With hope, we trust the promise that He will bring us home.  
Our hope is in our Savior who wins for us God's favor.  
We wait with growing light till God makes all things right.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Molly and Chandler Brown

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of waiting, of longing, of looking for you to come into our world, we are seeking light.  
In our own lives:

**We are seeking light.**

In our neighborhoods

**We are seeking light.**

In our families

**We are seeking light.**

In our work

**We are seeking light.**

In our nation

**We are seeking light.**

In our world

**We are seeking light.**

Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door will be opened. Ask and it shall be given to you. Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world.

**May we have eyes to see you and ears to hear you. Come, bring your light into our world today. Let us worship the Lord!**

\*HYMN 93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

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

Rev. Boyd Lien

**Holy One, Paul's words echo in our souls this day. We are not so different from the people of his time. We desire glimpses of the future so we can feel like we are in control. We want our life to be all buttoned down, pressed neatly, and figured out, so there will be no surprises. We want you to remove all anxiety, worry, darkness, and uncertainty from our lives, believing that this is the only way to be safe. And yet, perhaps we should pray instead:**

**Lead us to find the courage to say, "All will be well because we are yours."**

**Lead us to find the ability to live one moment and one day at a time.**

**Lead us to serenity and a peace which the world cannot give.**

**Lead us to know that with your power we can cope with whatever surprises life presents to us. Amen.**

\*SILENCE

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

In Christ, we are assured and our spirit is at peace knowing we are destined "not for wrath" but for your redeeming.

**In Christ, we are able to say with assurance: "whether we wake or sleep," live or die, we are yours into the ages of all ages. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(K-2nd graders are now invited to participate in Young Musicians Choir and Children's Church)

Ms. Joy Maple

\*HYMN 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:12—23

SERMON

ANTHEM

*Canticle of the Turning*

(Text for the anthem may be found on page 100 in your hymnal.)

Ann Organ Krentz

(b. 1960)

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Lien

OFFERTORY

*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

James Biery

(b. 1956)

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

**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.**

\*HYMN 92

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

GOD REST YE MERRY

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

\*POSTLUDE

*Wake! Awake!*

David Lasky

(b. 1957)

\*All who are able please stand

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<sup>1</sup> adapted from prayer by Richard J. Einerson

# Sunday, November 30, 2025

## Participating in Worship

### *Preaching*

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

### *Worship Leaders*

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran  
Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple

### *Musicians*

Dr. Wayne Lord  
Chancel Choir  
Dr. Christine Crookall, cello  
Xea Maddox, flute Avery Park, oboe

### *Friendship Pad*

Daniel McCall

### *Acolyte and Chimer*

Lewis Sanders and Frances Lightsey

### *Advent Wreath & Candle Lighters:*

Molly and Chandler Brown

### *Ushers*

Will Salley                      Trey Few                      Phil Lee  
Tripp Wilson                      Paul Rosenzweig

### *Audio/Visual Team*

Tyler Cashin                      Blake Chambers

### STAFF

Reverend Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, **Pastor**, ext. 303  
Reverend Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, **Associate Pastor**, ext. 301  
Reverend Boyd Lien, **Parish Associate**, ext. 314  
Reverend Rosy Robson McCreary, **Parish Associate**  
Dr. Wayne Lord, **Organist/Choirmaster**, ext. 315  
Mrs. Pam McCorkle, **Music Associate**  
Mrs. Jenny Davison, **Children's Music Assistant**  
Ms. Joy Maple, **Director of Christian Education**, ext. 305  
Mr. Nathan Foks, **Director of Children and Youth Ministry**, ext. 304  
Miss Riley Taylor, **Children and Youth Ministry Assistant**  
Mrs. Anna Sanders, **Director of Mother's Day Out and Preschool**, ext. 309  
Mrs. Molly Davis, **Assistant Director of Mother's Day Out and Preschool**, ext. 309  
Mrs. Lisa Smith, **Nursery Coordinator**  
Mrs. Dawn McCraith, **Director of Operations**, ext. 302  
Mrs. Becky Godbee, **Communications Liaison**, ext. 300  
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### SESSION (ELDERS)

Denise Rosenzweig, Clerk

#### Class of 2025

Bill Davison  
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                      Indee Few  
Becky Godbee                      Carol Turner  
Joy Maple                      Kathryn McLeod  
Barbara Miller                      Ann Overstreet  
Sonny Reece                      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.



stephen  
MINISTRY.