# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Sikes

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT "Give Thanks" Smith

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!

I myself will gather my flock and bring them back to their fold.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

I will raise up for David a righteous branch, who shall reign and deal wisely and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

God will give knowledge of salvation to his people

by the forgiveness of their sins.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us

to give light to those who sit in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

**HYMN # 367** *"Come Ye Thankful People Come"* 

ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord,

we are quick to identify our enemies

and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness,

and yet we prefer to walk our own path.

We are called to follow your lead

in creating a beloved community,

yet we idolize wealth and power.

Heal us and help us, O God.

Turn us from the ways of sin,

the means that create unjust ends.

Grant that we may seek to be for others

what you are for us:

a source of light on the way to peace. (Silent Confession)

# **KYRIE #551**

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness and guides our every step in the path of salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

#### +RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

# THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 68-79 Pew Bible page 58

The Word of the Lord. Thanks Be to God.

**ANTHEM** "Canon on Praise"

Hal Hopson

**Chancel Choir** 

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 23 Pew Bible Page 501

**SERMON** "But what kind of King, exactly?" Rev. Leigh Ann Armstrong

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## **+UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**+HYMN** #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST COLUMBA

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE OFFERTORY

There are multiple ways to contribute to the ministries of First Presbyterian Eufaula: An offering plate is located in the rear of the sanctuary or you may mail your contribution to First Presbyterian Eufaula at 201 N. Randolph Ave, Eufaula, AL 36027, drop it by the church office, or give online at <a href="https://www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give">www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give</a>.

#### +DOXOLOGY

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

# THE EUCHARIST

The sacrament of Holy Communion Invitation to The Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us Pray:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Bread and Cup
Prayer after Communion

Reverend Dr. Richard Hawks

# **SENDING**

+CLOSING HYMN #644 "Give Thanks, O Christian People"

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+BENEDICTION

**+POSTLUDE** "Now Thank We All Our God Reprise" arr. Sikes

+ Congregation Standing

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME: We welcome to our pulpit today, Reverend Leigh Ann Armstrong. Reverend Armstrong is a minister and chaplain ordained and endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, receiving her MDiv with a concentration in Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy from BSK Theological Seminary, and soaking in wisdom and enrichment for over two decades at Montreat Worship and Music Conferences each summer. She currently works in hospital, mental health, and elder care chaplaincy; writes weekly liturgy and worship aids for CBF ministers; and is privileged to occasionally fill pulpits for several denominations.

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning and ask that you please sign the Friendship pad in your pew. Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the Triune God. In worship we acknowledge God, who is present in the world and in our lives. As we respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, we are transformed and renewed. In worship, we offer ourselves to God and we are equipped for God's service in the world.

**Visitors:** We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to come back and worship with us as often as possible. If you would like more information about our church, please see one of our Elders.

**First Presbyterian** will again be joining with Saint James and First United Methodist in a combined Thanksgiving service to be held Tuesday, November 25. The event will be held at Saint James Episcopal Church at 5:30PM

**WOW** Dinner at 5:15 on Wednesday, followed by bible study.

**Giving Fence** needs items. If you have anything that you don't need or want and think it is in good shape, please donate it for our Giving Fence. Also needed are personal and household items.

**Can Cross** needs food items. Please give what you are able to help those who need food in our community. Please place your items in the Can Cross outside the pastor's office.

**Wednesday Prayer Service** will meet at the front of the sanctuary at 11:45AM.

Large print editions of the <u>Glory to God Hymnal</u> are available for use and can be obtained from an usher.

Cares & Concerns: David Nix, Teresa Barrett, Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstattd, Eden Coates, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Darryl Kornegay, Melissa Scholl, Della Huffman, Carla Collins, Linda Creel, Lincoln, Jane Nix, Christine Fisher, Teresa Orr, Margaret Beasley, Bill Elkins, Don Wood. Andrew Peak, address 5058 River Road, Jakin, GA 39861. Please pray for our church and the Pastor Nominating Committee, specifically during their regular meeting on Thursdays at 4:00. At this time, please stop what you are doing and pray.

Worshipers at Home: Pegge Abraham, Jane Price

Military Members: Nicole Barrett

**College Students:** Jake Cournoyer, David Dixon, James Dixon, Haley Helbing, Benjamin Powers, Jake Taylor, Tabetha Taylor, Hailey Beard, Logan Adams, John Stephen Powers, Gray Mitchell

# Weekly Calendar

# Sunday, November 23rd

9:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship

11:00 AM –Worship with Leigh Ann Armstrong and Rev. Dr. Richard Hawks Noon – Thanksgiving dinner following the close of worship

# Tuesday, November 25th

5:30 PM – combined Thanksgiving service at Saint James Episcopal Church

### Sunday, November 30th

9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal, 10:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:00 AM - Worship

# SESSION

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