



First Presbyterian Church

POOLER, GEORGIA
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A service of praise and worship of Almighty God on the Lord's Day

May 12, 2024 ∞ 10:30 in the morning

Order of Worship

(☞-Please Stand)

Preparation for Worship

We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

☞ Call to Worship

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Psalm 96:7-9

The one true God graciously invites us into his presence to worship him in spirit and in truth, and we eagerly respond in faith. This begins a dialogue which will continue to the end of the service as God initiates with us, and we respond to him.

☞ Prayer of Invocation & Lord's Prayer

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.

☞ Worship in Song

☞ **Holy, Holy, Holy**

☞ **How Deep the Father's Love**

Corporate Confession of Sin

Minister: *Merciful God and compassionate Father, how often we devalue the blessedness of the one whose transgression has been forgiven, and whose sin has been covered. Forgive us for denigrating your grace, we pray.*

People: Forgive us for deceiving ourselves about our sin; for keeping silent instead of admitting our faults, so that you find it necessary to lay a heavy hand upon us in order to turn our hearts back to you.

Minister: *How often we fail to trust in your Word, refusing to believe your promise of forgiveness to all who acknowledge their sin instead of covering it up.*

People: Teach us, with the Psalmist, to pray to you at a time when you may be found. Enlarge our trust that you are a hiding place for us. Remind us that, since the great rushing waters of judgment fully overwhelmed your Son, crucified for us, therefore they will not reach us, and we are safe forever in him.

All: O Lord, help us to hate and repent of everything that displeases you. Cause us, through Jesus, to know your steadfast love surrounding us always, that we may be glad and rejoice in you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

☞ Corporate Confession 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 of God, Light of Light, very God of very 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. He was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and became man. 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 by 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.

The Nicene Creed was crafted by the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325. The creed emphasizes the doctrine of the Trinity in response to the teachings of Arius, a clergyman who denied the divinity of the Son, the second member of the Trinity. This orthodox statement of faith has been confessed by Christians for almost 1700 years.

Pastoral Prayer

Seeking to glorify God by holding out the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community, our country, and our world to impact others to do the same.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

With grateful hearts for God's extravagant mercy and blessing, we joyfully present our offerings to the Lord for the ministry of our church and community.

Offertory Song

Psalm 62

⌘ The Doxology

The word "doxology," coined in the 17th century, is a combination of the words "glory" and "word." A doxology is a "word of glory," a hymn of praise to the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), who is one divine nature in three Persons.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

"No Unfinished Business"
Hosea 2:14-23

The Lord's Supper

Passing of the Bread

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Passing of the Cup

There is a Fountain

⌘ Closing Hymn

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

⌘ Benediction

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Marshall Davis III

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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Announcements

Today	11:45 am	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversation	Fellowship Hall
Wed.	6:30 pm	Church-Wide Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
Thurs.	6:30 am	Front Porch Society	Clay Harden's home
	6:00 pm	Joint Officers' Meeting	



This Week

Events

VBS | There will be a VBS meeting on May 26th after morning worship. We also have published a "grocery list" for items that we will use for snacks during the week. This is available via the newsletter.

5:11 Group | Our 5:11 May meeting has been rescheduled, and will be on Monday the 20th instead of the 13th. This group is for women over 55, and our theme is from I Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." We have such fun and are getting to know, love, and serve each other. For further information contact Edna at 662-302-2452.

Front Porch Society | Front Porch Society meets this Thursday at 6:30 am. This is a men's literary discussion group, which meets at Clay Harden's home.

Church-wide Prayer Meeting | Our final prayer meeting of the spring is this Wednesday at 6:30. Please make plans to come for a sweet time of fellowship over a meal, followed by a prayer meeting.

LIFE Groups | LIFE Groups have wrapped up for spring. They will resume this fall.

Graduating Seniors | We plan to honor our graduating high school Seniors later this month. Parents, please help us do that by providing Maggie with a copy of your student's photo at admin@firstprespooler.com.

Ministry Opportunities

Volunteers needed | We need volunteers in a variety of capacities, including nursery helpers, after-worship snack providers, and ushers. Please contact Crystal Twibell to find out how you can help.

Sermon Notes

**God of the Guilty:
STUDIES IN HOSEA**

III. No Unfinished Business

Hosea 2:14-23 (Pew Bible p. 752)

God's grace always finishes what it starts.

THEREFORE, he makes the valley of trouble a doorway of hope for his wayward people! (Hos 2:15)

I. Why Grace Turns Our Trouble into Hope

1. Because God is forever committed to his _____ (v. 23)

2. Because God is forever committed to his _____

- His church of the _____ (3:1)
- His church of the _____
- His church of the _____ (v. 23)

3. Because God is forever committed to his _____

- To make Christ the Redeemer of his elect _____ (Gen 3:15; 22:18; Ps 110:4)
- To make Christ the King of his renewed _____ (vv. 18,21-23)

II. How Grace Turns Our Trouble into Hope (v. 15)

1. Not by sweeping our trouble _____ (cf. Prov 17:15)

2. Rather, by visiting our trouble _____ (Jn 12:27; 13:21; 14:27)

"The wisdom of God has ordained a way for the love of God to deliver us from the wrath of God without compromising the justice of God. And what is this wisdom? The death of the Son of God for sinners!" –

John Piper