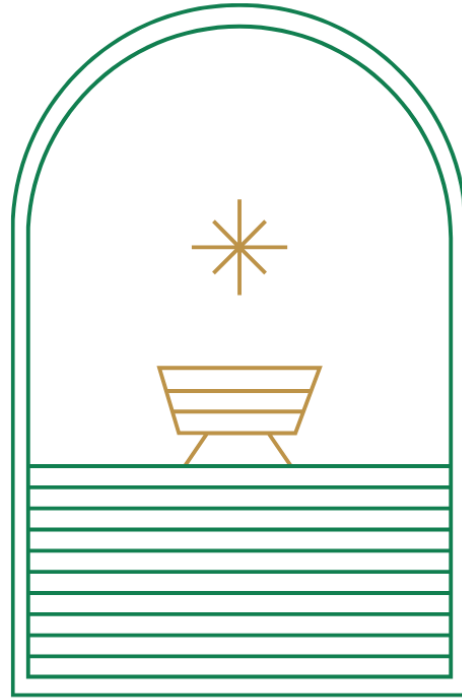


First Presbyterian Church

POOLER, GEORGIA



*And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”*

Luke 1:46-47

December 1, 2024

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

December 1, 2024  10:30 in the morning

Order of Worship

 Please Stand

Preparation for Worship

"The LORD is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him." - Habakkuk 2:20

Call to Worship

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Women: Who is this King of glory?

Men: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Women: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory

Responsive Reading of Psalm 24:7-10

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.

Response of Praise in Song

Joy to the World

Trinity Hymnal #195

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

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Trinity Hymnal #203

Corporate Confession of Sin

Minister: *Gracious God, we know that your law is spiritual, but we, your people, are of the flesh, sold under sin.*

People: We don't understand our own actions. For we don't do what we want, but the very things we hate.

Minister: *When we do what we don't want, we agree with the law, that it is good. So it's no longer we who do it, but sin that dwells within us.*

People: We have the desire to do what's right, but not the ability to carry it out. For we don't do the good we want, but the evil we don't want is what we keep on doing.

Minister: *We delight in the law of God in our inner being, but we see in our members another law waging war against the law of our mind and making us captive to the law of sin that dwells in our members.*

All: Who will deliver us from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

☞ Advent Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

Pastoral Prayer

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Malachi 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

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

The First Noel

⌘ 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

SONGS OF THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

I. Mary's Song: The "Magnificat"

Luke 1:46-55

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

⌘ Closing Hymn

Once in David's Royal City

Trinity Hymnal #225

⌘ Benediction

Numbers 6:24-25

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder John Twibell

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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Announcements

This Week

Today	11:45 am	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversation	Fellowship Hall
Wed.	6:00 pm	Women's Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
Thu.	6:30 am	Front Porch Society	@ the Hardens'
Sat.	1:00 pm	Youth Girls - Ornament Painting	@ Sunshine Pottery 121 Highway 80 East, Pooler



Men's & Women's Studies | Both the men's and women's studies are on break until January. The newsletter and last week's bulletin had the incorrect end dates.

Events

Front Porch Society | Meets **this week, Dec. 5th at 6:30 am** at Clay Harden's house (156 Carrie Rd, Bloomingdale).

Celebrating the Christmas Season at FPCP

Women's "Progressive" Dinner and Christmas Party | The women are having a Christmas Fellowship event on **Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm**. We will "progress" around the Fellowship Hall for various courses and activities. You won't want to miss it. If you haven't already, please let Crystal or Maggie know if you can come!

Church-wide Christmas Party and Carol Sing | We are celebrating the joy of our Savior's coming with a church-wide party and carol sing on **Dec. 8 at 5:30 pm**. There will be surprises!

Youth Events

6th-12th grade Girls Event | The youth girls are going to Sunshine Pottery on **Dec. 7th at 1pm** to paint ornaments. Please RSVP to Jamie Douglas.

Youth Christmas Party - Sat. Dec. 14th from 5-7 pm at the Devescovis' home (740 Pine Barren Rd, Pooler). Please RSVP to Graham or Jamie Douglas.

6th-12th Grade Guys Event | Save the date for a guys only event on December 21st. Details coming soon!

Christmas Sunday School will be on break from Dec. 22 until early January.

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. crystal@firstprespooler.com

Sermon Notes

SONGS OF THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

I. Mary's Song: The "Magnificat"

Luke 1:46-55

I. The Praise of Mary

1. God's Person (vv. 49-50)

- The _____ of God
- The _____ of God
- The _____ of God

2. God's Providence (vv. 51-53)

- As One who humbles the _____
- As One who exalts the _____

3. God's Promise (vv. 54-55)

- Triumphs over the sands of _____
- Triumphs over the sins of _____

II. The Pattern for Us

1. Praise for the _____ of God

2. Humility in the _____ of God

3. Hope in the _____ of God