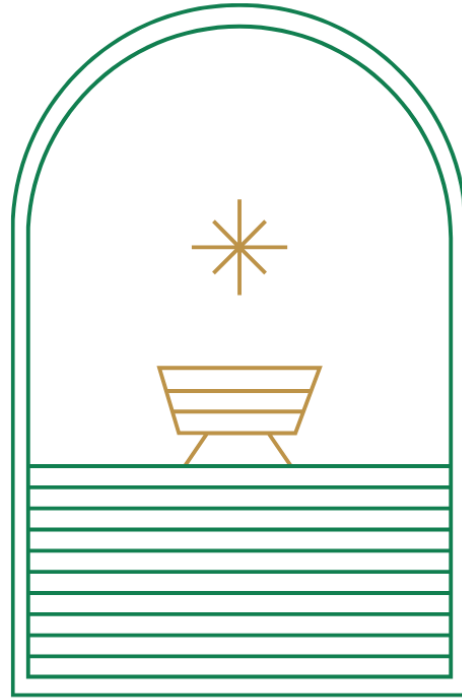


First Presbyterian Church

POOLER, GEORGIA



*“My eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a
light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your
people Israel.”*

Luke 2:30-32

December 22, 2024

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

December 22, 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

Micah 5:2, 3-4

Leader: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

People: And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

All: And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

Response of Praise in Song

O Come All Ye Faithful

Trinity Hymnal #208

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

O Holy Night

We Three Kings

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Reception of New Members

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful God; we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beseech you, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and in your mercy to direct what we shall be; so that we may henceforth walk in the way of your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⌘ Advent Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastoral Prayer

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

*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

Noel

Sung By Lyndsay Raffield

⌘ 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
IV. Simeon's Song: The "Nunc Dimittis"
Luke 2:22-33

⌘ Closing Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Trinity Hymnal #224

⌘ Benediction

1 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Kelly Larson
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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Announcements

This Week

Merry Christmas



Events

6th-12th Grade Guys Event | Rescheduled to January 4th at Hoppers Paintball - 1579 Grove Point Rd., Savannah.

Area Churches' Christmas Eve Services | As we will not be having a Christmas Eve service, please feel free to join with one of our sister churches:

5pm at Grace • 6901 Concord Rd, Savannah

5pm at the Kirk • 3212 Bee Rd, Savannah

5:30 pm at Independent • 207 Bull St, Savannah

Starting Back in January

Sunday School is on break from Dec. 22, Dec. 29, & Jan. 5.

LIFE Groups will resume Jan. 12.

Men's Study | The men's study will resume on **January 10th at 8 am**, at church or via Zoom. Email Bill if you would like the Zoom link.

Women's Study | **Wed. evenings from 6:30-8, beginning January 15th**, the women will be studying the book of James, using the book *Steadfast* by Courtney Doctor. Books are available in the Women's Classroom.

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

IV. Simeon's Song: The "Nunc Dimittis"^[1]

Luke 2:21-33

I. The Law Points Us to Jesus (vv. 21-24)

- Christ _____ the Law
- Christ _____ the Law
- Christ _____ the Law

II. The Prophets Point Us to Jesus (vv. 25-32)

- They promise that Christ _____
- They describe what Christ _____
- They proclaim that Christ _____

III. Jesus Points Us to Himself

- As the _____ of the Law and Prophets (Mt 5:17; Lk 24:44-46)
- As the _____ of the world (vv. 21; cf. Lk 24:47)

^[1] "Nunc Dimittis" is the Latin translation of the opening words of Simeon's song: "Now you [Lord] let depart"