

*First Presbyterian Church*  
POOLER, GEORGIA



*A Service of Praise and Worship of  
Almighty God on the Lord's Day*

*January 19, 2025*

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January 19, 2025 ☞ 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**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.  
For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

### **Psalm 108:3-4**

*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**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Trinity Hymnal #53

### **☞ 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**

**Abide With Me**

Trinity Hymnal #402

**Jesus, I Come**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Dear Heavenly Father, we bow our heads before you and we confess that we've too often forgotten that we're yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God and we fall short of being credible witnesses to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds, open hearts, and obedient steps, that we might shine with your light in the darkness of our world. Remind us to be who you'd have us to be each day of the coming week, regardless of what we're doing or who we're with. Lord Jesus, hold us in the palm of your hand and strengthen our relationship with you and with those you've given us on earth; in your worthy name we pray; Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

## ☞ Responsive Scripture Reading

From Psalms 89 & 107

Leader: *O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.*

**People: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.**

Leader: *For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;*

**People: they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

Leader: *He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.*

**All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

## Pastoral Prayer

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## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;  
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.  
Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,  
and one who waters will himself be watered.

## Proverbs 11:24-25

*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

**All Sufficient Merit**  
(Instrumental)

## ☞ 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**

**THE UNCONVENTIONAL KINGDOM: STUDIES IN MARK'S GOSPEL**  
**XVIII. "When the Storm Rocks Your Boat" (part 1)**  
Mark 4:35-41

## ☞ Closing Hymn

**In Christ Alone**

## ☞ Benediction

**Psalms 121:7-8**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Kelly Larson**

**Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason**

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# Announcements

## This Week

### Events

**Touch-a-Truck** | Touch a Truck is returning this year, on Sat. Feb. 22nd, and there are several ways to get involved.

<b>Today</b>	<b>11:45</b>	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversations	Fellowship Hall
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Church Office is Closed - Federal Holiday</b>		
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Women's Game Night & Meal	Fellowship Hall
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Front Porch Society	Clay Harden's Home 156 Carrie Rd, Bloomingdale
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Men's Study	Conference Room or Zoom



**1) Pray for the event!** Pray it brings God glory, and it raises the funds needed to help Buddies and Blessings to meet their goal as they grow this wonderful ministry.

**2) Volunteer the day of the event.**

To volunteer, scan the QR code [HERE](#):



**3) Attend the event!**

Purchase tickets for your family, or gift tickets to your friends.



Admission is \$5 per person

\$20 for a family pass (up to 6 members of the same household).

Children 18 months and under are free.

**An Evening at the Symphony** | Our monthly church-wide prayer meeting is this evening at 5:30. We will meet for a time of worship and prayer followed by a fellowship meal. Childcare is provided.

**Women's Game Night** | **Wed. Jan 22nd, at 6:00 pm.** FPCP ladies of all ages are invited to the first game night of 2025. Dinner and childcare are provided.

**Front Porch Society** | Men's literary discussion group meets this Thursday morning at 6:30 at Clay Harden's home (156 Carrie Rd., Bloomingdale).

**Men's Study** | The men's study meets **this Friday, January 17th at 8 am**, at church or via Zoom. Email Bill - [bill@firstprespooler.com](mailto:bill@firstprespooler.com), if you would like the Zoom link.

## *Sermon Notes*

### THE UNCONVENTIONAL KINGDOM: STUDIES IN MARK'S GOSPEL

#### XVIII. "When the Storm Rocks Your Boat – Part 1"

Mark 4:35-41

*"Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves."*

-John Calvin

*"Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth."*

- Mike Tyson

#### **God Sends Storms to Teach Us about Ourselves**

1. To expose our illusions of self-\_\_\_\_\_

*Don't waste your storm! Use it as an opportunity to develop an awareness of your \_\_\_\_\_ on  
Christ*

2. To expose our faulty \_\_\_\_\_ about the Christian life

- That we'll always understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
- That Jesus "owes" us a \_\_\_\_\_ life

*Don't waste your storm! Use it as an opportunity to learn what \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is "supposed"  
to look like*

3. To expose our faith's need of \_\_\_\_\_

- In the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
- In the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

*Don't waste your storm! Use it as an opportunity to  
\_\_\_\_\_ what you believe*