

First Presbyterian Church
POOLER, GEORGIA



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

January 26, 2025

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January 26, 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

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?
O LORD God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O LORD,
with your faithfulness all around you?
You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.

Psalm 89:5-9

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.

☞ Response of Praise in Song

Before the Throne of God Above

☞ 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

Blessed Assurance

Trinity Hymnal #693

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642

Presentation of New Members

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Minister: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Minister: *Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities.*

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

All: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

⌘ Responsive Scripture Reading

Westminster Confession of Faith
VIII:1-2 "Of Christ the Mediator"

1. It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

2. The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

Pastoral Prayer

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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

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

⌘ 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 2)
Mark 4:35-41

⌘ Closing Hymn

Be Unto Your Name

⌘ Benediction

Romans 15:33

May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Kelly Marshall Davis III

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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Announcements

This Week

Today	11:45	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversations	Fellowship Hall
	Evening	LIFE Groups	In homes
Wed.	6:30 pm	Women's Study	Women's Classroom
		Youth Group - Study & Dinner	Fellowship Hall/Youth Room
Fri.	8:00 am	Men's Study	Conference Room or Zoom



Events

State of the Church Lunch | Next Sunday, February 2nd, immediately following worship we will have our annual State of the Church meal. Please make plans to attend this important event in the life of our church, as we will recap 2024 as well as look ahead to what's planned for this year.

Touch-a-Truck | Touch a Truck is returning this year, on **Saturday, February 22nd from 9 am - noon**, and there are several ways to get involved. Check out the insert to volunteer or get tickets.

Women's Service Opportunity | In addition to volunteering on the day of Touch a Truck, the women have an opportunity to help Jennifer Mullis and her staff out by doing prep work on **February 13th** starting at **11 am**. They need help stuffing volunteer packets and a few other tasks. Childcare is provided.

Women's Game Night | **Rescheduled to Feb 5th at 6 pm**. FPCP ladies of all ages are invited to the first game night of 2025. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Men's Study | The men's study meets **this Friday, January 31st at 8 am**, at church or via Zoom. Email Bill - bill@firstprespooler.com, if you would like the Zoom link.

Men's Pancake Breakfast | On **March 8th from 8:30-11 am**, the men will have a pancake breakfast at the church. Please let Jeff Christopher (jefferyc353@gmail.com) know if you have any questions, or if you plan to come.

Sermon Notes

THE UNCONVENTIONAL KINGDOM: STUDIES IN MARK'S GOSPEL

XIX. "When the Storm Rocks Your Boat – Part 2"

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

"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Jesus (Jn 17:3)

God Sends Storms to Teach Us about His Son

1. Storms Show Us the Person of Christ

- The Majesty of Jesus' _____ Nature (v. 39)
- The Reality of Jesus' _____ Nature (v. 38)

2. Storms Show Us the Heart of Christ

- A Heart to _____ You (v. 36)
- A Heart to _____ You (vv. 40-41)
- A Heart to _____ You (v. 39)
 - From your _____
 - From your _____
 - From your _____

Life Group Discussion Guide:
"When the Storm Rocks Your Boat – Part 2"
January 12, 2025

READ: Mark 4:35-41

DISCUSS:

1. What do storms teach us about the Person of Christ?
2. Where do we see evidence of Jesus' human nature in this text? His divine nature?
3. Are you encountering any "storms" in your life at the moment? What are they, and what might God be teaching you through them?
4. Has a "storm" ever dramatically altered your relationship with God? Consider sharing this with the group.
5. According to the sermon, what do storms show us about the heart of Christ? Which "display" is the most meaningful to you?

PRAY:

1. For the Lord's continued blessings on our church in 2025 – on her leaders, members, and ministries.
2. Praise and thanksgiving for the visitors and new members Christ has been bringing our way.
3. For strength and healing for Adeline Hayes and others who are struggling with illnesses and pain of various kinds
4. For growing love and unity within the FPCP family.
5. Share needs and praises within your group.