

Announcements

Notes:

Prayer Meeting & Supper | This month's prayer meeting has been rescheduled to tonight, **June 28th at 5:30pm** and will include an update on General Assembly. Childcare is provided during the prayer meeting. Dinner will be loaded mac & cheese (or salad).

Officer Training | Meets this Wednesday evening at 7.

Youth Summer Book Club | Does not meet this week because of July 4th. Will resume on July 10th at 9am at Tom Triplett Park. Rain location is at the church.

Women's Book Club | Does not meet this week because of July 4th. Resumes on July 11th at 4pm at Grounds of Grace Coffee (447 Pooler Pkwy), to discuss chapters 20-42 of *Theo of Golden*.

Enquirer's Lunch | If you are new to the church and interesting in learning about church membership, or just would like to learn more about our church, there will be an Enquirer's Lunch on **July 19th**, following worship. If you plan to attend, please let Crystal know (Crystal@FirstPresPooler.com).

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

JUNE 28, 2026

Preparation for Worship

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

Call to Worship

PSALM 96:1-6 RESPONSIVE
(congregation reads bold type)

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!*

**Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

*For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.*

**Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Response of Praise:

PSALM I

Hymn of the Month for June

How blest the man who does not walk
where wicked men would guide his feet,
who stands not in the sinners' ways
nor sits upon the scorners' seat.

The law of God is his delight,
his meditation day and night.

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For he is like a growing tree,
which, planted by a flowing stream,
in season yields its finest fruit;
its leaves are always fresh and green.

In all he does he finds success;
prosperity will he possess.

In all he does he finds success;
prosperity will he possess.

Not so the wicked! Like the chaff,
the wind will blow them all away.
The judgment they will not withstand,
nor sinners with the righteous stay.
God knows the way of righteous ones;
the wicked way will be undone.
God knows the way of righteous ones;
the wicked way will be undone.

ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT

All Sufficient merit, shining like the sun,
a fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross,
where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

**Refrain: It is done, it is finished,
no more debt I owe,
paid in full, all sufficient
merit now my own.**

In love, he condescended, eternal now in time;
a life without a blemish, the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won;
until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

I lay down my garments, any empty boast,
good works now all corrupted, by the sinful host.
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white.
No more fear of judgement, his righteousness is mine.

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death;
the joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
And when I stand accepted before the throne of God,
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank him for the cross.

Prayer of Invocation & The 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.

Confession of Faith

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM QUESTIONS 65-68

Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all his benefits, where does this faith come from?

From the Holy Spirit, who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.

What are the sacraments?

The sacraments are holy, visible signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by their use he might the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel. And this is the promise: that God graciously grants us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life because of the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross.

Are both the Word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

Yes, indeed. The Holy Spirit teaches us in the gospel and assures us by the sacraments that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.

How many sacraments has Christ instituted in the new covenant?

Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Ministry Focus:
MEXICO MISSION TRIP PREVIEW

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly and righteous life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

I 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.

Tithes and Offerings

MATTHEW 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Offertory:

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, he the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hellbound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord; he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope:
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading:

EPHESIANS 4:17-32

(p. 977 of Pew Bible)

[17] Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. [18] They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. [19] They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. [20] But that is not the way you learned Christ!—[21] assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, [22] to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, [23] and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, [24] and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

[25] Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. [26] Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, [27] and give no opportunity to the devil. [28] Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. [29] Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. [30] And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31] Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. [32] Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (ESV)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks Be to God!*

Hymn of Preparation

SPEAK, O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail:
let your truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Preaching of God's Word

PSALM 4

(Page 448 of the pew Bible)

- [1] Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- [2] O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah
- [3] But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- [4] Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah
- [5] Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.
- [6] There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"
- [7] You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- [8] In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Closing Hymn

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks,
and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the Judge shall come
to gather all his saints
to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Benediction

Sermon Notes

PSALM 4

THE GOD OF JOY AND PEACE

The Big Idea: Our gracious God alone gives joy and peace amidst slander, anger and despair.

I. Begin with God, not I/me/my (v. 1).

II. Heed the warnings and receive godly counsel (vv. 2-6).

a. Beware sin! (Vv. 2-3).

b. True anger management (vv. 4-5).

c. Deal with despair appropriately (v. 6).

III. Receive God's good gifts (vv. 7-8).