

Announcements

Notes:

Town Hall Lunch | All are invited to share in our monthly fellowship meal, which will be served family style immediately following worship. There will also be important church ministry updates shared during lunch. There is a gluten and dairy free option in the kitchen for any who need it. If you have other dietary needs or questions about the meal, please see Maggie Banks.

Officer Training | Meets this Wednesday evening at 7.

Front Porch Society | Men's literature discussion group, meets this **Thursday morning at 6:30am** at Grounds of Grace Coffee, 447 Pooler Pkwy (in Publix parking lot, right next to the Pooler Day Spa - on the left as you face Publix).

Hymn of the Month:

The Hymn of the Month for August is "The Hope of the Poor" by Wendell Kimbrough. It is an arrangement of Psalm 9, from his album *Psalms We Sing Together*. He says this in the hymn stories section of the *Sing Hymnal*: "Psalm 9 is a song of hope. It looks to the future and sings praise to God for a deliverance that, while tasted partially in the present, is ultimately yet to come. With an eye on the unchanging character of God, the psalmist invites us to trust that God will finally set the world right, bringing justice and salvation to those who are currently oppressed."

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

AUGUST 2, 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 100 - RESPONSIVE

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

**Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

**For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Response of Praise:

COME CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing, alleluia, amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King, alleluia, amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice, alleluia, amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, alleluia, amen!
Let praises fill the sky, alleluia, amen!
He who made all things well formed us his praise to tell;
hear now the anthem swell, alleluia, amen!

Sing this salvation song, alleluia, amen!
Christ on the cross has won, alleluia, amen!
Praise we the risen Lord; come, run through mercy's door;
loved, rescued, and restored, alleluia, amen!

Lift high the Savior's name, alleluia, amen!
Till all the earth proclaims, alleluia, amen!
Let now the gospel ring, Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring, alleluia, amen!

THE HOPE OF THE POOR (PSALM 9)

Hymn of the Month

The Lord is a home for all the oppressed
in times of trouble and need.
To all who will come and trust in his name
their refuge and strength he will be.

**REFRAIN: The needy will not be forsaken,
and the hope of the poor will not die,
for God who is mighty in judgment
does not forget their cry.
The Lord has heard our cry,
the Lord has heard our cry.
The Lord has not forsaken us,
the Lord has heard our cry.**

Arise, O my Lord, and answer my call,
my heart cries out to be heard.
I've no other hope than your gracious love;
I trust and cling to your word. [REFRAIN]

So sing out to God who sits on the throne,
proclaim his marvelous ways.
Our rescue has come!
For all he has done we offer our lives in praise. **[REFRAIN]**

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 80-82

What difference is there between the Lord's supper and the papal mass?

The Lord's supper testifies to us,

first, that we have complete forgiveness of all our sins through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself accomplished on the cross once for all;

and, second, that through the Holy Spirit we are grafted into Christ, who with his true body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, and this is where he wants to be worshipped.

But the mass teaches,

first, that the living and the dead do not have forgiveness of sins through the suffering of Christ unless he is still offered for them daily by the priests;

and, second, that Christ is bodily present in the form of bread and wine, and there is to be worshipped.

Therefore the mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ, and an accursed idolatry.

Who are to come to the table of the Lord?

Those who are truly displeased with themselves because of their sins and yet trust that these are forgiven them and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and amend their life.

But hypocrites and those who do not repent eat and drink judgment upon themselves.

Are those also to be admitted to the Lord's supper who by their confession and life show that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

No, for then the covenant of God would be profaned and his wrath kindled against the whole congregation.

Therefore, according to the command of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such persons by the keys of the kingdom of heaven, until they amend their lives.

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to you; we humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure and fervent heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with our God.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit in us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your free Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

I JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Tithes and Offerings

PROVERBS 11:24-25

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.

Offertory:
BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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:

HEBREWS 2:5-9

(p. 1001 of Pew Bible)

[5] For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. [6] It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?
[7] You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
[8] putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. [9] But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Hymn of Preparation

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; oh help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Preaching of God's Word

PSALM 8

(Page 450 of the pew Bible)

- [1] O LORD, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- [2] Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
 to still the enemy and the avenger.
- [3] When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
[4] what is man that you are mindful of him,
 and the son of man that you care for him?
- [5] Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
 and crowned him with glory and honor.
- [6] You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under his feet,
[7] all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
[8] the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- [9] O LORD, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

**REFRAIN: We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.**

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
upheld, protected, gathered up.

[REFRAIN]

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning oh how long?
Oh, God of Jacob be my strength.

[REFRAIN]

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

[REFRAIN]

Benediction

Sermon Notes

Psalm 8

The Big Idea: Praise the God who rightly prioritizes the truth about Himself, humanity, and the Son of Man.

I. **Praise the majestic name of God!** (Vv. 1, 2, 9).

II. **Who am I?** (Vv. 3-8).

III. **Praise the Son of Man** (vv. 2, 4-6).