

Announcements

Notes:

Front Porch Society | Men's literature discussion group meets this Thursday morning at 6:30a at Grounds of Grace Coffee (447 Pooler Pkwy).

Youth Communicants Class | If you have students in rising 6th-12th Grade who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the church, there will be a communicants class for them on **June 12-13**. This class will meet **from 5:30 until 8:30pm Friday** and **from 9:00am Saturday until 3:00pm**. Dinner, breakfast, and lunch will be served.

Women's Book Club | This summer, the women are hosting a community book club, reading *Theo of Golden*, a novel by Allen Levi. Book Club will meet on Saturday afternoons (6/20, 6/27, 7/11, & 7/18) at 4pm at Grounds of Grace Coffee. Books are available in the Women's Classroom for \$15. See Maggie Banks with questions.

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

JULY 5, 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 96:7-13 RESPONSIVE
(congregation reads bold type)

*Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!*

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!*

**Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!**

*Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."*

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!**

*Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.*

**He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

Response of Praise:

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Hymn of the Month for July

Let us love, and sing, and wonder;
let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder;
he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with his blood;
he has brought us night to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace and taught us,
gave us ears and gave us eyes;
he has washed us with his blood;
he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
holds in view the conqu'ror's crown;
he who washed us with his blood
soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
join, and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is,
justice smiles and asks no more;
he who washed us with his blood
has secured out way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us;
now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with thy blood;
thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

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 69-71

How does holy baptism signify and seal to you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross benefits you?

In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and Spirit wash away the impurity of my soul, that is, all my sins.

What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

To be washed with Christ's blood means to receive forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, because of Christ's blood, poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with his Spirit means to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and lead a holy and blameless life.

Where has Christ promised that he will wash us with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

In the institution of baptism, where he says:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mk 16:16).

This promise is repeated where Scripture calls baptism the washing of rebirth and the washing away of sins (Titus 3:5; Acts 22:16).

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:

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love.

O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

PSALM 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Tithes and Offerings

PROVERBS 3:9-10

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.

Offertory:
BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the Throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands;
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me;
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God;
with Christ my Savior and my God!

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:

ROMANS 3:10-26

(p. 941 of Pew Bible)

[10] as it is written:

"None is righteous, no, not one;

[11] no one understands;
no one seeks for God.

[12] All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one."

[13] "Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of asps is under their lips."

[14] "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

[15] "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

[16] in their paths are ruin and misery,

[17] and the way of peace they have not known."

[18] "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

[19] Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20] For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

[21] But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—[22] the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. [26] It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks Be to God!*

Hymn of Preparation

COME, YE SINNERS

Come, yes sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and pow'r.

**REFRAIN: I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
oh there are ten thousand charms.**

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh. **[REFRAIN]**

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. **[REFRAIN]**

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. **[REFRAIN]**

Preaching of God's Word

PSALM 5

(Page 448 of the pew Bible)

- [1] Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.
- [2] Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.
- [3] O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
- [4] For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.
- [5] The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
- [6] You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- [7] But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.
- [8] Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.
- [9] For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;
their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.
- [10] Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.
- [11] But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.
- [12] For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
you cover him with favor as with a shield.

Celebration of the LORD's Supper

Closing Hymn

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss—
the Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart—
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Benediction