

First Presbyterian Church
POOLER, GEORGIA



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

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*Seeking to glorify God by holding out the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
to our community, our country, and our world to impact others to do the same.*

Order of Worship

If you are able, please silence and put away your cell phones.
(~~⌘~~ Please stand, if able)

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 97:1-3

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.

⌘ HYMNS OF PRAISE

The Hope of the Poor (Psalm 9)

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.

**Chorus: 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.**

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.

**Bridge: The Lord has heard our cry,
the Lord has heard our cry.
The Lord has not forsaken us,
the Lord has heard our cry.**

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.

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

**Chorus: Come and behold him,
the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.**

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a holy God.

⌘ 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.

⌘ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 83-85

What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven?

The preaching of the holy gospel and church discipline. By these two the kingdom of heaven is opened to believers and closed to unbelievers.

How is the kingdom of heaven opened and closed by the preaching of the gospel?

According to the command of Christ, the kingdom of heaven is opened when it is proclaimed and publicly testified to each and every believer that God has really forgiven all their sins for the sake of Christ's merits, as often as they by true faith accept the promise of the gospel.

The kingdom of heaven is closed when it is proclaimed and testified to all unbelievers and hypocrites that the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them as long as they do not repent. According to this testimony of the gospel, God will judge both in this life and in the life to come.

How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by church discipline?

According to the command of Christ, people who call themselves Christians but show themselves to be un-christian in doctrine or life are first repeatedly admonished in a brotherly manner.

If they do not give up their errors or wickedness, they are reported to the church, that is, to the elders. If they do not heed also their admonitions, they are forbidden the use of the sacraments, and they are excluded by the elders from the Christian congregation, and by God himself from the kingdom of Christ. They are again received as members of Christ and of the church when they promise and show real amendment.

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
Micah 7:9

I will bear the indignation of the LORD
because I have sinned against him,
until he pleads my cause
and executes judgment for me.
He will bring me out to the light;
I shall look upon his vindication.

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
1 Timothy 6:17-19

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.

OFFERTORY

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

**This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
we stand forgiven at the cross!**

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two; dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through your suff'ring I am free!
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love, what a cost—
we stand forgiven at the cross!

☞ 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

Acts 17:22-33

p. 926 in the pew Bible

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

⌘ THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,—
and I long to worship Thee.

**You alone are my strength my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.**

You're my friend and You are my brother
even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 9

p. 451 in the pew Bible

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon
with softer gleam, O, praise him, O, praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O rushing wind that art so strong,
you clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O, praise him, Alleluia!
O rising morn in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice:
O, praise him, O, praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright
providing us with warmth and light,
O, praise him, O, praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all you who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
Sing praises, Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and on him cast your care,
O, praise him, O, praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
oh, praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O, praise him, O, praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

⌘ BENEDICTION

**Assisting in Worship this Week: RE Stephen Mullis
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Kyle McClellan**

Announcements

No Midweek events this week. Please see all our fall ministry opportunities starting soon!

Prayer Meeting & Sunday Supper | Please note that this month's prayer meeting has been rescheduled to August 23rd (at 5:30p). Childcare is provided.

Child Safety Training | If you are interested in serving with our children or youth, and have not completed the mandatory Child Safety Course, this quarter's training will be held on August 23rd at 4pm. Please RSVP to Annie (Children@FirstPresPooler.com)

LIFE Groups | Please let us know if you'd like to participate in LIFE Groups by letting Crystal know by next Sunday, August 16th (Crystal@FirstPresPooler.com). Please let us know even if you have been in a group in the past.

Sunday School | Sunday School resumes for all ages on September 6th at 9:30am.

Youth Group | Will resume for students in 6th - 12th grade, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, beginning on September 2nd. Dinner is provided.

Women's Study | Begins in September. Details will be published next week.

Fall Festival | Save the Date for our annual Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off on October 4th. It's a lot of fun for the whole family! There will be plenty of food, games, and other activities. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors.

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."

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