

First Presbyterian Church POOLER, GEORGIA



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

September 13, 2026

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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 96:7-9

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!

⌘ HYMNS OF PRAISE

There is a Fountain

Trinity Hymnal #253

There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

lose all their guilty stains: (repeat 3x)
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,

and shall be till I die: (repeat 3x)
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God

be saved, to sin no more: (repeat 3x)
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

⌘ HYMNS OF PRAISE

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
his holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er he does,
and follow where he guideth.
He is my God,
though dark my road;
he holds me that I shall not fall;
and so to him I leave it all,
and so to him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
he never will deceive me;
he leads me by the proper path,
I know he will not leave me.
I take, content,
what he has sent;
his hand can turn my griefs away;
and patiently I wait his day;
and patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
though now this cup in drinking
may bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true,
each morn anew
sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
and pain and sorrow shall depart,
and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
here shall my stand be taken;
though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care
is round me there;
he holds me that I shall not fall;
and so to him I leave it all,
and so to him I leave it all.

⌘ 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 99-100

What is required in the third commandment?

We are not to blaspheme or to abuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor to share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.

Rather, we must use the holy name of God only with fear and reverence, so that we may rightly confess him, call upon him, and praise him in all our words and works.

Is the blaspheming of God's name by swearing and cursing such a grievous sin that God is angry also with those who do not prevent and forbid it as much as they can?

Certainly, for no sin is greater or provokes God's wrath more than the blaspheming of his name. That is why he commanded it to be punished with death.

⌘ 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
Psalm 118:5-6

Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

OFFERTORY

Have Thine Own Way Lord

Trinity Hymnal #688

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

⌘ 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

1 Corinthians 10:1-14

p. 957 in the pew Bible

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: Thanks be to God!

⌘ THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
let us thine influence prove,
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost, for, moved by thee,
thy prophets wrote and spoke:
unlock the truth, thyself the key,
unseal the sacred book.

God, through himself, we then shall know,
if thou within us shine;
and sound, with all thy saints below,
the depths of love divine.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 44:6-22: "The Nature of Idolatry"

p. 604 in the pew Bible

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far
than tongue or pen can ever tell;
it goes beyond the highest star
and reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave his Son to win.
His erring child he reconciled,
and pardoned from his sin.

Chorus:

**Oh, love of God, how rich and pure,
how measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure,
the saints' and angels' song!**

When years of time shall pass away,
and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
when men who here refuse to pray,
on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure,
all measureless and strong.
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
the saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made;
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
and ev'ry man a scribe by trade,
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry,
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky.

⌘ BENEDICTION

**Assisting in Worship this Week: RE Kelly Larson
Preaching: Rev. Evan Gear**

Sermon Notes
September 13, 2026
Isaiah 44:6-22
"The Nature of Idolatry"

1. It is Communal

2. It is Public

3. It takes place in the Light

Announcements

LIFE Groups | LIFE Groups **resume today** and meet on 2nd & 4th Sundays in various homes (times/locations listed below). If you haven't already, you can see Crystal Twibell after worship or email her at (Crystal@FirstPresPooler.com) and she will help you connect with a group.

Youth Group | Meets this **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm** for students in 6th–12th grade. Dinner is provided. Please let Maggie Banks (admin@firstprespooler.com) know if your student has any dietary concerns.

Women's Study | Meets **Monday from 1:00-1:50pm** or **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm**. We will be discussing Hebrews 3 & 4 this week, using a study guide by Lydia Brownback (lessons 3-4). Study guides are available in the Women's Classroom.

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

5:11 Group | Meets this **Thursday at 12:00pm** at the Grovensteins' home. This group is for women over 55, and their theme is from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Cox (coxch@att.net)

Hymn Singing Class and Children's Music Hour | We have some new classes happening monthly and both kick off on **Sunday, Sept 20 at 4:30pm** (prior to prayer meeting). The hymn singing class is for youth and adults (6th grade and up). The children's music hour is for K-5th grade.

Fall Festival | **October 4th from 4-7pm**. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. Sign-ups for various ways to serve, as well as for the Chili Cook-Off, will be coming via email as the event gets closer, so be on the lookout for that. If we don't have your email, you can let Maggie Banks know (admin@firstprespooler.com)

Week at a Glance

Sun	Afternoon/ Evening	LIFE Groups	Campbell - 12:30pm in Sav. Quarters Lyerly - 12:45pm in Rincon Grovenstein - 5:00pm in "Old Pooler" (Hwy 80) Harden - 5:00pm in "Old Pooler" (Hwy 80) Christopher - 5:30pm in South Effingham Purtell - 5:00pm in Southbridge
Mon	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
Wed	6:00pm	Youth Group	Youth Room/Fellowship Hall
		Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
Thurs	6:30am	Front Porch Society	Grounds of Grace Coffee (447 Pooler Pkwy)
	12:00pm	5:11 Group	Grovenstein's home

Hymn of the Month:

"Whate'er My God Ordains is Right"

About this Hymn: Charles Spurgeon once preached, "The moment we are reconciled to God, we consent that Jehovah should do as he wills. What better rule could be than the absolute empire of love? . . . Let love reign without limit; let love be sovereign; let love bear the keys of government upon her shoulder, and let her name be called the mighty God. . . . When the heart is reconciled to God, we can say, 'Amen, so let it be, what God ordains must be right.'" The words in this arrangement are by Samuel Rodigast, 1675; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, and the music is by Keith Getty and Matt Merker.

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