

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 98:1-3

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

⌘ HYMNS OF PRAISE

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name

Trinity Hymnal #296

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
and crown him Lord of all;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
and crown him Lord of all.

⌘ HYMNS OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

Trinity Hymnal #44

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

⌘ 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 101-102

But may we swear an oath by the name of God in a godly manner?

Yes, when the government demands it of its subjects, or when necessity requires it, in order to maintain and promote fidelity and truth, to God's glory and for our neighbor's good.

Such oath-taking is based on God's Word and was therefore rightly used by saints in the Old and the New Testament.

May we also swear by saints or other creatures?

No. A lawful oath is a calling upon God, who alone knows the heart, to bear witness to the truth, and to punish me if I swear falsely. No creature is worthy of such honor.

⌘ 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

Almighty God, you who are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins, and asking your mercy and forgiveness. We've broken your holy laws by our words and deeds, and by the sinful affections of our hearts.

We admit before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward our fellow men.

Father, have mercy on us, and in your great goodness grant that from now on we may serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE
Romans 8:1-2, 38-39

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:6b-15

p. 606 in the pew Bible

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

⌘ THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing;
I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armor for this battle,
strong enough to last the war.
And he has said he will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul,
for his love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

And mine are keys to Zion's city
where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure:
Christ is mine forevermore.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

1 Corinthians 8:1-3: "True Knowing"
p. 956 in the pew Bible

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

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.

⌘ BENEDICTION

Assisting in Worship this Week: RE Stephen Mullis
Preaching: Rev. Evan Gear

Sermon Notes
September 20, 2026
1 Corinthians 8:1-3
"True Knowing"

1. What we all know

2. How we should know it

3. The way we practice it

Announcements

Hymn Singing Class and Children's Music Hour | We have some new classes happening monthly and both kick off **this afternoon 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 Pre-K-5th grade.

Church-Wide Prayer Meeting & Sunday Supper | All are encouraged to come to our monthly prayer meeting & fellowship meal this evening at 5:30pm. Childcare is provided for the prayer meeting. Dinner will be cottage pie or chicken pot pie. See Maggie Banks with any dietary questions or needs.

Fall Festival | October 4th from 4-7pm. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. There will be all kinds of fun activities/opportunities to fellowship & serve in addition to our annual chili-cook off, we will have a bunch of activities for kids (of all ages) including face painting, a cake walk, cotton candy, pumpkin decorating, and other games. This year we also have a petting zoo! If you did not get an email with all of the ways to be involved, please let Maggie Banks know (admin@firstprespooler.com). Thanks!

Week at a Glance

Sun	4:30pm	Hymn Singing Class	Sanctuary
		6th Grade - Adult	
		Children's Music Hour	Youth Room
		Children PreK-5th Grade	
		There are no midweek events this week	

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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