

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 98:4-6

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

⌄ 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.

⌄ HYMNS OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done.**

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

⌘ 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 Question 103

What does God require in the fourth commandment?

First, that the ministry of the gospel and the schools be maintained and that, especially on the day of rest, I diligently attend the church of God to hear God's Word, to use the sacraments, to call publicly upon the LORD, and to give Christian offerings for the poor.

Second, that all the days of my life I rest from my evil works, let the LORD work in me through his Holy Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

⌘ 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 8:1-4

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 God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Psalm 112:5-6

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

OFFERTORY

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship his holy name;
sing like never before, O my soul—
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship his holy name;
sing like never before, O my soul—
I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger;
your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing:
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship his holy name;
sing like never before, O my soul—
I'll worship your holy name.

⌘ 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 11:32-40
p. 1008 in the pew Bible

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: Thanks be to God!

⌘ THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Sovereign Ruler of the Skies

Sov'reign Ruler of the skies,
ever gracious, ever wise;
all my times are in your hand,
all events at your command.

His decree who formed the earth,
fixed my first and second birth;
now my life to him I owe.
Where he leads me I will go.

Chorus: **Ever faithful, ever true,
keep my heart to only you.
Since I cannot part from thee,
Sov'reign Ruler ever be.**

Plagues and deaths around me fly;
till he bids, I cannot die.
Not a single shaft can hit
till the God of love thinks fit.

Times the tempter's pow'r to prove,
times to taste a Savior's love:
all must come, and last and end,
as shall please my heav'nly Friend.

Chorus

He that formed me in the womb,
he shall guide me to the tomb.
All my times shall ever be
ordered by his wise decree.

Thee, at all times, will I bless;
having thee, I all possess.
Since I cannot part from thee,
Sov'reign Ruler ever be.

Chorus

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon Series: Daniel: God's Kingdom Rises
Daniel 3: "God Delivers His People"
p. 739 in the pew Bible

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began,
and ye who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of Man.
Who ev'ry grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown him, the King to whom is giv'n
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall;
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

⌘ BENEDICTION

Assisting in Worship this Week: RE Clay Harden
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Kyle McClellan

Sermon Notes
September 27, 2026
Daniel 3: "God Delivers His People"

The Big Idea: God is both willing and able to deliver His people.

I. Clear the table.

- a. Willing and able does not mean God is obligated.
- b. Conflict and coerced conformity are a given (Genesis 3:15; Romans 12:1-2).
- c. Know where to draw the line (cf.: Exodus 20:1-6), and know where to be charitable.

II. Kings are gonna King (vv. 1-7).

III. When God is BIG, and Kings are people (vv. 8-18).

- a. Obedience.
- b. Confidence.
- c. Submission.

IV. In – not from (vv. 19-25).

V. Know the difference between conviction and conversion (vv. 26-30).

Life Group Questions:

1. Was there any part of the sermon that stood out to you? Was there a part of the sermon that was unclear?
2. Have you ever been frustrated by God's unwillingness to act on your behalf, or on the behalf of someone you love/care about? (If you feel comfortable giving details, please do so).
3. Do you find yourself surprised "at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you" (1 Peter 4:12)?
4. Please reflect this upcoming week on the ways in which God has indeed met you in the fire. Be mindful to give Him thanks for His faithfulness to you.

Announcements

Welcome New Members | Be sure to offer a warm welcome to our new members, if you have not done so:

Katie & Violet Campbell
Caden & Cohen Devescovi
Nick, Katie, Edwin, & William Kalbaugh
Caleb & Mckinley Smith

LIFE Groups | This afternoon and evening in homes around our area (see below for group times). If you are not in a LIFE Group, and would like to be, see Crystal after worship or you can email her at Crystal@FirstPresPooler.com. She can help you connect with a group.

Group leaders - don't forget to grab your discussion guides. And, if you need any paper products, those are available in the kitchen. See Maggie if you need help finding things.

Front Porch Society | Men's literature discussion group meets this Thursday, October 1 at 6:30am at Grounds of Grace Coffee (447 Pooler Pkwy).

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 and opportunities to fellowship and 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	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
Thurs	6:30am	Front Porch Society	Grounds of Grace Coffee (447 Pooler Pkwy)

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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