

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 117

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

⌘ HYMNS OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

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 96-98

What does God require in the second commandment?

We are not to make an image of God in any way, nor to worship him in any other manner than he has commanded in his Word.

May we then not make any image at all?

God cannot and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Creatures may be portrayed, but God forbids us to make or have any images of them in order to worship them or to serve God through them.

But may images not be tolerated in the churches as "books for the laity"?

No, for we should not be wiser than God. He wants his people to be taught not by means of dumb images but by the living preaching of his Word.

⌘ 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.

BAPTISMS

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

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

THE GIVING OF 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

Take My Life and Let It Be

Trinity Hymnal #585

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

⌘ 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

Genesis 17:1-14

p. 11 in the pew Bible

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

⌘ THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains:
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

**None above him, none before him;
all of time in his hands.
For his throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in his name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
he is here with me—I am not alone.
Oh, his love is sure, and he knows my name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Matthew 28:16-20

"A Presbyterian Primer on Baptism"

p. 835 in the pew Bible

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase;
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day;
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

**Stayed upon Jehovah,
hearts are fully blest;
finding, as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.**

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
we may trust him fully all for us to do;
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

⌘ BENEDICTION

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

Sermon Notes
Matthew 28:16-20
"A Presbyterian Primer on Baptism"

The Big Idea: Baptism is God's covenant sign and seal, pointing us to Christ, welcoming us into the visible church, and calling us into a life of faith.

I. **Baptism is Commanded by Jesus** (Matthew 28:19-20).

II. **Baptism is a Sign and Seal of the Covenant of Grace** (Romans 4:11-12).

III. **Baptism Points Us to Christ** (Galatians 3:27).

IV. **Baptism is a Sign, not the Thing Signified** (Acts 8:9-25).

V. **Baptism Marks Our Entry into the Visible Church** (Acts 2:39).

VI. **Baptism Calls for Repentance, Faith, and Discipleship** (Matthew 28:19-20).

Announcements

Town Hall Lunch | All are invited to our monthly fellowship meal, immediately following the service. Lunch this week is Spaghetti. There are gluten and dairy free options available in the kitchen. If you need other options, please see Maggie Banks (who will probably also be in the kitchen).

LIFE Groups | LIFE Groups **resume on September 13th** and meet on 2nd & 4th Sundays. **There are sign-up sheets for LIFE Groups in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up even if you have been in a group previously.** Groups are spread out geographically and meet at various times throughout the afternoon/evening. If you have questions or don't see a group that will work, you can contact Crystal Twibell (Crystal@FirstPresPooler.com).

Sunday School | Sunday School has resumed for all ages (9:30-10:15am). If you missed it this week, that's ok. It's a great opportunity for discipleship each week.

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 | Our annual Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off is on **October 4th from 4-7pm**. It's a lot of fun for the whole family! There will be plenty of food, games, and other activities (like a cake walk, petting zoo, yard games, and cotton candy, just to name a few). 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	11:45am	Town Hall Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Mon	Labor Day	Church Office Is Closed	

September's 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. Scan QR code at right to hear it on Spotify.

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