

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

Psalms 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!

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

⌘ 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 105-107

What does God require in the sixth commandment?

I am not to dishonor, hate, injure, or kill my neighbor by thoughts, words, or gestures, and much less by deeds, whether personally or through another; rather, I am to put away all desire of revenge. Moreover, I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself. Therefore, also, the government bears the sword to prevent murder.

But does this commandment speak only of killing?

By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder, such as envy, hatred, anger, and desire of revenge, and that he regards all these as murder.

Is it enough, then, that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?

No. When God condemns envy, hatred, and anger, he commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to show patience, peace, gentleness, mercy, and friendliness toward him, to protect him from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

⌘ 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
1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Malachi 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

OFFERTORY

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth
will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.**

Through death into life everlasting
he passed, and we follow him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion-
for more than conqu'rors we are!

His Word shall not fail you- he promised;
believe him, and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell!

⌘ 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 Peter 1:3-12

p. 1014 in the pew Bible

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

⌘ THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

God Is Our Strength and Refuge

God is our Strength and Refuge,
a Helper ever near.
While resting in his shelter,
no evil will we fear—
not if the mountains crumble
into the angry sea,
nor if the surging ocean
exceeds its boundary.

A quiet stream refreshes
the city of our God;
his throne stands unaffected
while kingdoms rise and fall.
One word from Jacob's Savior
will melt the raging throng.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
he is our fortress strong.

The violent sea turned placid
when Jesus cried, "Be still!"
Fears gone, twelve men stood gasping
when waves obeyed his will.
And soon the same voice speaking
will calm earth's rebel storm.
This Lord of hosts is with us
both now and evermore!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon Series: Daniel: God's Kingdom Rises
Daniel 5: "Games People Play"
p. 742 in the pew Bible

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

⌘ BENEDICTION

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

Sermon Notes

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Sermon Series - Daniel: God's Kingdom Rises Daniel 5: "Games People Play"

The Big Idea: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but God's people persevere.

- I. "Yes Ken, I'll take ancient Babylonian kings for \$500, please."
- II. Play stupid games, win stupid prizes (vv. 1-12).
- III. Even kings have a King (vv. 13-28).
- IV. God's people persevere (vv. 29-31).

Announcements

LIFE Groups | Meet today in various homes (times/locations listed below). If you haven't already, you can email Crystal Twibell at (Crystal@FirstPresPooler.com) and she will help you connect with a group. **If you're in the Harden Group, please note that your group will meet at 5:30pm going forward (instead of 5pm).**

Sanctuary Audio/Visual Update | The main work will start soon and **there will be two weeks where we almost certainly won't be able to worship inside the sanctuary because of the work.** Those two Sundays will be **November 1st & 8th.** We will announce the full details as we get closer to those dates.

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**)

Church Work Day | Next **Saturday, October 17th at 8:30am** is our quarterly workday. There are a variety of tasks for all kinds of skill levels.

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 - 5:30pm - updated time in "Old Pooler"
			Christopher - 5:30pm in South Effingham
			Purtell - 5:00pm in Southbridge
Monday is a Federal Holiday - Office is Closed			
Thurs	6:30am	Front Porch Society	447 Pooler Pkwy - Grounds of Grace Coffee
	12:00pm	5:11 Group	Grovenstein's Home
	6:00pm	Officers Meetings	
Sat	8:30am	Church Work Day	

Hymn of the Month:

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

About this Hymn: Although this hymn is commonly known as the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," Martin Luther called it "Ein Trost Psalm," meaning "a psalm of comfort." He once wrote, "We sing this psalm to praise God for being with us. He miraculously preserves his Word and Christendom against the gates of hell." The hymn had an extraordinary impact on sixteenth-century Germany as it spread the gospel throughout Europe, and it vindicates Luther's trailblazing convictions in both the power of great music and the singing of the Bible in the common tongue (From *Sing Hymnal*, "Hymn Stories").

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