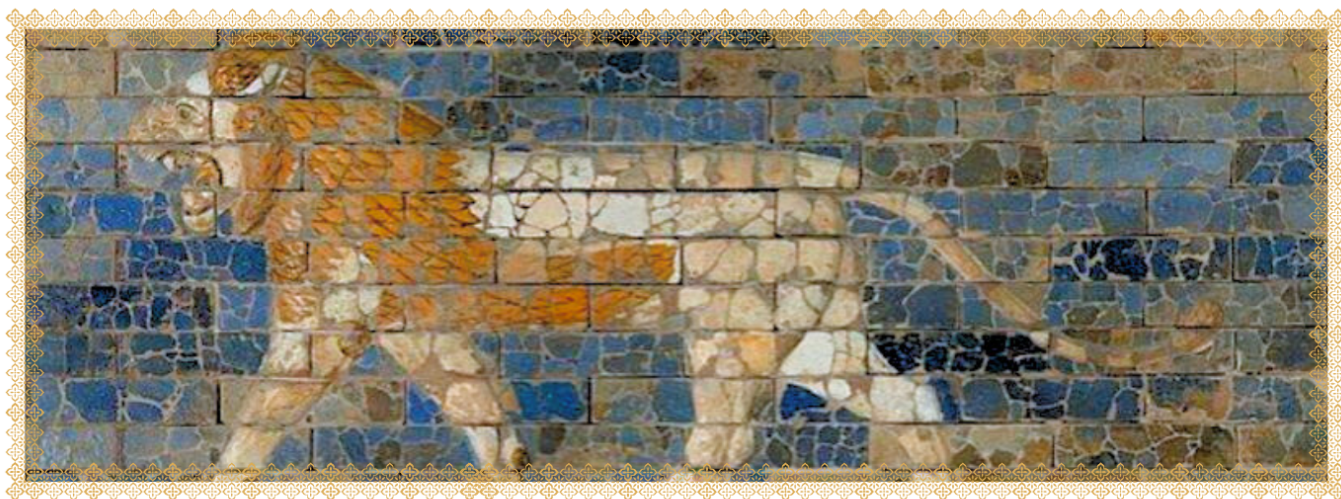


First Presbyterian Church

POOLER, GEORGIA



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

October 25, 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 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
and gratefully sing his wonderful love.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light.
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands;
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me;
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God;
with Christ my Savior and my God!

⌘ 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 110-111

What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

God forbids not only outright theft and robbery but also such wicked schemes and devices as false weights and measures, deceptive merchandising, counterfeit money, and usury; we must not defraud our neighbor in any way, whether by force or by show of right. In addition God forbids all greed and all abuse or squandering of his gifts.

What does God require of you in this commandment?

I must promote my neighbor's good wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would like others to deal with me, and work faithfully so that I may be able to give to those in need.

⌘ 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.

MINISTRY PARTNER UPDATE: BRIAN CROFT, PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING

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

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Acts 20:35

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

OFFERTORY

It is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul!

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul!

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul!

And Lord, haste the day
when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul!

☞ 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

John 3:1-21

p. 887 in the pew Bible

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

⌘ THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n,
occupy my lowly heart;
own it all and reign supreme,
conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain
that resists your holy war;
you have loved and purchased me;
make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within,
had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life,
opened up your word to me;
through the gospel of your Son,
gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
with my ev'ry thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav'n,
glorify your name through me!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon Series: Daniel: God's Kingdom Rises
Daniel 7: "Lions, and Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!"
p. 744 in the pew Bible

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

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.

⌘ BENEDICTION

Assisting in Worship this Week: RE Kelly Larson
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Kyle McClellan

Sermon Notes

October 25, 2026

Sermon Series - Daniel: God's Kingdom Rises Daniel 7: "Lions, and Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!"

The Big Idea: The Ancient of Days (and those who belong to Him) alone will triumph.

I. Read well.

- *Apocalyptic literature is a kind of prophetic writing designed to enlighten and encourage a people despised and cast off by the world with a vision of the God who will impose His rule and reign over all things.*

II. Beastly rebellion (vv. 1-8; Psalm 2).

III. Enter the true King (vv. 9-14).

a. The Ancient of Days (vv. 9-12).

b. The Son of Man (vv. 13-14).

IV. Keep the main thing the main thing (vv. 15-28).

a. What is the true King gonna do? (Vv. 22, 26).

b. What gets repeated? (Vv. 18, 22, 27).

Life Group Questions

1. Was there anything unclear in the sermon? Was there anything that stood out to you
2. Does it help you to know that "earthly powers" hate God's people simply because they hate God?
3. "People can handle bad news. What they can't handle are surprises." What surprises do you think God is seeking to spare His people in Daniel 7?
4. What part of Daniel 7 do you need to "preach to yourself"?

Announcements

LIFE Groups | LIFE Groups meet **today** in homes around the area. If you would like to join a LIFE Group, please talk with Crystal Twibell (crystal@firstprespooler.com).

Town Hall | Our next church-wide fellowship meal is **November 1st after worship**. In addition to sharing a meal and having a chance to fellowship, this is an opportunity for important updates in the life of the church. You won't want to miss it. Also, we still need a few folks to bring dessert and/or cornbread. If you are able to help, please let Maggie Banks (admin@firstprespooler.com) know this week. Thanks!

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

Sanctuary Audio/Visual Update & Volunteer Request | 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 are currently estimated to be **November 8th & 15th**. We plan to worship in the Fellowship Hall on those weeks. Parents, please note that any pews that are being stored around the Fellowship Hall are very unstable. Please do not allow children to play on or around pews.

If you are interested in serving by helping with sound or video/slides, please let Andrea Jarrett (andrearjarrett78@gmail.com) know so she can coordinate training. Training will happen towards the end of the install, probably in mid to late November.

Week at a Glance

Sunday	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
Thursday	6:30am	Front Porch Society	Grounds of Grace Coffee - 447 Pooler Pkwy

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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