

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 99:1-3

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

⌘ HYMNS OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

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.

⌘ HYMNS OF PRAISE

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners!

Jesus, Lover of my soul;

friends may fail me, foes assail me—

he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Hallelujah, what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving;

he is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a help in sorrow!

While the billows o'er me roll,

even when my heart is breaking,

he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive him;

more than all in him I find;

he has granted me forgiveness:

I am his, and he is mine!

⌘ 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 104

What does God require in the fifth commandment?

That I show all honor, love, and faithfulness to my father and mother and to all those in authority over me, submit myself with due obedience to their good instruction and discipline, and also have patience with their weaknesses and shortcomings, since it is God's will to govern us by their hand.

⌘ 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

Isaiah 61:1-2

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn.

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

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father and I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

⌘ 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

Philippians 2:5-11

p. 981 in the pew Bible

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: Thanks be to God!

⌘ THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail:
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon Series: Daniel: God's Kingdom Rises
Daniel 4: "God Humbles the Proud"
p. 740 in the pew Bible

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

Come and behold him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

Come and behold him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.

⌘ BENEDICTION

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

Announcements

Fall Festival | This Afternoon 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! It's not too late to join the chili cook-off! Just bring your entry this afternoon at 4pm! **Also, please be mindful that some parking will be blocked off for the festival, so, especially if you're arriving early to volunteer, please park in the portion of the lot closest to Hwy 80.**

Sanctuary Audio/Visual Update | The main work will start the week of the 19th 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 **October 25th and November 1st.** We will announce the full details as we get closer to those dates.

Women's Study | Meets **Monday from 1:00-1:50pm** or **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm.** We will be discussing Hebrews 7-9 this week, using a study guide by Lydia Brownback (lessons 5-6). Study guides are available in the Women's Classroom. Childcare is provided.

Youth Group | Meets this **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm** for students in 6th–12th grade. Dinner is provided. Please let Maggie Banks (admin@firstprespooler.com) know if your student has any dietary concerns.

Week at a Glance

Sun	4:00pm	Fall Festival	Parking Lot, Fellowship Hall
Mon	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
Wed	6:00pm	Youth Group	Youth Room/Fellowship Hall
		Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom

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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