

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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THE LORD'S DAY, APRIL 12, 2026

10:30AM

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

JOHN 10:11



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Welcome to Good Shepherd! Thank you for joining us today. If this is your first time with us, we're glad you are here and we hope that you will come back again. Usually it takes more than one Sunday to get a sense of what God is doing at GS and the benefits that we receive from our worship and fellowship each week.

Our desire is to join God on mission by producing mature followers of Jesus Christ for His glory and our joy. We are a multi-generational congregation worshipping according to Scripture in a contemporary style, gathering as one body on Sunday mornings and in small groups throughout Florence during the week, and introducing more people to the life-giving community of the local church.

As you exit the sanctuary, the restrooms are on the right, and to the left past the coffee and water is our Information Center. There you can find a variety of theological and counseling-related booklets that are free for you to take, either for yourself or someone else.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to scan the QR below and fill out our Connect Card. We would love to know that you were here and how we might pray for or serve you. You can also join our mailing list to receive the Worship Guide each week and stay up-to-date on what is happening at Good Shepherd.

Children are welcome and encouraged to stay in the worship service, but if your little one has trouble settling, we have a couple options for you. Childcare is available for children ages 5 and under. You may check-in your child downstairs, where you will be given a sticker with a number corresponding to the number your child receives. There is a screen to the right of the stage that will display your child's number if those serving in childcare need you to attend to your child. Just ring the doorbell and show the childcare worker your sticker and they will let you in.

Also, you can take advantage of our Worship Training Room located downstairs. It has a live feed of the service along with a play area. In addition, a private area for nursing mothers is available in the back of the Worship Training Room.

Maybe you've wondered, "What is the P.C.A.?" The Presbyterian Church in America is an evangelical denomination of churches formed in 1973 with the goal of proclaiming the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and adhering to the system of biblical doctrine proclaimed during the Protestant Reformation. You can learn more about the P.C.A. at pcanet.org.

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CONNECT CARD

Please scan the QR code with the camera app on your phone to complete.



Call to Worship
Psalm 95:1-2

Mr. Brock Page, Pastoral Intern

Throughout Scripture, we see examples of God calling His people to publicly worship Him together. It is God who calls us to worship Him on the Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10), the day of Jesus' resurrection, the first day of the week. Along with God's call to worship, we "invoke" or appeal to God to minister to us in worship.

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise

Lion of Judah

Robin Mark

You're the Lion of Judah / The Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven / And ever more will reign
At the end of the age / When the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You / And the eyes of all men
Will be fixed on the Lamb / Who was crucified
With wisdom and mercy and justice / You'll reign at Your Father's side

Chorus

*And the angels will cry hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r
And the earth will reply You shall reign
As the King of all kings
And the Lord of all lords*

There's a shield in our hand / And a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits / That cannot be denied
'Cause the Father has told us / For these You have died
For the nations who gather before You / And the ears of all men
Need to hear of the Lamb / Who was crucified
Who descended to hell / Yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side

Chorus

CCLI Song # 1079280

Confessing Our Sins Together

Oh God, though You have revealed Your will to us, we have trusted in our own understanding. We have leaned on our own insight, followed our own desires, and chosen what seems right in our own eyes. Forgive us, O Lord, for our pride. Forgive us for the times we have failed to seek You. Have mercy on us, O God.

In 1 John 1:9 we learn that confession (acknowledging our sin) and repentance (turning from our sin) go hand in hand. Also, God assures us that those who have saving faith in Jesus Christ are forgiven of all sins - past, present, and future. (Hebrews 10:14)

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace
Ephesians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the

Musicians

*Tim Bell
Sean Cauley
Hansel Haase
Mark Rooze
Hayden Bell*

praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

The Westminster Confession of Faith summarizes the teachings of Scripture. It was created in the 1640s in England to teach the principles of Christianity and help churches and families align their beliefs and practices with the Bible. The WCF states the doctrine of our church, which our officers vow to teach and practice.

Proclaiming What We Believe **Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch.6.1-2**

1. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned, in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin, God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to his own glory.

2. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body.

Song of Adoration

Rock of Ages

Augustus Montague Toplady, Thomas Hastings

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

CCLI Song # 40588

The Reading of the Scriptures
Job 38:1-21

Mr. Tim Bell, Ruling Elder

1 Timothy 4:13 states, "...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching."

[1] Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

[2] "Who is this that darkens counsel
by words without knowledge?

[3] Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.

[4] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

[5] Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

[6] On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

[7] when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

[8] "Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

[9] when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

[10] and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

[11] and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

[12] "Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,

[13] that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

[14] It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

[15] From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

[16] "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

[17] Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

[18] Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

[19] "Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
and where is the place of darkness,

[20] that you may take it to its territory
and that you may discern the paths to its home?

[21] You know, for you were born then,
and the number of your days is great!

Pastoral Prayer

In accordance with 1 Timothy 2:1, prayer is an integral part of our worship service. Please join in by silently agreeing.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Preaching of the Scriptures

James 1:5-8

Mr. Brock Page, Pastoral Intern

[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6] But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. [7] For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Asking the Lord for Wisdom

James 1:5-8

1. Through Christ-centered faith, we can recognize our need for wisdom. (v.5a)

2. Through Christ-centered faith, we can humbly ask God for wisdom. (v.5b)

3. Through Christ-centered faith, we can trust that God will grant us wisdom. (vv.6-8)

Song of Response

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Charles Crozat Converse, Joseph Medlicott Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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Closing Prayer

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! Amen.

GS WEEKLY

- Wed, Apr 15 *Youth Bible Study and Games, 6:00-7:30pm in the Cabin.* Book of Romans study; bring your own dinner.
- Sat, Apr 18 *Youth "Glow in the Dark" Easter Egg Hunt and Dinner, 6pm at the Grimsleys!*
- Sun, Apr 19 *Prayer Gathering and Bible Study in the Sanctuary, 9:15-10:10am. Kids and Youth Sunday Morning Bible Studies, 9:15-10:15am. Worship Service, 10:30am.*
- Fri Apr 17 & Sun Apr 19 *Inquirer's Class.* This is a two-session class (on Friday evening from 6:00-8:30pm and Sunday afternoon from 3:00-6:00pm). See below for more information.
- Thurs, Apr 23 *Men's Dinner, 6:30-8:00pm in the Cabin.* Men and teenage boys, join us for dinner as Pastor Stacey speaks to our men from God's Word. Visitors are welcome! Meal TBD.
- Sat, May 2 *Men's Golf Outing, 8:00am-12:00pm at Darlington Country Club.* Details TBD.

ADD THESE 2026 GS EVENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR

- Wed nights: May 13 (Evening of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs)
- Flamingos baseball game: Fri, June 19
- Youth Tubing Trip: Tues, June 16

MEMBERSHIP AT GS

Are you interested in learning more about membership at Good Shepherd? If so, consider attending our Inquirer's Class. This two-session class (on a Friday evening from 6:00-8:30pm and a Sunday afternoon from 3:00-6:00pm) allows you to learn about Good Shepherd's values, beliefs, goals, and history. Let Pastor Stacey know if you'd like to attend.

GUIDANCE FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

How should we approach worship, whether individually, as married couples, or as a family? A good place to start is this simple approach: Read, Pray, and Sing. You can use this Worship Guide during the week to read and mediate on short passages of Scripture and briefly consider their meaning, or use the Shorter Catechism resources we gave out recently. Then pray, considering what you just read and discussed, and close your time with a verse of a song. You don't need music; just pick one verse of a worship song or use the Doxology (printed on page 7 in the worship guide). Worship is a gift and a grace of God that we must make the most of as families, couples, and individuals. Try this and see how God blesses it!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

There are many ways to participate in this act of worship. You can place an offering in the box at the back of the sanctuary before or after worship, visit our website, use the QR code to the right, use our app, or visit gsflo.churchcenter.com/giving.

