

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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THE LORD'S DAY, MAY 3, 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

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Call to Worship
Psalms 95:6-7

Rev. Stacey Severance

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

Arise My Soul Arise

Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit

Arise my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands!

chorus

*Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace!

chorus

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh
And Father, Abba Father cry!

chorus

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"Surety" means "a person who takes responsibility for another's performance of an undertaking, for example their appearing in court or the payment of a debt."

"Intercede" means "plead someone's cause."

"Abba" is the Aramaic word for "father." Those in Christ know God in this personal way.

Confessing Our Sins Together
Based on the Tenth Commandment (Exodus 20:17)

Oh God, Your tenth commandment tells us not to desire or set our hearts on that which belongs to someone else. You require full contentment with where we are and what we have. You forbid envy and call us to a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor. Forgive us for our jealousy when others prosper. Forgive us for delighting in the loss or suffering of our neighbor. We fall short of Your commands; have mercy on us.

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
Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Musicians
Tim Bell
Clay Garrison
Mark Rooze
Hayden Bell

A creed is a summary statement of belief. Regarding the Apostles' Creed, the Billy Graham Evangelical Association notes, "It is not Scripture, but it is a simple list of the great doctrines of the faith."

Proclaiming What We Believe **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The word "catholic" used in the early Church and in this creed means "universal," referring to Christians all over the world and throughout the ages.*

Song of Adoration

Who Is Like the Lord Our God? (Psalm 113)

Wendell Kimbrough

Our Father, He lifts from the ashes, He raises the poor and the lost
He seats them to dine at His table, to feast without money or cost
The lonely He settles in families, the barren, a mother He makes
O happy the heart of the stranger, who's welcomed by this King of Grace!

chorus

*Who is like the LORD our God? Who with glory fills the skies,
but humbles Himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

Though equal to God in His glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave
He humbled Himself in obedience, to death, and the cross, and the grave
Victorious, He rose to the highest, in glory the Savior was raised
His name above all names exalted, the heavens and earth sing His praise!

chorus

O Saints, fix your eyes on the Savior, and count all your righteousness lost
Be found in His love and his favor, and share in His death on the cross
That all of His power in victory, imparted to you may abound
And sharing the suff'rings of Jesus, you share in His glory and crown!

chorus

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

The Reading of the Scriptures **Job 39**

Mr. Brock Page, Pastoral Intern

[1] "Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the does?"

- [2] Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
[3] when they crouch, bring forth their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
[4] Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open;
they go out and do not return to them.
- [5] “Who has let the wild donkey go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,
[6] to whom I have given the arid plain for his home
and the salt land for his dwelling place?
[7] He scorns the tumult of the city;
he hears not the shouts of the driver.
[8] He ranges the mountains as his pasture,
and he searches after every green thing.
- [9] “Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will he spend the night at your manger?
[10] Can you bind him in the furrow with ropes,
or will he harrow the valleys after you?
[11] Will you depend on him because his strength is great,
and will you leave to him your labor?
[12] Do you have faith in him that he will return your grain
and gather it to your threshing floor?
- [13] “The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,
but are they the pinions and plumage of love?
[14] For she leaves her eggs to the earth
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
[15] forgetting that a foot may crush them
and that the wild beast may trample them.
[16] She deals cruelly with her young, as if they were not hers;
though her labor be in vain, yet she has no fear,
[17] because God has made her forget wisdom
and given her no share in understanding.
[18] When she rouses herself to flee,
she laughs at the horse and his rider.
- [19] “Do you give the horse his might?
Do you clothe his neck with a mane?
[20] Do you make him leap like the locust?
His majestic snorting is terrifying.
[21] He paws in the valley and exults in his strength;
he goes out to meet the weapons.
[22] He laughs at fear and is not dismayed;
he does not turn back from the sword.
[23] Upon him rattle the quiver,
the flashing spear, and the javelin.
[24] With fierceness and rage he swallows the ground;
he cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
[25] When the trumpet sounds, he says ‘Aha!’
He smells the battle from afar,
the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

[26] “Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars
and spreads his wings toward the south?
[27] Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes his nest on high?
[28] On the rock he dwells and makes his home,
on the rocky crag and stronghold.
[29] From there he spies out the prey;
his eyes behold it from far away.
[30] His young ones suck up blood,
and where the slain are, there is he.”

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

1 Timothy 3:14–16

Rev. Stacey Severance

[14] I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, [15] if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. [16] Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

Christ, Our Godliness

1 Timothy 3:14-16

1. Christ defines godliness through His Word and Spirit. (vv.14-15)

2. Christ produces godliness through His person and work. (v.16)

Worship Through Receiving the Lord's Supper

Following the command of Christ in Matthew 26:26 and the guidance of the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 11:23-34, we receive the bread and cup. Our practice is to hold the elements until all have been served and then partake together.

The 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.

Song of Response

Before The Throne Of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

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 heaven 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 of 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!

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My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God!
With Christ my Savior and my God!

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Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:5

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.

"Benediction" comes from two Latin words and means a "good word" or blessing. A man ordained to administer the Word and sacraments raises his hands at the end of public worship to pronounce a blessing from God to His people. Those present will often extend open palms in a posture of reception. We see these benedictions throughout the Bible.

GS WEEKLY

- Mon, May 4 *Youth Prayer Breakfast, 7:00-7:45am in the Cabin.*
- Sun, May 10 *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.*
- Wed, May 13 *Church-wide Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30-6:15pm; Evening of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, 6:15-7:30pm.* Menu is pizza party. Use the QR code on the right to register for dinner.
- Sun, May 24 *Brock Page Graduation Recognition.* Immediately after the worship service. Brock has completed his Master of Divinity from LAMP Seminary and will begin the process for ordination in the PCA.
- Thurs, May 28 *Men's Dinner at the Cabin, 6:30-8:00pm.*
- Sun, May 31 *High School and College Graduate Recognition.* Before the worship service.
- Tues, June 16 *Youth Tubing Trip*
- Fri, June 19 *Flamingos Baseball Game*
- July 14-17 *Catequest*



EVENING OF PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

For our final church-wide Wednesday before the summer break, we will gather in the sanctuary to be led by our music team in an evening of singing. Scan the QR code on the left to request songs or to sign up and participate on stage for a song with singing or playing an instrument.

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.

