

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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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 148:1-6

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

John Baccus Dykes and Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee!
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea!
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see!
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea!
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CCLI Song #1156

Confessing Our Sins Together

Great triune God, all good things come from Your generous hand. But we have not always given thanks as we should. Often we assume that we have accomplished what You have done. We assume that we have earned what You have determined to provide. We assume that we have achieved what You alone have chosen to give. We admit our sin, and we humble ourselves before You, seeking Your mercy and grace. In the name of Jesus we ask this, amen.

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 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Musicians
Clay Garrison
Sean Cauley
Josie Severance
Mark Rooze
Hayden Bell

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, 25.3-25.5

Unto this universal visible church Christ has given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world: and does, by His own presence and Spirit, according to His promise, make them effectual for that purpose.

This universal church has been sometimes more, sometimes less visible. And particular churches, which are members thereof, are more or less pure, according as the doctrine of the gospel is taught and embraced, ordinances administered, and public worship performed more or less purely in them.

The purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated, as to become no churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, there shall be always a church on earth, to worship God according to His will.

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 Old Testament

Malachi 3:13–18

Mr. Tim Bell, Ruling Elder

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

[13] "Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' [14] You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? [15] And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

[16] Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. [17] "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. [18] Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Malachi is the final book of the Old Testament. Written in the fifth century B.C. after Israel's return from exile, it confronts spiritual apathy and cynicism, calling God's people to rest in His electing love, worship Him faithfully, and look forward to the coming Messiah.

The Reading of the New Testament

John 3:16–21

[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [19] And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. [20] For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. [21] But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

John is the fourth Gospel of the New Testament. Where Malachi points forward to the coming Messiah, John proclaims that He has come. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, fulfills the promises, types, and shadows of the Old Testament and gives eternal life to all who trust in Him.

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

[3] If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, [4] he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, [5] and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

Discerning a True Teacher

1 Timothy 6:3–5

1. True teachers direct our dependence to the Savior, not to self. (v.3)

2. True teachers encourage the desires of the Spirit, not the flesh. (vv.4-5)

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

Lord I Need You

D. Carson, M. Maher, C. Nockels, and J. Reeves

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

chorus

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

chorus

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

chorus

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

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Benediction

Hebrews 3:13–14

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, July 13 *Catequest set up, 9:30am-11:30am.*
- July 14-17 *Catequest, 9:30am-2:30pm each day.*
- Wed, July 15 *Women's Summer Book Study, 6:00-7:30pm.* At the home of Adele Weatherford (809 Juanita Dr.). The women of GS have begun a book study of God Does His Best Work With Empty by Nancy Guthrie. There is a sign-up as well as questions for the week in the lobby. Coffee and dessert will be served.
- Sat, July 18 *Men's Golf Outing, 7:45am-12:00pm at the Darlington Country Club.*
- Sun, July 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.

GSKIDS SMBS MOVE-UP SUNDAY WAS LAST WEEK

Our children's Sunday Morning Bible Study classes for the new school year have begun. Our youngest class is Preschool thru 1st grade, our middle class is 2nd thru 5th grade, and our oldest class is 6th-7th grade. We are thankful for every family that calls GS home and pray these classes are a blessing to you and your children! ***Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity as God forms the heart and mind of Christ in our children!***

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. ***He has promised to change us as we use the means He has appointed for our growth in the grace and knowledge of Christ!***

DOWNLOAD THE GOOD SHEPHERD APP

Listen to sermons, view the church calendar, give tithes and offerings, and view the Worship Guide. To download for iPhone or Android, go to the Apple App store or Google Play store and search "Good Shepherd PCA."

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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, use the QR code to the right, use the GS app, visit the GS website, or visit ***gsflo.churchcenter.com/giving***.

