

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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THE LORD'S DAY, AUGUST 23, 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 145:1-3

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John Wyeth and Robert Robinson

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing / Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing / Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet / Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it / Mount of Thy redeeming love!

Here I raise mine Ebenezer / Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure / Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger / Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger / Interposed His precious blood!

O to grace how great a debtor / Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter / Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it / Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it / Seal it for Thy courts above!

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Confessing Our Sins Together
Based on Proverbs 26

Mr. Brock Page

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)

Oh God, we have not always entrusted to You the heaviness of our hearts. We continually carry burdens, refusing to rest in Your power and love. We even return again and again to the same vomit, repeating the same foolish behaviors and words, entertaining the same foolish fears. Let us not be wise in our own eyes, but rather, let us entrust ourselves to Your wisdom.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace
1 Corinthians 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Musicians
Tim Bell
Sean Cauley
Mark Rooze
Hansel Haase

"Catechize" means "to teach." The Larger Catechism 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. It is a wonderful help in family or personal daily worship.

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

Proclaiming What We Believe

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 159

Q. How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called to preach?

A. They that are called to labor in the ministry of the Word, are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of His people; sincerely, aiming at His glory, and the conversion, edification, and salvation of God's people.

Song of Adoration

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel Stone, Brian Moss

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation, by water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died!

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued!

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Til with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed
And the great church victorious, shall be the church at rest!

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee!

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The Reading of the Old Testament

Hosea 4:1-7

- [1] Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel,
for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.
There is no faithfulness or steadfast love,
and no knowledge of God in the land;
- [2] there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing
adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.
- [3] Therefore the land mourns,
and all who dwell in it languish,
and also the beasts of the field
and the birds of the heavens,

- and even the fish of the sea are taken away.
- [4] Yet let no one contend,
and let none accuse,
for with you is my contention, O priest.
- [5] You shall stumble by day;
the prophet also shall stumble with you by night;
and I will destroy your mother.
- [6] My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge;
because you have rejected knowledge,
I reject you from being a priest to me.
And since you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.
- [7] The more they increased,
the more they sinned against me;
I will change their glory into shame.

Hosea is one of the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. Through Hosea's marriage and message, God reveals both the seriousness of His people's spiritual unfaithfulness and the steadfastness of His covenant love. Though Israel deserves judgment for forsaking the Lord, God promises restoration through His faithful mercy, ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

The Reading of the New Testament **John 4:46–54**

[46] So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. [47] When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. [48] So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” [49] The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” [50] Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. [51] As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. [52] So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” [53] The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. [54] This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

John is the fourth Gospel of the New Testament. Where Hosea 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

[19] Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20] for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. [21] Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

The Implanted Word
James 1:19–21

1. Our being transformed by the implanted Word is seen in grace-shaped actions. (vv.19-20)

2. Our being transformed by the implanted Word is seen in grace-shaped desires. (v.21)

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

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

Kauflin, Getty, Boswell, Papa, Merker

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone! Christ alone!
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong!
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand!

chorus

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good! God is good!
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

chorus

Unto the grave what will we sing?
Christ He lives! Christ He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him!
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore!

chorus 2x

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Benediction

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.

2 Peter 1:2

"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

- Thurs, Aug 27 ***Men's Dinner, 6:30-8:00pm in the Cabin.*** Men and teenage boys, join us for dinner as Clay Garrison speaks to our men from God's Word. Dinner is subs, chips, and dessert. Visitors are welcome!
- Sun, Aug 30 ***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, Sept 2 ***Church-wide Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study, 5:30-7:30pm.*** Dinner from 5:30-6:15pm, classes from 6:15-7:30pm. The adults will continue a monthly study titled, "How Christ Makes Disciples" based on Pastor Stacey's doctoral work.
- Wed, Sept 9 ***Youth Bible Study and Games, 6:00-7:30pm in the Cabin.*** Book of Romans study.
- Sun, Nov 15 ***GS Fall Cookout, 5-7pm.*** Mark your calendars for this wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship! Additional details coming soon.

YOUTH MINISTRY MOVING TO WEEKLY MEETINGS

Beginning in September, the Good Shepherd Youth Ministry will gather every week on Wednesday evenings at the church. Until now, the routine has been every other week; however, the GS Session (in conjunction with Brock) has decided to make it a weekly gathering. We hope this will bless our youth and their families.

GS LIFE GROUPS

We are looking forward to a new season of Life Groups! Please note changes that affect our Life Group Childcare this year:

- Childcare will be offered for infants through 7th grade at the church.
- Youth in grades 8-12 will not meet, since many of them serve with the childcare.
- Dinner will not be offered at childcare. Parents, please make arrangements to feed children before bringing them to LG childcare.
- Sunday night life groups will continue to rotate being on campus. However, those groups will no longer need to provide food for the children in childcare.

INTERESTING IN 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 allows you to learn about Good Shepherd's values, beliefs, goals, and history. Let Pastor Stacey know if you'd like to attend. Once we have some people interested, we will set a date.

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***.

