

# 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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](http://pcanet.org).

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### CONNECT CARD

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**Call to Worship**  
**Psalm 147:7-11**

**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**

**Oh How Good To Be Together**

Paul Ranheim & Kirk Sauers

Oh how good to be together in this weary world we trod  
What a gift, what a treasure, kindred in the house of God

On this day the Lord has fashioned, come, rejoice with all your might  
Raise a banner of salvation, He has led us through the night

**chorus**

*Oh the joy, oh the sweetness  
To be gathered in the name of the Lord  
Evermore, He will keep us  
From the valley to the golden shore  
From the valley to the golden shore*

When it looked like evil conquered, when we felt the darkest hour  
In despair we sought the Father and He has proved His mighty power

**chorus**

Tell the theme of His provision, how He met our every need  
He has been our firm foundation, and He will ever, always be

**chorus 2x**

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**Confessing Our Sins Together**  
**Based on 1 Timothy 5**

Oh God, we confess what You already know — that we have acted foolishly,  
going against Your moral law. The sins of some are known to all right now; the  
sins of others will be apparent later on. Have mercy on us.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace**  
**Romans 6:5–7**

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly  
be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was  
crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so  
that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been  
set free from sin.

*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)*

**Musicians**

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

*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.*

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

## **Proclaiming What We Believe**

### **Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1**

All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

## **Song of Adoration**

## **Come Ye Sinners**

Joseph Hart and Matthew S. Smith

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched / Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power  
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more!

Come ye needy, come and welcome / God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy!

Come ye weary, heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better / You will never come at all  
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call!

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam!

Lo, the Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him, venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good!  
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## **The Reading of the Old Testament**

### **Hosea 5:8–15**

**Mr. Randy LaCross, Ruling Elder`**

- [8] Blow the horn in Gibeah,  
the trumpet in Ramah.  
Sound the alarm at Beth-aven;  
we follow you, O Benjamin!
- [9] Ephraim shall become a desolation  
in the day of punishment;  
among the tribes of Israel  
I make known what is sure.
- [10] The princes of Judah have become  
like those who move the landmark;  
upon them I will pour out  
my wrath like water.
- [11] Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,  
because he was determined to go after filth.

[12] But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

[13] When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king.

But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.

[14] For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,  
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.

I, even I, will tear and go away;  
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

[15] I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

*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 5:30–47***

[30] “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. [31] If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. [32] There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. [33] You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. [34] Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. [35] He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. [36] But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. [37] And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, [38] and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. [39] You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, [40] yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. [41] I do not receive glory from people. [42] But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. [43] I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. [44] How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? [45] Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. [46] For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. [47] But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

*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**

[3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4] For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5] so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6] Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7] if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8] the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**A Sober View of God's Gifts**  
Romans 12:3

1. The sober mind that is being renewed by Christ recognizes that abilities and gifts do not establish worth or importance among the people of God. (v.3a)

2. The sober mind that is being renewed by Christ holds a high opinion of every man, woman, and child in the church because of who we are in Christ. (v.3b)

**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

## Romans 15:13

### 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

- Sun, Sept 13     ***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 16     ***Youth Bible Study and Games, 6:00-7:30pm in the Cabin.*** Book of Romans study.
- Sat, Sept 19     ***Men's Fellowship: Kayaking with River Rats, 9am-12pm.***
- Thurs, Sept 24     ***Men's Dinner, 6:30-8:00pm in the Cabin.*** Men and teenage boys, join us for dinner and Bible study!
- Tues, Oct 20     ***Women's Gathering, 6:30-8:00pm in the Cabin.*** The Women's Ministry Leadership Team invites all the women and youth girls to join us for a time of dinner, fellowship, and discussion of future events. For questions or more details, please contact Kara Garrison, Abigail Smith, Chris Moseley, Sharon Byram, Becca Moya-Mendez, or Ashley Tankersley.
- 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

The Good Shepherd Youth Ministry now gathers 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.

## GS LIFE GROUPS

This new season of Life Groups as started off great! Please note the following:

- Childcare is offered for infants through 7th grade at the church.
- Youth in grades 8-12 don't gather, since many of them serve with the childcare.
- Dinner is not offered at childcare, so please make arrangements to feed children before bringing them to LG childcare.
- Sunday night life groups rotate being on campus; however, the groups will no longer need to provide food for the children in childcare.

## INTERESTED 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.***

